

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
JANUARY 24, 1995



The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 24, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. Present were Norman Lake, William Mullin, Nancy Tavernier, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne Friedrichs, Town Manager Johnson, and Assistant Town Manager John Murray.  
{Representatives from cable were present}

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

None were stated.

Vice-Chairman Mullin announced that he is still unable to announce his re-election bid. He stated that he is reviewing extensive work related travel commitments. Mr. Mullin also stated that he has a for sale sign on his house and he wanted to let the citizens know that he presently has a reservation on a lot in Acton. He urged all citizens to seek nomination papers and run for selectmen.

CONSENT CALENDAR

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to accept the Consent Calendar as printed. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

EAGLE SCOUT - John J. Carey - Wayne will represent Board.

HISTORIC DISTRICT BYLAW - WARRANT ARTICLE - Dore' presented the warrant article regarding the Historic District Bylaw from last year's warrant and asked the Board if they had any changes before it is presented to the HDC. The Board suggested one amendment to 9.1.2. Dore' stated that the HDC will have to hold a public hearing prior to this being on this year's warrant.  
DORE' HUNTER - Move to send bylaw to Historic District Commission for their review and hearing. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

REQUEST FOR REVISION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT - Dore' questioned whether or not the Board should consider asking the AB Regional District School Committee to re-negotiate the capital spending portion of the Regional Agreement with Boxborough. Dore' stated that the Board should look towards the future and deal with this issue prior to the increase of Boxborough's share of student population. Presently the student population ratio is approximately 15%. The existing agreement states that Acton will pay 95% for any capital improvements and Boxborough's share is 5%. Dore' feels that a new agreement should be negotiated to have Boxborough pay more than 5%.  
DORE' HUNTER - Move to send request to School Committee to broach subject of capital costs for regional school. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second.

Bill stated that we have an agreement with Boxborough and should stick to it. Bill stated that this proposal would be a stunning setback to Boxborough and that he would not feel comfortable in voting for this prior to more discussion. More discussion ensued and it was decided to wait to approach the School Committee. DORE' HUNTER- Withdrew Motion. NANCY TAVERNIER - Withdrew Second.

ANDERSON SALES  
CLASS II LICENSE - POWDERMILL ROAD

The discussion of the renewal of Anderson Sales 1995 Class II license continued from December 20, 1994. Garry Rhodes, Building Commissioner, submitted to the Board a list of zoning violations pertaining to this site. The Board stated that the owner should meet with Garry Rhodes to correct the violations and return to the Board for their February 21, 1995 meeting. The police also did a check today and found that there were 15 vehicles on the property. Anderson Sales existing license only allows for 10 vehicles. WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to extend license until February 21, 1995. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS - Mr. Kadlec expressed his views regarding a line item budget to the Board. Mr. Kadlec stated that the bottom line budget that the Town has used since 1989 is too confusing to the average citizen that attends Town Meeting. He stated that the townspeople do not know how the town spends their money. He also stated that a line item budget would give more power to the townspeople as to how monies can be spent by the Town.

Nancy stated that she disagrees that the Townspeople do not know how we spend our money. Nancy also stated that with a bottom line budget the townspeople are presented with alot of information at Town Meeting. Any questions that are asked are answered thoroughly. Nancy further stated that any item can be taken out of Town meeting and identified if Town meeting chooses. If Town meeting took an item out of the budget the Town would not spend money on that item with their bottom line budget.

The Board also stated that a bottom line budget has allowed for money if a crisis were to come up. The Board briefly discussed the advantages and disadvantages of a line item budget versus a bottom line budget. Don suggested that additional lines should be added to the bottom line budget for clarification reasons. Don also stated that the Town has been approached by other communities as to how they to can convert to a bottom line budget.

The Board discussed some of the warrant articles. Areas of discussion included: fire department's request for a sensor was discussed, eliminating all funding for mosquito control, funding for Code, Elliot Mental Health and United Way could come from nursing service enterprise fund balance, and funding for a business outreach program in the amount of 5,000. No action was taken.

Bill suggested the Board increase MAGIC payments to the amount that they ask. Presently the Town is only paying \$1,000 towards their portion. Bill stated that MAGIC provides a great deal of service to the Town. BILL MULLIN - Move to appropriate \$2,500 to MAGIC. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board also reviewed Dore's memo to Don regarding the budget. Dore's memo included budget discussion with the school. The Board also stated that the school hasn't completed their budget yet which means the town is in limbo.

#### TOWN MANAGERS CONCERNS

Don stated that he had met with the chamber of commerce regarding Bill Mullin's business outreach program. Bill asked that Don schedule this at a future Board meeting for discussion.

Acton 2001 - Don stated that as a result of the meeting yesterday, the meeting scheduled for February 3 & 4 has been cancelled. It was stated that a common ground conference will be scheduled for sometime in April.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. Roll Call was taken, All Ayes, UNANIMOUS VOTE. The Board adjourned into Executive Session.

The Board adjourned 11:00 P.M.

