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**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
JANUARY 10, 1995**

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 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.

Chairman Lake announced that he would not be seeking a third term. He thanked the Board members for their support during his two terms.

Vice-Chairman Mullin announced that he was unable to announce his re-election bid at this time. He will be reviewing extensive work related travel commitments at the end of this month and will have a better idea if he will be able to serve on the Board. He wanted to let the citizens know of his influx schedule so that interested parties might decide whether or not to come forward and run for the seat.

Selectman Hunter commented that Norm's expertise and contributions as Selectman, School Committee member and other volunteer positions have been appreciated and his wise counsel will be sorely missed. He further expressed his hopes that Bill would be able to work his schedule to include a second term.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

**BOSTON EDISON
GREAT ROAD AT SUBURBAN MANOR - CONDUIT INSTALLATION**

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve - NANCY TAVERNIER - Second.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**MC DONALDS SITE PLAN #11/7/94-348
256 MAIN STREET - CONTINUANCE HEARING**

Representatives from McDonalds' were present to discuss the changes that had been made to reflect Board and Staff comments. The driveways have been changed and the landscape islands and parking spaces have been modified and moved. The consensus was not to separate the site from K-mart to provide a safer traffic

flow. Mrs. Tavernier noted the considerable cooperation of the applicant to resolve issues of Board and staff concern.

ACTON CONVENIENCE - 481 GREAT ROAD to 465 GREAT ROAD
PACKAGE GOODS LICENSE LOCATION TRANSFER

Mr. Sam Hantzis the owner/manager of the store outlined his request to transfer location. He feels he will have a safer exit/entrance and be able to expand to have a deli. They are planning on occupying the vacant Video Signals space at 465 Great Road. He has had the staff (five employees) Tip's trained in December and has not had any incidents since his appearance before the Board last year.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve the transfer of location.
WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ASSABET RIVER RAIL TRAIL PRESENTATION

Martin Gratz asked the Board for their support of this project in the form of a letter to MAPC/MAGIC. They anticipate asking MAGIC to fund the feasibility Study of the South Acton to Marlborough Bike trail. Marlborough and Hudson have given their support for this project. He noted that the Master Plan and South Acton Village supports bike and safe pedestrian areas. The proposed 12 miles have most of the right of ways intact except for the Beacon site and property in Hudson. This would be an alternative way to travel.

Mr. Lake asked about he feasibility and liability issues on trestles that would be used for bikeways. The ART Representatives felt that paths would be part of the Town's infrastructure and the Town's would incur the costs incrementally. Mr. Lake further asked about conflicts with bikers, skaters and joggers. They responded that they looked into each when the design for the trail was examined. They anticipate a wider path to accommodate each with multiple treads.

Mr. Mullin asked several questions about funding. They anticipate the feasibility study will reveal a cost of 3-4 million needed for the project. The funding will hopefully come from TIPS and felt they would be in line for some ISTEPA funding from Federal gas tax.

They wish to be non-profit so they can get local, state and federal funds.

The Board felt they could support the request for support of the feasibility study.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to authorize the Chairman to send a letter of support to MAGIC supporting the feasibility study. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACTON HOUSE OF PIZZA
COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE - 494 MAIN STREET

The applicant's representative stated that he would be operating the store in the same manner as the previous owner. They will be a sandwich etc. store with the same hours and eight seats for eating in the store.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CONSENT CALENDAR

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to accept the Consent Calendar as printed. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

BUDGET DISCUSSIONS - The Board discussed when to review the budget. It was decided to start at the next meeting. Staff was asked to invite Charlie Kadlec to attend to discuss his rationale in his letter to the editor regarding Bottom Line Budgets.

Mr. Mullin asked about presentations to the Board on the Articles. The Board decided that after review of the articles we could invite people in on the ones the Board feels that they need a presentation.

Chairman Lake asked that the draft articles sent to the Board be transmitted to the Fin Com for their early review especially those pertaining to zoning articles.

BRUSCHI MOTORS CLASS II LICENSE - Mr. Bruschi stated that he was no longer storing vehicles in Acton. He had a location in Boxboro. He asked the Board to extend his license until he could secure one in Boxboro as he had an established business with the Auctions. Dore' felt that it was not an issue as long as the name of the business remained the location should not be a concern to the auctions. Mr. Bruschi then agreed that it should be the case but wanted to be sure that there was not lapse in the license that could harm his ability to keep his business. DORE' HUNTER - Moved to continue the license at 72 Washington Drive, non-display on the basis it was originally issued until March 10, 1995. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

KELLEY'S CORNER PLANNING COMMITTEE - Mrs. Tavernier announced the Planning meeting scheduled for January 11, 1995 at 7:30 at the Jr. High. The Committee plans to discuss visions of the future for that area and will make a presentation and relate details on the plan being created. She urged the public to attend and participate.

