

Town Board Minutes January 5, 2001

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING TOWN HALL

JANUARY 5, 2001 4:15 P.M.

Present were Councilman Damian P. Wiktor, Councilman Stephen K. Tills, Councilman Karl J. Simmeth Jr., Supervisor Lisa M. Rood, Highway Superintendent Wayne C. Kreitzbender and Town Attorney Perley.

Absent: Councilman Dennis J. Mead.

Supervisor Rood read the legal notice stating that a Special Town Board meeting is being held for the purpose of considering the purchase of property on Boston State Road, SBL# 227.00-5-57.1.

Supervisor Rood noted that the press has been notified.

A motion was made by Supervisor Rood and seconded by Councilman Tills to open the meeting at 4:17 p.m.

four (4) Ayes Carried

Supervisor Rood commented that part of the Wendling Estate property (SBL# 227.00-5-57.1) on Boston State Road is listed for sale with Stovroff Realty for \$109,900. It is approximately seventeen and one half acres with frontage on Boston State Road and 87.9 foot frontage on Liebler Road. The property is semi-pie shaped, basically flat and cleared.

Town Attorney Perley noted that a National Fuel gas main runs across the property from north to south. National Fuel representatives advise that the maximum clearance for a structure, trees or other impediments to their maintaining the pipe line is 100 feet, which is fifty feet on each side and is sometimes reduced to 66 feet. After review of the map, Robert Ganey, Real Estate Broker and member of the Assessment Board of Review, substantiates the asking price and requests that an appraisal be obtained to document the price.

Supervisor Rood commented that the property is directly across from the Town of Boston complex property and that it is an opportunity that should not be pass up considering that there is not much property in this condition available to purchase. The town is under stress from the recreation groups because we are outgrowing our space. This property could also be considered for a senior or youth center and may be eligible for park grants to offset the cost.

Councilman Wiktor noted our current recreation facilities are maximized. We do not have the physical space to add any other activities or new sporting events. Having this property adjacent to the Town Park alleviates the problem parents have when they have children playing at the same time in different areas.

Councilman Tills commented that we are more than maximizing our current recreational use because currently we are not able to have a regulation size soccer field.

Supervisor Rood pointed out that currently the town has no debt.

Councilman Wiktor commented that the purchase of this property is insurance for the future. Our population is going to expand and grow and we need the proper facilities to incorporate the activities that are going to incur. We don't have any other available property in the valley.

Highway Superintendent Kreitzbender: I agree that we need more room for the soccer fields.

Councilman Wiktor commented that it is a flat piece of land so it would not require a huge amount of excavation work or expense.

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A motion was made by Councilman Tills and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to enter into executive session at 4:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a negotiating strategy for this property.

four (4) Ayes

A motion was made by Councilman Wiktor and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to re-enter open session at 4:35.

four (4) Ayes

A motion was made by Supervisor Rood and seconded by Councilman Wiktor to authorize Supervisor Rood to execute all appropriate documents for a purchase offer on the property under discussion in accordance with the guidelines set forth by mutual agreement during discussion in executive session.

four (4) Ayes

A motion was made by Supervisor Rood and seconded by Councilman Simmeth to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 p.m.

KAREN A. ELLIS, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK