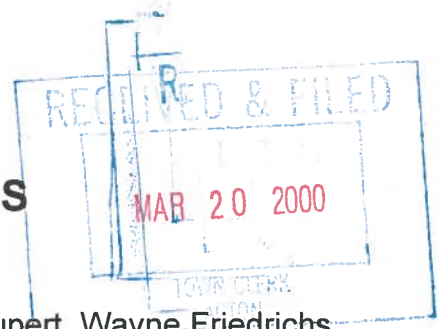


SELECTMEN'S MINUTES October 26, 1999



Present: Herman Kabakoff, F. Dore' Hunter, William Shupert, Wayne Friedrichs, Peter Ashton, and the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager
(The meeting was televised)

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Herman noted Christy Barry of Cablevision was taping her last meeting. She will be taking a position in another field. He thanked her for her service, which has been delivered happily.

Herman spoke about Halloween and he wanted to remind people that we will be policing the Town and will have a zero tolerance for any actions. He outlined the tips for a quiet Halloween.

Trey is conducting a citizenship in the community with the scouts; some have come to observe the Meeting.

Christine Bonica, Wyndcliff Drive - Said she was present because she understood that plowing had been denied because of certain obstacles, a rock garden and fence and the town felt it would damage Town trucks or the resident's fence. They have been working to resolve the issues and to get it plowed. Don noted he is working on that issue with them and the Board will be presented the information that will allow the Town to safely plow this winter for their consideration at an upcoming Board of Selectmen's Meeting.

Mike Acton, Maple Street - He wanted to discuss the recent Police chase and shoot out. Don agreed that it was a serious situation. The Chief is currently reviewing the situation. Sometimes there are incidences when you have a situation like this and each is evaluated. However, it should be noted that it was Boxboro that chased the subject into Acton where the incident ended in an accident and shooting. We are looking at the incident.

Will Anderson, 46 Nagog Hill Road – He as well as his neighbors are concerned about the proposed 80 car parking lot to service the church. They do not think this will improve the neighborhood and find it a detriment to the Center. ***He noted that parking lot was not under consideration by the HDC given their guidelines and sighting process. (the paragraph in italics has been amended 3/14/00)***

Dore' noted that if we are getting conflicting decisions from HDC that we better discuss this with them. Herman asked Mr. Anderson to prepare a proposal of what they wish from the Board and submit it to the Town Manager. Dore' asked Don to

provide the Gardner Field information to them.

Hillary Donner, Tenney Circle – She came in to discuss the sewer Financing issue and betterments with regard to the upcoming Special Town Meeting scheduled for the 15th. She requested the inclusion of an article to allow the Town authority to apply for a Special Act. She said this would help to elevate the lien on their property and perhaps save people upward to \$12,000 . She said she had spoken with Chris Hinche at DOR and he felt that the State could be asked to create law or exception to allow us to put the betterment on the property.

Herman felt we need to take the time to review it and comment after thorough review.

She stated that we might need to bend the rules. She said this will cost people \$16,000 and we should try to lessen the possible impact.

Dore' asked if other towns have done this. She replied no. She wanted to know if she could come back to speak about this and get an agreement from the Town to apply the lien in another manner. Herman said we will take a look at this as a Board in the future. He said he would be glad to work with her, as there are many things that need to be addressed. She asked that if you reach a dead end that they get back to her so she could readdress it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON EDISON REQUEST - SUDBURY ROAD

DORE' HUNTER -Moved to approve. Subject to the Town of Acton designating an appropriate fee for a lease if they so choose to impose such provision. –WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER- Moved to Adopt that language of subject to lease for the land, by the Town of Acton designating an appropriate fee for a lease if they so choose to impose such provision to all manhole, conduit and pole location requests/approvals with regard to Boston Edison. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS – Second - UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

BOY SCOUT EAGLE COURT OF HONOR –Craig David Smith – Dore' will handle.

SIDEWALK PETITION – TAC has developed a recommended petition for use by

neighborhoods when requesting sidewalks. They are asking that we support this form to request sidewalks. Don said that they have been working with Engineering and that it is clear we need a standard approach. Herman asked about general information regarding ranking.

Wayne noted that the petitioner would be asked to rank their request. The Board was uncomfortable with this as it is currently written.

Herman asked the Town Manager to look at the document further. They were pleased that the TAC has taken a stab at this and asked that he return it to the November meeting. Dore' suggested we send it back with our comments. They asked that the guideline provide the information on how you proceed, a step by step guide.

Special Town Meeting Warrant

A and B Have been condensed into one article (A).

ARTICLE C – no changes at this point if C is defeated than no other action is to be taken

EMINENT DOMAIN ARE NOT CHANGED.

ARTICLE Q Is all right as written.

If Article C fails that we should still look at Q.

Article R has some cosmetic changes Herman was uncomfortable with including the money for the school at this time since we did still have 36 months. He felt we should take the time to deal with the School's problem. Dore' said the thinking has been we are either go up the road or down the road. One alternative would have been to have just left the borrowing authority open. The second was to bring the borrowing authority down. He suggested we overshoot but not too high. This is a majority vote if we go to another meeting we will need 2/3rd's Too many things can happen and we have to do this.

