

DATE 3/18/94

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 1994***Catherine Belbin*
TOWN CLERK, ACTON

The Board of Selectmen held a special meeting on Tuesday, February 22, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. Present were F. Dore' Hunter, Anne Fanton, William Mullin, Nancy Tavernier, Norm Lake and Town Manager Johnson.

{Representatives from cable were not present}

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None expressed

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**NONE SCHEDULED**

CONTINUATION OF BUDGET DISCUSSION - Dore' spoke about the overlay amount being so high at \$650,000. Nancy too felt this money needed to be freed up to use for the budget. She felt the legislature needs to know that this is something that needs to be addressed and will use Acton as an example when she testifies at the hearing.

Don discussed the bonding issues that they have been talking about. He urged the Board to discuss priorities and merit without discussing financing at this time and review the options after the decisions have been made.

Dore' asked if the cemetery building could be self funded. Don updated the Board and suggested that the article be pulled and perhaps after examination of all issues it would not require Town Meeting action. He also stated the consolidation of services could be examined at a later date as well. Dore' felt that the building would need to be passed through town meeting since it was proposed for a different location and felt it could be handled at a Fall special or next Spring. Anne asked for clarification on the need expressed. Don explained it was complex as it required staff reorganization and union and non-union issues would need to be resolved.

Bill asked if the money set aside could be used for any other purpose. It was relayed that they had bonded the money and that it would have to be used for substantially the same purpose. NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to defer the Cemetery Building. ANNE FANTON - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board further went on to discuss the issues raised in the Town Manager's Memo of 2/18 regarding funding cut off line.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to use the interest from the Audubon Hill Gift to offset the expenses of COA for FY95. ANNE FANTON - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Item 3. Ladder truck - Nancy wanted to leave the door open if extra money came in to pay the annual bond payment for the truck.

Bill felt we needed to think about an override number and did not want to have it in excess of a million dollars inclusive of the local schools. Bill felt it is a solid approach and that it was a number with which the citizens would feel comfortable. He felt paving could be moved from debt exclusion.

Anne was uncomfortable with the ranking as outlined in Nancy's memo. Dore' asked if the Articles needed wording subject to override vote and do we need to specify it in the Article.

Nancy discussed the priority numbers and she felt we could stick with the list as developed by staff, Minuteman numbers would free up \$250,000, and the legislature will vote to issue increased Lottery and Education Aid monies.

Category one items should be guaranteed in the "B" Budget and Category two would be guaranteed/options - if additional funding or revenues are increased or through an override. Category three would be obtained through total option/override.

Anne felt we should try to stay within the list as prepared in the priority as developed by staff. However, she noted that Town Meeting had wanted to be involved in Capital purchases.

Norm felt that this list should remain in the same general order as developed by staff but would be against moving library desk up and sidewalks down the list.

Dore' felt we could move ahead and decide each item and change the list by moving items up and down later.

Bill felt some items needed to be addressed and endorsed Nancy's list and the moving up of the Ice House Pond.

ANNE FANTON - MOVED to leave the priority list essentially as it is presented. NORM LAKE - Second. 4-1 Bill Mullin NO.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to group labor in a general override to restore the cuts on items 18, 19, 21, 30, summer help, library hours, planning hours. BILL MULLIN - Second. Motion Withdrawn.

Anne is opposed to the decision at this time because it effectively moves them lower on the list. She noted the poor ranking of our libraries' spending on a Per capita basis. She feels planning could be bringing us tax revenue if properly staffed. Nancy felt the

citizens would vote to restore cuts at .6 per/1,000 or \$15/yr. on a \$250,000 home.

Norm asked if Nancy could be convinced to change override and pass over if voted in B-Budget on items 18, 19, 20, 21.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to move the Impact Fee Bylaw to follow Kelly's Corner below #34. BILL MULLIN - Second. DORE', Norm and Anne No 2-3. Motion lost.

BILL MULLIN - Moved to put Ice House following Item 23. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. Anne asked if the \$30,000 assumed money from the grant. Don said this would be for draining and dredging. Federal money would be for seed money to control flooding. Nancy felt it could be endorsed as Ballot question and Article. - 2-3 Motion fails.

