

MINUTES: SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Town Office Building

In attendance: C. Iino, L. Annino, N. Gorski, R. Regolo

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. Venuti Property Town Meeting

Next steps regarding the Venuti Property Offer, and the timing of the referendum, were discussed. Upon conferring with bond counsel, Iino related the following steps:

- 1 Board of Selectmen resolution: It will recommend appropriations and bond authorization, and approval of project, make declaration for reimbursement, set date for town meeting (provided board of finance approves) and remove item from vote of town meeting and set date of referendum vote.*
- 2. Board of Finance resolution: Approves and recommends appropriations and bond authorization.*
- 3. Town meeting: For discussion only.*
- 4. Referendum: Votes on all of above.*

Iino explained that the town cannot schedule a referendum within a few weeks of the August 14 primary. A referendum date of July 24 (with a town meeting on July 17) was proposed. Iino would ask the Board of Finance to schedule a special meeting.

Gorski expressed concerns about rushing to a vote without more consideration. Annino disagreed, and repeated his position that the property has been under consideration for 20 years, and that the BOS and BOF voted over a year ago to send the question to referendum. The Venuti family is entitled to an answer. They have named a price, the town says yes or no.

There was extensive discussion about the resolutions, the process, and alternate dates.

Gorski thought more time was needed to study:

- the impact of the resulting indebtedness on the capital plan
- maintenance costs
- property evaluations performed in the past

Iino believes that waiting until the fall is too long, and that, although tight, the six-week window is enough time to get information to the public.

Iino moved to issue a call to town meeting and referendum regarding the Venuti property offer by the end of July and to approach town counsel to produce the necessary documents.

Voting in favor: Iino, Annino Opposed: Gorski The motion carried.

3. Executive session: None
4. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Elizabeth Doyle Disbrow on 6/14/2018.