



## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**MAY 27, 1997**

The Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting on Tuesday, May 27, 1997 at 7:30 P.M. Present were Wayne Friedrichs, Herman Kabakoff, William Mullin, Nancy Tavernier, Town Manager Don Johnson and Assistant Town Manager John Murray.

Wayne Friedrichs, Vice Chairman acted as Chairman since Chairman Hunter did not arrive until 9:14 PM.

{The meeting was televised by cable}.

### **CITIZENS CONCERNS**

None Expressed.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **MOBILE TECH 5 RAILROAD STREET CLASS II LICENSE APPLICATION**

Mobile Tech was not present at the hearing due to a notification from the Police Chief that this license could not be recommended due to the CORI (Criminal Offender Record Information) law. The Board asked for more information, however, under the CORI law it can not be made public. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move to deny the class II application for Mobile Tech, 5 Railroad Street. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. The Board asked Don to give them an explanation of the CORI law.

### **SIDEWALK PETITION PRESENTATION**

Will Hill and David Brown were present to discuss the citizen petition that they submitted emphasizing the need for sidewalks on Concord Road. Mr. Hill stated that the lack of sidewalks causes a public safety issue. Mr. Hill stated that the Town has spent millions of dollars on improvements in the Concord Road area and would like to see some money spent on sidewalks before someone is seriously injured. The Board asked Don the status of sidewalks for Concord Road. Don stated that he remembered discussion regarding these sidewalks during budget discussion and money was not budgeted because Dick Howe had told him he could cover the expense another way. (ISTEA or Chapter 90 monies) Don stated that he would report back to the Board on this status. The Board also mentioned that a Concord Road Sidewalk Committee could be formed for fundraising purposes.

## **SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

### **MASSACHUSETTS FAMILY LITERACY CONSORTIUM**

The Board stated that this organization is looking for a representative from the Town for this cause. Don stated that he would like to see the Board delegate this to the School. Donna Jacobs, Assistant Planner, could provide the statistical data to the school. NANCY TAVERNIER - Move that Don Johnson transmit a memo to Isa Zimmerman, Superintendent of Schools, stating that the Town has been contacted and will provide statistical data to them. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **EXCHANGE HALL DANCE**

The Board asked if abutters were notified of this dance. Staff stated that immediate abutters would be notified. WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to approve exchange hall dance on June 21, 1997 with the following conditions:

1. Noise to be controlled by the windows being closed throughout the hall. At a minimum windows must remain closed on the easterly side of the building.
2. Detail officers must be provided in accordance with the Chief of Police.
3. Maximum occupancy and attendance not to exceed 175.
4. Neighbors shall be notified of the event by the sponsor.
5. Volume of music to be kept at a reasonable level at the direction of the Detail Officer.
6. Time of the event shall be from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM.

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **ROUTE 2 CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Dore' Hunter requested that this item be placed on the agenda and a draft letter has been submitted to the Board for approval. Wayne gave a brief overview of the CAC meetings. Acton was told that Mass Highway is awaiting specifications for a proposed overpass between the crest of the hill east of Hosmer Street and the Piper/Taylor intersection. NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to approve draft letter. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. 3-1 with Bill Mullin voting No. Motion passes. Bill stated that he was uncomfortable with the location of the grade separation and wants assurance that it will be located at Piper/Taylor.

### **PARENT ALLIANCE ROUNDTABLE**

Nancy brought to the Board's attention that there will be a roundtable discussion on Tuesday, June 17th in Room 204 at 7:00 PM regarding drug and alcohol use by teenagers.

**BEAVER PROBLEM  
22 COWDREY LANE**

Don stated that he has received additional material regarding the beaver dam behind 22 Cowdrey Lane. Don indicated that he will distribute in this weekends packet . This process is getting more complicated by the moment and the Board directed Don to get involved.

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to direct Don to send a letter to Trudy Cox with a cc: to Governor. Weld and Rep. Resor and Durand indicating that these people need help and the process that they are going through in unacceptable. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**BUSINESS OUTREACH**

Bill Mullin wanted to clarify that the \$5,000 budgeted for the Business Outreach Program was not just for a video. A portion of the \$5,000 will be used to purchase the video.

**MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**

The Board wanted to thank Paul Hoff for the wonderful job he did organizing and implementing the Memorial Day Parade. The Board also wanted staff to thank the Cemetery Staff for how wonderful the cemetery looked.

**VILLAGE EAST SITE PLAN DECISION  
103 GREAT ROAD**

DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve Village East Site Plan Decision, 103 Great Road. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to accept the consent calendar as printed. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**TOWN MANAGERS REPORT**

**YEAR END FUNDS**

Don presented to the Board two requests for Year End Funds. Isa Zimmerman has asked that the Town repair the junior high tennis courts at a cost of \$77,000. Bill Mullin suggested that we use year end funds for the upgrade of Town Hall holiday lights at a cost of \$14,000. Bill also proposed that lights be added to the Library, Common and West Acton Center for an additional \$26,600. Several requests have been made by the citizens for new lighting and Bill feels we should be responsive to their input. Bill also stated that these lights are not only a symbol of the holiday but also a symbol of the Town of Acton.

The Board discussed the tennis court repairs. Staff has inspected the courts and has found them in need of repairs, however, the Elm Street tennis courts are in worse shape. Staff also stated that the Junior High courts are used for school athletics and the Elm Street courts are used by Community Education for tennis lessons. Staff questioned how much revenue the school takes in for these uses. The Board stated that they agreed with the repair of the Tennis Courts, however, they stated that the this expenditure should be approved at Town Meeting.

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to allow an expenditure up to \$17,000 for Town Hall replacement lights. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board also stated that additional lights and the tennis courts should be placed at the top of the priority list next year.

#### APPROVAL OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

APRIL 10, 1997

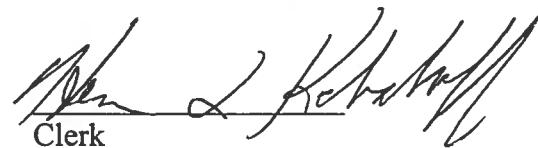
APRIL 9, 1996

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to approve minutes of the Board of Selectmen meetings dated April 9, 1996 and April 10, 1997. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board will adjourn regular session to go into Executive Session and return into Regular Session only to vote on Village East Site Plan Decision, 103 Great Road when F. Dore' Hunter will be present for the vote.

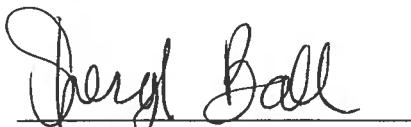
8:45PM HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining, purchase of real property and negotiations. Roll Call taken, All Ayes.

9:15 PM HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move to re-enter Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining. Roll Call taken, All Ayes.



Clerk

7/15/97  
Date



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