Nancy E. Tavernier  
Clerk  
3/21/95  
Date

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JANUARY 20, 1995

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: NORMAN D. LAKE, Chairman  
SUBJECT: SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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AGENDA  
ROOM 204  
JANUARY 24, 1995

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 8:00 BUDGET and WARRANT DISCUSSION - Board Members please bring your white Budget notebook that contains the budget as transmitted by the Town Manager in December and Draft Warrant Articles. Also enclosed is Mr. Kadlec's letter of January 2 regarding "Line Item" Municipal Budget.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

2. ANDERSON SALES - CLASS II LICENSE - Discussion continued from December 20th meeting. Enclosed please find a report from staff updating the original violation materials as well as information from the site file.
3. EAGLE SCOUT - Enclosed please find an invitation for a Court of Honor to be held on March 10, 1995 for Board assignment.
4. HISTORIC DISTRICT BY-LAW WARRANT ARTICLE HEARING - Enclosed find memorandum and backup materials from Selectman Hunter for Board discussion.
5. BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUDGET POSITION - Enclosed please find a memorandum from Selectman Hunter for Board discussion.
6. REQUEST FOR REVISION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL AGREEMENT - Enclosed please find a memorandum from Selectman Hunter for Board discussion.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ACCEPT GIFT - Enclosed please find a request from Haartz for the Town's acceptance of a donation of a Multi-gas analyzer to the Fire Department for Board action.
  8. SAVORY LANE - Enclosed please find staff memo and recommendation regarding Savory Lane's request to post cash security for pending landscaping and site paving for Board action.
  9. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE - Enclosed please find a request from the Acton Concord Hadassah Sisterhood, Congregation Beth Elohim for a One Day Liquor License in conjunction with their Passover Food sale on 4/1/95 and 4/2/95 for Board action.
  10. BETSY BALL FUND - Enclosed please find a request for funds from the Betsy Ball Fund.
  11. ACHC SOFT SECOND LOAN - Enclosed please find a joint letter prepared by ACHC supporting the HSF Soft Second Loan Program for Board review and signature.
  12. STREET ACCEPTANCE - Enclosed please find the necessary forms required to begin the Street Acceptance procedures for the Annual Town Meeting. The formal hearing for Board review is scheduled for the Board's meeting of March 7, 1995.
- V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

An Executive Session is requested.

MEETINGS

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.

Feb 7

Feb 21 Mill Corner Gift Presentation  
Makaha Corporate Transfer/Stock Transfer

March 7 Street Acceptant Hearing

March 21

FEBRUARY 3, 1995

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: NORMAN D. LAKE, Chairman  
SUBJECT: SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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AGENDA

ROOM 204

FEBRUARY 7, 1995

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:31 BOSTON EDISON - POPE ROAD - Enclosed please find a request and staff comment regarding Conduit location on Pope Road for Board action.
2. 7:33 BOSTON EDISON/NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE - STOW STREET - Enclosed please find a request for installation of 5 poles with staff comments for Board action. (This has previously been approved for Emergency Hook-up, this Public Hearing completes the process).
3. 7:45 THOMAS PETERMAN - APPOINTMENT INTERVIEW - Historic District Commission Associate Member Mr. Peterman will be in to interview for an appointment as a regular member to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Dallmus's resignation.
4. 8:00 PLANNING BOARD PRESENTATION OF ARTICLES - Enclosed please find a copy of the articles submitted by the Planning Board for inclusion on the ATM Warrant. In addition to those you currently have, an additional Article AE is included for discussion. Any changes to evolve from the required Public Hearing scheduled by the Planning Board for next week will be forwarded as they are made.

### III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

5. CONTINUED BUDGET and WARRANT DISCUSSION - Board Members please bring your Blue Budget notebook that contains the budget as transmitted by the Town Manager in December and also bring the Draft Warrant Articles that were forwarded to you in January (if you need another copy please let staff know).
6. SETRA SYSTEMS - Please find enclosed a letter from Setra Systems which Selectman Mullin has asked to discuss.
7. INFORMATION REQUEST - Enclosed please find a request from CPAC for Board review and discussion.
8. TRANSFER STATION STICKERS - Enclosed please find a letter from Mary E. Cash regarding policy for issuing replacement stickers for Board review.
9. HUMAN RIGHTS COUNCIL - Enclosed please find a request from the Human Rights Council regarding signs, along with comments from the Town Manager.
- 9A. CONTRACT WITH BUSINESS COMMUNITY - Selectman Mullin will discuss the status of this proposal with the Board.

### IV. CONSENT AGENDA

10. GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE - Enclosed please find a request to use the Town Common and staff comment regarding the Annual Plant sale for Board action.
11. ACCEPT MINUTES - Enclosed please find Selectmen's Minutes of December 20, 1994 and January 10, 1995.
12. ACCEPT GIFT - Enclosed please find a request to accept gifts of money to the West Acton Citizens' Library Gift Account.

### V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

13. DEPARTMENTAL REORGANIZATION - Enclosed please find a final report from the Town Manager recommending a reorganization of Municipal Properties/Cemeteries.
14. MMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE - The Town Manager will report on events/information from the MMA Conference.
15. W.A. Baptist Church Signs - Enclosed please find a letter from the Petitioner and comments from the Town Manager.

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Stow Street Parking AMENDMENTS TO TRAFFIC RULES  
Anderson Sales - Continued  
March 7 Street Acceptance Hearing  
March 21

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