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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DECEMBER 20, 2004
REGULAR SESSION

Call to Order

The Board of Selectmen convened in regular session at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room of Town Hall. All members were in attendance.

Questions from Town Residents

There were none.

Action by Appointment

Discussion of Litigation (Executive Session)—Schipani

The Board moved: to enter an executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation; and further to return to open session at approximately 7:20 p.m.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0), by roll call vote.

The Board adjourned to its executive session at 7:05 pm.

The Board reconvened in open session at 7:20 pm.

Building Services Manager re: Discussion of Town Hall Complex Security Issues

Kevin Looney, Building Services Manager, Lee McCaanne, Director of Technology, and Police Chief Andrew O'Malley appeared before the Board to discuss their memorandum relative to the installation of new security measures in Town-owned buildings and more specifically in the newly renovated Homer and School Administration Buildings. Joel Mooney, Chair of the Town Hall Complex Building Committee was also present.

Building Services Director Looney discussed various security devices which would contribute to increasing overall security in the Town Hall complex buildings.

The Board moved: to appoint a temporary working group with representation from the Police Department, the Building Services Department, Information Technology, the School Department, and the Insurance Advisory Committee to recommend a security policy

for Town-owned buildings and to recommend related implementation policies; and further that the Building Services Manager submit a draft RFP proposal to the Board based on the temporary advisory group's recommendations with specific security measures for the Town Hall Complex Buildings.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Renewal of Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

The Board moved: to approve all applications for annual renewal of alcoholic beverages licenses for the Belmont Country Club, Asai, Ling Garden, Shangri-La, Brothers Pizza, Kashish, Patou and Andros, contingent upon each business satisfying any outstanding issues as documented in the Assistant Town Administrator memorandum of November 26, 2004 and the Alcoholic Beverages Licensing Committee meeting minutes of December 8, 2004.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Committee Appointment

The Board moved: to appoint Patty Mihelich to the Community Media Center Board of Conveners.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Transition Period Administrative Issues

The Board set the following Board of Selectmen office hours schedule for the month of January 2005: January 10 (Paul Solomon), January 18 (Angelo Firenze) and January 24 (Will Brownsberger).

Discussion of Special Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen discussed dates and the content for the upcoming Special Town Meeting.

The Board moved: to call a Special Town Meeting for Monday, February 7, 2005, to be held in the Chenery Middle School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. and to open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting effective immediately and closing on Friday, January 7, 2005.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Selectman Firenze agreed to seek clarification from Senior Planner Tim Higgins relative to the status of the historical preservation component of the Waverley Fire Station site disposition.

Discussion of Operations of Purecoat North

The Board of Selectmen met with the Board of Health, members of the Purecoat Committee, representatives from Purecoat North and Town Counsel to discuss Purecoat North operations.

The Board moved: to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation; and further to return to open session.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0), by roll call vote.

The Board returned to open session.

Purecoat North's Attorney Shepherd Johnson indicated that he represents both Purecoat North's owner and its tenant. Mr. Johnson referenced his recent phone conversation with Selectman Brownsberger and expressed his interest in initiating a dialog with the Town to explore future use of the Purecoat North site.

Mr. Brownsberger thanked Mr. Johnson for his call and expressed the Town's willingness to work together with Purecoat North in a joint process which also includes feedback from the residents.

Chairman Solomon suggested that the Board of Selectmen recess now so that a member from the Board (Selectman Brownsberger) can meet privately with Purecoat North representatives, Town Counsel, and a representative each of the Board of Health and the Purecoat Planning Committee; and that the Board shall reconvene following this conference.

The Board recessed until 9:45pm.

Upon reconvening, Mr. Brownsberger noted the Board of Health's separate authority and process from that of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Brownsberger also noted that Mr. Johnson indicated that Purecoat North does not have any specific plans for the site at this point and he recommended that the Town be proactive about making recommendations for the site's future usage.

Dr. Alper stated that the Board of Health was eager to receive a compliance report from Purecoat North due on December 31, 2004.

Mr. Brownsberger discussed ways to fast-track a process for consideration of various development options for the Purecoat site, during which input from

residents is heard. He suggested scheduling a special session to discuss alternative use of the Purecoat North property in the near future.

Mr. Firenze suggested that developers be encouraged to attend this meeting to share any site development idea they may have with the public.

Noah Sachs from the Purecoat Committee expressed his approval.

Mr. Brownsberger requested a strong representation by the Purecoat Committee at this meeting

The Board moved: to hold a special meeting on Thursday, January 6, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. to solicit input from the public about potential development options for the Purecoat site.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Action by consent

Approval of Minutes (11/05/04, 11/08/04 and 11/17/04)

The Board moved: to approve the minutes of November 5 and November 8, 2004.

The motion passed (2-0), Selectman Firenze abstaining, because he joined the board after these dates.

The Board moved: to approve the minutes of November 17, 2004.

The motion passed unanimously (3-0).

Other

The Board discussed scheduling a presentation by Municipal Benchmarking's Vice-President and General Manager C. Kenneth Strachan during an upcoming joint session of the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Budget Committee and the Warrant Committee, in which Mr. Strachan would present the benefits and features of the new services recently purchased by the Town.

Angelo Firenze added that he would coordinate this meeting with Michael Speidel, Chair of the Capital Budget Committee and Michael Widmer, Chair of the Warrant Committee.

The Board adjourned its open session at 10:00pm.

Dr. Paul Solomon, Chair
Board of Selectmen