Herman wanted it to be addressed in April. Dore' did not think it was a risk we should take. Wayne agreed with Dore' he felt it was worth addressing now. Dore' said we could wait until next week when they have had a chance to address it. Dore' and Wayne felt they were being conservative on this.

Article S had transfer language.

Article T financial hardship, which will find out if the Town were interested in

developing guidelines.

Dore felt that we needed a way to address those who cannot replace their system because of lot size.

Article U – This article will get direction on thinking about this even if we do not pass sewers. Wayne said that he thinks it is appropriate whether sewers are a go or no go. He thinks that having it this town meeting flags it as a preamble of what we do for sewers and EDC.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place all articles on warrant for Nov. 15th as they have been voted in concept. WAYNE SECOND. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to modify Article T to add "already developed parcels" - WAYNE SECOND. UNANIMOUS VOTE

Trey suggested that we have a sewer action meeting on November 3rd. He feels we need to have conversation with them. DORE' HUNTER -Moved to have printed in the warrant under who to contact that it be Dore' and Trey or any member of the SAC. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS – Second UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Dore' wanted to present a "how did we get here, and now what do we do" type presentation. Herman wanted a sense of the Board for a secret ballot on the first three articles. Dore' felt secret ballot is the choice of Town Meeting. He felt we need to be prepared in any event. Herman wanted a sense of what the entire board felt about this secret ballot. Dore' said he does not like secret ballots, but if the town meeting wants them it is their decision.

Herman wanted a 5:00 p.m. meeting before town meeting. Don asked if we should work with co-chairs on the summaries. Dore' said he would handle it. Don is to prepare the eminent domain portion and Wayne and Herman handle the resolution.

VOTING - Dore' noted that the fire station did not work well and the Manager has the message. It will be addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve – Wayne Second.– Second –UNANIMOUS VOTE. With the extra info item appointing Jon Bosworth as Full Member of the Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Andrew Martino.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

PETER ASHTON – Moved to go into executive session to discuss Labor Negotiations. All Ayes

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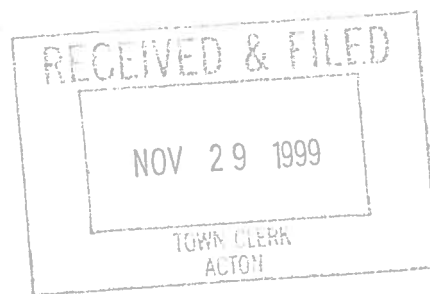
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Christine Joyce

October 22, 1999



TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Herman Kabakoff, Chairman
SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

AGENDA
October 26, 1999
7:30 P.M. - Room 204

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. **7:31 BOSTON EDISON – MANHOLE AND CONDUIT – SUDBURY ROAD -**
Enclosed please find a Boston Edison petition and staff comment, for Board action.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

2. **BOY SCOUT EAGLE SCOUT CEREMONY –** Enclosed please find an invitation to attend Craig Smith's Court of Honor on November 27th, for Board assignment.
3. **SIDEWALK PETITION –** Enclosed please find a draft Sidewalk Petition prepared by the Transportation Advisory Committee, for your comment.
4. **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT DISCUSSION –** Enclosed please find materials related to the November 15th Special Town Meeting, for the Board to consider for placement on the Warrant.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

6. **ACCEPT MINUTES –** Enclosed please find minutes of September 28, 1999, for Board acceptance.
7. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT -** Enclosed please find a request to elevate TAC member Art Wu to Regular member to fill the unexpired term of Edward Adleman to expire 6/30/2000, for Board action.
8. **PIZZA HUT –** Enclosed please find the necessary paper work to modify the Board of Directors, for Board action.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be a need for an Executive Session for purposes of Collective Bargaining.

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.

NOVEMBER 2, 1999, 7:30, Room 204 Special Meeting to review the Re-Engineering Report

Nov. 9

Nov. 23

Dec. 7

Dec. 21

FY 2000 GOALS

1. Resolve the Audubon Hill problem/issues (Shupert)
2. Establish or reconstitute a Computer Advisory Committee for Municipal issues (Hunter)
3. Review the structure and organization of the ALG and establish a definite, periodic meeting schedule (Kabakoff)
4. Develop a comprehensive Beaver Nuisance policy (Friedrichs)
5. Improve communication among the various boards, particularly Fincom, SC and BOS. This seems to have been lacking to some extent during the last year (especially ALG process) (Kabakoff)
6. Continue to search all alternatives for a viable sewer solution that is timely and fiscally workable (Hunter/Shupert)
7. Form a task force to investigate ways of achieving greater coordination, efficiency and utilization of resources between the schools and the town (Ashton)
8. Continue the work of the Senior Tax Relief task force and also investigate ways of assisting others who may need tax relief (Ashton/Hunter)
9. Develop early on an ALG plan and budget; i.e. have general agreement on budgetary parameters by October/November before formal budgets are developed. Continue to update, refine and modify as needed the five year budgetary plans which we initiated this year (Kabakoff)
10. Work with the Planning Board to implement the goals, objectives and strategies of the Master Plan update (Ashton/Shupert)
11. Conclude the work of the Kelley's Corner working group and bring to the Planning Board a final set of recommendations (Ashton)