TAX BILL INFORMATION - The Board discussed the confusion expressed by citizens regarding the most recent tax bill. It was suggested that an explanation be sent out with the January bills each year to explain and clarify the increases.

JOINT MEETING SCHOOL/FIN COM/BOS - Mr. Lake reported on the Joint meeting he and the Town Manager had attended that discussed the re-addressing of the Coordinating Process. They have scheduled another meeting for Feb. 13 at 7:30 at the Jr. High Conference Room with the Chair and Vice-Chair's of the Selectmen, Fin Com, and School Committee as well as the Town Manger, Asst. Manager, Supt., Business Manager, one Voc Tech. Rep. and one Rep. from Boxborough. The agenda is to discuss the reserve funds, Free Cash vs. overrides, issues of how to fund next years budgets, general public discussion pros/cons and for them to take the information back to their respective boards.

Mr. Lake said he felt that they did not intend it to be a policy making Board/Group.

Mr. Hunter felt it was backwards to have it after the budget was already developed, he felt next time it should take place before everyone had prepared budgets, but felt it was a good opportunity for every one to talk. Mr. Lake felt it was good to have the meetings in public. Mrs. Tavernier felt it would be better to have just the Chairmen represent the Boards/Committees.

Mr. Mullin spoke about getting back to presenting an organization that understands the School Budget. Mr. Hunter felt that it will have to be dealt with as budgets increase a greater understanding will have to be gained. However, he felt that we did not have the personnel or resources to review school budgets, he felt he had gained an idea from the coordinating committee process how the budgets were developed. He was at a loss on how to proceed with the traditional "Hands Off" when it comes to School issues, however, he felt the citizens are looking to the Board of Selectmen for guidance on shares of budgets and opinions on Override Vote time. He was glad that the dialogue is being re-established. He expressed his concern that we do not have a plan. He felt the planning should start after Town Meeting and its urgencies has passed and before school lets out.

Mr. Mullin felt that the Board of Selectmen should be involved in the early stages of discussion if overrides are anticipated if they are to be supported.

Mrs. Tavernier reminded the Board that the only time an override passes is when all three Boards were supportive. Mr. Hunter remarked that we also had a three year plan in place at that time.

TOWN MANAGER'S CONCERNS

None discussed except the need for an Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

The Board adjourned 9:40 P.M.

Nancy E. Tavernier
Clerk
2/7/95
Date

Christine M. Joyce
Recording Secty.
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JANUARY 6, 1995

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

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AGENDA
ROOM 204
JANUARY 10, 1995

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:31 BOSTON EDISON - GREAT ROAD at Suburban Manor - Enclosed please find a request for conduit installation along with staff comment for Board action.
2. 7:45 CONTINUATION of SITE PLAN 11/7/94-348 - McDONALD'S RESTAURANT, 256 Main Street - Enclosed please find a draft decision drafted by staff for Board review and discussion.
3. 8:00 ACTON CONVENIENCE - TRANSFER OF LOCATION PACKAGE GOODS STORE LIQUOR LICENSE - Enclosed please find application and staff comment for the approval to Transfer location from 481 Great Road to 465 Great Road for Board review and action.
4. 8:15 Assabet River Rail Trail - (ART) PLANNING - Katherine Garcia will be in to discuss plans for a bike path on the Maynard spur.
5. 8:30 ACTON HOUSE OF PIZZA - COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSE - 494 Main Street - Enclosed please find application and staff comment regarding the change of ownership of the Acton House of Pizza for Board review and action.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

6. BRUSCHI MOTORS - CLASS II LICENSE - Discussion continued from last meeting.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

7. ACCEPT SELECTMEN'S MINUTES - Enclosed please find a copy of November 22, and December 6th for Board signature.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

Jan 24 Anderson Sales - Continuation under BOS Concerns
Feb 7
Feb 21 Mill Corner Gift Presentation
Makaha Corporate Transfer/Stock Transfer
March 14
March 28 (after 8:00 due to Town election)

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