

T. Clark

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

The Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting on Tuesday, September 24, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Nancy Tavernier, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne Friedrichs, William Mullin, Herman Kabakoff, Town Manager Don Johnson, and Assistant Town Manager John Murray. {The meeting was televised by cable}.

WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy relating to litigation. DORE' HUNTER - Second. All ayes.

The Board resumed regular session at 7:46 P.M.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

None expressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

PIZZA HUT

CHANGE OF MANAGER

F. DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve change of manager to Rebecca Ellsworth.
WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

ALG REPORT

Nancy stated that a copy of her memo regarding fee waivers from the Regional School was presented to Superintendent Isa Zimmerman at the last ALG meeting. Nancy stated that this issue is now resolved.

Nancy asked for the Board's response to the ALG's FY 98 Budget Assumptions. Bill stated that he would like some time to review this and it was suggested that this issue be discussed at the Board's October 8th meeting. The Board stated that the numbers would be reviewed and that a three year plan would be developed with a fourth column added to the spreadsheet.

The Board was also asked to vote the same pledge of support that the School Committees are being asked to vote regarding supporting a Free Cash article at the

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Annual 1997 Town Meeting in order to offset revenue or overlay shortfall incurred during Fiscal Year 1997. Bill stated that he wanted 100% assurance that the Department of Revenue would respond positively to this vote. BILL MULLIN - Move to adopt pledge of support HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

RECREATION ISSUES

Bill presented the Board with a memorandum regarding developing a "White Paper" project with respect to active recreation issues. Bill stated that he would like this project completed by Friday, November 1, 1996. Bill stated that he would like to see a vision for active recreation needs developed by a professional and also a policy guide developed. Bill also suggested that abutting towns be surveyed and that there be a recreation summit in the middle of October. Bill suggested that a recreation committee be formed. Nancy stated that this seems like an ambitious schedule and questioned how much a professional survey would cost. Bill stated that he thought under \$10,000 would be adequate.

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to establish the following goals:

1. Develop vision for active recreation.
2. Create "White paper" or policy guide with respect to active recreation, with a target date of November 1, 1996.
3. Professional survey not to exceed \$10,000.

F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CROSS WALK REQUEST

Helene O'Brien has requested that the Town paint the crosswalks on Route 111 by McCarthy Towne and by R.J. Grey Junior High more prominently and the crosswalk on Prospect Street which is currently unmarked. Ms. O'Brien would also like to see traffic cones on Route 111 in order to remind vehicles of the State Law which requires cars to yield to pedestrians and also to enforce speeding and yielding laws more vigorously. Ms. O'Brien is concerned with children's safety and stated that the existing crosswalks are unacceptable. The Board stated that the State has previously asked the Town to remove barrels that were installed, however it was suggested that we try cones. The Board also suggested that signs be installed on the side of the road stating penalties for failure to yield to pedestrians and also to increase police enforcement. It was also decided to use thermo-plastic material in a color other than green to fill in the existing crosswalks. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move to the following:

1. Paint the crosswalks on Route 111 by McCarthy - Towne School and by R.J. Grey more prominently.
2. Paint the crosswalk on Prospect Street, parallel to Route 111 which is currently unmarked.
3. Post traffic cones and/or barrels at the Route 111 crosswalks to remind motorists of

- the state law requiring cars to yield to pedestrians.
4. Enforce both the speeding and yielding laws more vigorously, especially before and after the crossing guards are on duty.
 5. Install permanent signs on side of road indicating the need to yield for pedestrians.
 6. Fill the crosswalks with thermo-plastic material other than green.

WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER - Move to rescind existing policy that crosswalks be filled with the color green. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

LIBRARY GRANT

DORE' HUNTER - Move to send letter of thanks to Staff and Library Trustees regarding receiving the 2.1 million grant for the Library Expansion. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SOUTH ACTON BRIDGE

The Board discussed sending an appreciation plaque to the Maynard Fire Department for their help during the bridge reconstruction.

D.E.P.

Nancy expressed her displeasure regarding the recent meeting with D.E.P. regarding sewers. Nancy stated that the D.E.P. asked the Town to start from scratch after the Town has spent many, many years trying to sewer areas of Acton. Nancy stated that it was an intense 2 1/2 hour meeting. Nancy stated that thanks to the help of Senator Bob Durand, a D.E.P. representative, Paul Hogan, has been appointed to Acton in order to help us through the process.

WILLOW/SUMMER STREET INTERSECTION

Bill stated that we need to progress due to the fact that there have been more accidents there lately. Staff stated that this would be scheduled for the October 8, 1996 meeting.

MASS. MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Move to have staff fill out Kenneth Pickard award application for 2001 and ALG. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CONSENT AGENDA


DORE' HUNTER - Move to accept the Consent Agenda as printed. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

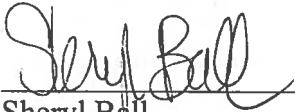
**BOSTON GAS CO.
FEE RECOMMENDATION**

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to recommend 30 street cut permits at \$50.00 each for a total of \$1,500. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board adjourned at 9:40 P.M.


Clerk

11/5/96
Date


Sheryl Ball
Recording Secretary
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September 20, 1996

TO Board of Selectmen

FROM: Nancy E. Tavernier, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

AGENDA
Room 204
SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

NOTE: Meeting to begin at 7:00 with executive session.

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:45 **PIZZA HUT - CHANGE OF MANAGER-** Rebecca Ellsworth will be present to discuss the Change of Manager request by Pizza Hut. Enclosed please find documents and staff comment in conjunction with their request for Manager approval.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

2. **ALG REPORT** - Enclosed please find a copy of the letter sent to the schools regarding the Wavier requests for the Regional District. Chairman will report to Board on AGL Meeting discussions.
3. **RECREATION ISSUES DISCUSSION** - Selectman Mullin will be discussing structure of the Town's efforts to manage Active Recreation resources.
4. **CROSS WALK REQUEST** - Enclosed please find a letter from Helene O'Brien in the subject regard for Board Discussion.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

5. **CATHERINE COLEMAN** - Acton-Boxborough Arts Council - Enclosed please find a recommendation from VCC to appoint Ms. Coleman as a Full Member of ABAC for a term to expire 6/30/99, for Board action.
6. **SCOTT WIEDER** - Cable Advisory Committee - Enclosed please find a recommendation from the VCC to appoint Mr. Wieder as a Full Member of the CAC with an expiration date of 6/30/99 for Board action.
7. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES** - Enclosed please find minutes from August 20, 1996 for Board acceptance and signature.
8. **ACCEPT GIFT** - Enclosed please find a request from the West Acton Playground Committee for acceptance of playground equipment for Board action.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

9. FY97 REVENUE ISSUES: Enclosed please find a memo from the Town Manager in the subject regard

10. BOSTON GAS CO. - FEE RECOMMENDATION - Enclosed please find the staff recommendation for the fee for the Boston Gas Project on Main Street and Hayward Road.

VI.

MEETINGS

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that 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.

Oct. 8

Oct. 22

Nov. 5 (after 8:00)

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