

SELECTMEN'S MEETING
AUGUST 12, 1997



The Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 12, 1997 at 7:00 P.M. Present were F. Dore' Hunter, William Mullin, Nancy Tavernier, and Town Manager Don Johnson. (Wayne Friedrichs and Herman Kabakoff were not present.)

{The meeting was televised by cable}. Dore' welcomed the new cable person to the Board meetings

CITIZENS CONCERNS

None Expressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

KENNETH R. GUDITZ
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
FULL MEMBER

Mr. Guditz is involved in historic preservation and wants to offer his expertise and time to the Historic District Commission. Mr. Guditz stated that he would judge each project individually and will also be sensitive to the needs of the owners. WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to appoint Kenneth Guditz as a full member of the Historic District Commission with a term expiring June 30, 2000. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

THOMAS LEMIRE
BOARD OF APPEALS
ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Mr. Lemire indicated that he has spare time to volunteer and would like to become a associate member of the Board of Appeals. Mr. Lemire indicated that he will keep an open mind. WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to appoint Thomas Lemire as an associate member to the Board of Appeals with a term expiring June 30, 2000. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

SUMMER AND WILLOW STREET INTERSECTION

The Board discussed the intersection of Summer and Willow and stated that since the four way stop has been implemented there has been no accidents at this intersection. Bill Mullin indicated that he had voted for a different alternative to the four way stop, however, he stated that the four way stop has worked wonderfully. The Board directed staff to sign off.

NESWC

Materials and comments were presented to the Board regarding a proposed new contract. Don summarized the changes to the Board. Mr. Rothstein was present to answer any of the Board's questions regarding the proposed new deal and to summarize the differences between the last deal and the proposed deal. First of all Mr. Rothstein apologized for the volumes of paper which have been given to the Board. Mr. Rothstein volunteered to run the numbers and has stated that all towns will save money. Mr. Rothstein indicated that the existing contract needs improvement and the towns have seen their share of risk, however, he stated that the new contract eliminates risk. Mr. Rothstein stated that he will spend as much time as needed with staff and asked the Board what provision they would like changed. The Board answered the "GAT". Mr. Rothstein stated that they would not be able to reduce the GAT and if Acton opts to stay in the existing deal there might be potential unforeseen circumstances. The new contract proposes to allow Acton to broker our trash, shifts our responsibility to Wheelabrator if there is a change in law, eliminates existing arbitration that was put on hold by Wheelabrator regarding the trash burning too hot, and potential savings in operational and capital costs.

The Board asked Mr. Rothstein where the Town of North Andover fits in. The Town of North Andover stands to gain financial benefits and environmental benefits being the host community. Nancy Tavernier asked where Wheelabrator's customer relations are and stated that if all benefits are important then why can't Wheelabrator let us off the hook since we have an existing contract. Why do we have to become the role of the spoiler if we choose not to sign up for the new deal. The Board feels that we are being forced into a new contract. The Board stated that they are not motivated to go with the new deal unless our GAT is reduced. The Board also stated that our responsibility is to the citizens of Acton.

The Board stated that they could not recommend this contract, as is to the citizens of Acton, could not put it on the warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

TOWN MEETINGS

The Board stated that the League of Women Voters is currently doing a study of Town Meeting to recommend changes that could be made to have a more efficient Town Meeting. The League has been fairly consistent with their concerns. Bill Mullin stated that he does not want to discourage the citizen from asking questions and suggested that a staff member be located on the floor of Town Meeting to field these questions. The Board stated that when a question is asked

at the microphone, anyone having that same question now has it answered. It was suggested that meetings be set up prior to Town Meeting in order to answer questions. It was also suggested that Town Meetings begin at 7:00 PM instead of 7:30 PM and that a game plan be draw up ahead of time as to the stop time of each meeting. The Board suggested that a group consisting of the Town Moderator, Fincom, School, BOS, and the Town Clerk meet in order to discuss different strategies. Dore' Hunter would like his comments sent to the League of Women Voters.

TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Nancy Tavernier presented the Board with the third draft of the charges of the Transportation Advisory Committee. The Board directed staff to send the final draft to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee so that they may began to recommend appointments to the Board of Selectmen. **NANCY TAVERNIER** - Move to adopt Transportation Advisory Committee Charge as amended, **WILLIAM MULLIN** - Second. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**. The Board thanked Nancy Tavernier for her efforts.

MORRISON PROPERTY

Don stated that he was hoping to have signatures on a Purchase and Sale tonight, however, a problem came up around 5:30 PM this evening. An additional set of inspections of the property is needed. Don has asked to hold the purchase and sale until Friday at 5:00 PM with the hopes that we can close and ask for Town Meeting approval. **WILLIAM MULLIN** - Moved to call a Special Town Meeting for October 14, 1997 at 7:00 PM subject to a signed Purchase and Sale by 5:00 PM, Friday, August 12, 1997 between the Town of Acton and the estate of the Morrison property, located on Concord Road. **NANCY TAVERNIER** - Second. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

WARRANT

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to close the warrant at the end of the Board of Selectmen's meeting on September 9, 1997. **NANCY TAVERNIER** - Second. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**.

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

The Board discussed the School's space problems. Space problems have increased class size and caused the School to look at their options. Sections have been proposed to added to the McCarthy Towne, however, the preferable method will be to tear down the McCarthy Towne and build in between that school and the Merriam. The approximate cost will be 13 million with an additional four (4) classrooms added. The Committee is looking at setting up public meetings for additional suggestions.

FREE CASH

Free cash has not been certified, however, an estimated figure is approximately 1.9 Million range.

CONSENT AGENDA

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to accept the consent calendar with the addition of the Jones Field playground equipment acceptance. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

BOSTON EDISON DATA BASE LICENSE AGREEMENT

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to enter into agreement with Boston Edison Data Base License. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

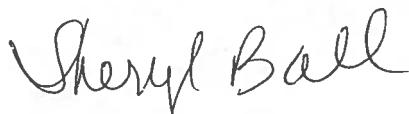
ALG

An ALG meeting is scheduled for August 20, 1997 at 7:30 PM at the Junior High.

DORE' HUNTER - Move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing purchase of real property. Roll Call taken, All Ayes.


Clerk

Date



Sheryl Ball
Recording Secretary
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August 8, 1997

TO Board of Selectmen
FROM: F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman
SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

AGENDA
Room 204
August 12, 1997
7:30 P.M.

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:40 **KENNETH R. GUDITZ - COMMITTEE INTERVIEW** - Enclosed please find Mr. Guditz's Citizen's Resource Sheet and VCC's Recommendation for his appointment to the Historic District Commission for a term to expire 6/30/2000 for Board action.
2. 7:45 **THOMAS LEMIRE - COMMITTEE INTERVIEW** - Enclosed please find Mr. Lemire's Citizen Resource Sheet and VCC's Recommendation for his appointment to the Board of Appeals as an Associate Member for a term to expire 6/30/2000

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

3. **TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - Enclosed please find a draft Charge prepared for Board review and action.
4. **NESWC** - Enclosed please find staff comments with back-up materials for Board consideration regarding a proposed new contract.
5. **TOWN MEETINGS** - Enclosed please find a memo for Board discussion regarding Town Meetings.
6. **SUMMER/WILLOW STREETS** - Enclosed please find staff reports and recommendation for Board consideration.
7. **MORRISON PROPERTY** - Enclosed find staff recommendation and documents in the subject regard.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

8. **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS** - Enclosed please find a memo from Staff regarding the elevation of Associate Members to the Planning Board and Conservation Commission for Board action.
9. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT** - Enclosed please find a request and recommendation for Georgiana B. Gagnon for an Associate Member to the Historical Commission with a term to expire 6/30/98

10. ACCEPT GIFT - Enclosed please find a request from staff for the acceptance of \$5,000 from Idylwilde Farm, Inc. for the extension of sidewalks on Central Street in front of their business for Board action.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

11. BOSTON EDISON DATABASE LICENSE AGREEMENT - Enclosed please find negotiated agreement and staff recommendation for Board approval.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

Sept. 9 - Tentative School Bldg. presentation

Sept. 23 - Peg Erlanger - VCC committee interview (postponed from 8/12 at her request)

Pcc/Aug12.97