NORM LAKE - Moved to delete the 4 wheel drive and group with Ladder truck for bonding. ANNE FANTON - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to delete 42-52 with the exception of Ice House Pond (51) and not to present them even if additional monies developed. NORM LAKE - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

BILL MULLIN - Moved to move the command vehicle down to #36 after existing 35. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. Nancy felt we really needed a 4 Wheel vehicle. Bill felt that voters already said no once. 3-2 BILL/ DORE' NO.

BILL MULLIN - Moved to include the Ladder truck as debt exclusion contingent motion for override. NANCY TAVERNIER - SECOND. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to include the Computer upgrade #7 in the operating budget. BILL MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to place the Snow guards in the budget. BILL MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

E-911 - Place in warrant article, bonded
Bridges - Combine bonded, not overridden
Bill felt not to separate- but in operating budget.
Library Motar - in Budget
Engineering Van - Warrant article
Sidewalks - Warrant article - Bill wanted it in
the operating budget. Norm felt it should be
warrant article. Anne did not want it in operating budget.
4-Wheel Drive Vehicle - Article

Bill felt an aggregate cap should be placed on override issues for FY95.

Staff was asked to get generic warrant to allow them to make decision on debt exclusion or capital.

WARRANT ARTICLES

The Board reviewed the 2/10/94 edition of the Warrant and made the following remarks and actions for staff follow-up.

Budget Transfer - Needed expanded summary
Self Funding - Consent, recommended
Chimney Repair - We have to wait until RFP's are received
Storm Approp. - Rework title - recommend
Transfer Cemetery Funds - Consent - recommend
Re-purchase Cemetery Land - removed at request of submitter
Alternative revenue - Consent- recommend
Acceptance of Gifts of Land - Consent - recommend
Street Acceptance - Consent - recommend
Charter Rd. Sidewalk Easements - Consent - recommend
Main St. Easement - consent - recommend
Change Zoning - Cit Pet. - Check with Planning on wording
Rezone Piper Road. - removed.
Amend Definition of Municipality - Check wording to reflect choice
Child Care Facilities - Check with Planning on wording
Accept MGL Chapter 140 section 147A - Consent
Dog Regulations - Consent
Amend Local Historic District Bylaw - Recommendation Deferred (send to Counsel for review)
Historic District Bylaw Municipal Exemption - removed
Remove Police Chief from Civil Service - Consent - recommended (Bill Abstaining)
Affordable Housing- Need wording for article
North Acton Recreation Area - Remove
Formation of Mun. Power Organization Cit Pet - Recomm. Deferred
License Renewal Disability - Removed
School Teachers Early Retirement - Recommendation Deferred - get summary and number's/
Feltus Parcel - Remove

CONSENT CALENDAR

Nothing on Calendar

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

None

TOWN MANAGER'S CONCERNS

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to approve the request from staff to increase self funding in the amount of \$111,000. NORM LAKE - Second. UNANIMOUS

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BILL MULLIN - Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation.

The Board adjourned at 11:45 P.M.

William C. Mull
Clerk
3/15/94
Date

Christine Joyce
Recording Secty.
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FEBRUARY 18, 1994

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: F. DORE' HUNTER, Chairman
SUBJECT: SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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AGENDA

ROOM 204

FEBRUARY 22, 1994

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. CONTINUATION OF BUDGET AND WARRANT DISCUSSION

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETINGS

- April 10, 1994 2-4 P.M. - Open House Senior Center
PLEASE NOTE!!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence which is strictly informational and requires no Board action.

FUTURE AGENDAS

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This IS NOT a complete agenda.

March 1, 1994

Kennedy Lane - Street Acceptance
Saab Class I review
Boston Edison Representatives
Board of Health- to discuss Health Programs

March 15, 1994

Metropolitan Deli - Special Use Permit
Common Vic
Costa Donuts - Special Use Permit
Common Vic.
NARA/Bldg. Commissioner Public Meeting