

SUDBURY SELECT BOARD

LIBERTY LEDGE/SEWATARO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Thursday, January 20, 2022

Present: Select Board members Charles Russo, Jennifer Roberts.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been compiled with, the meeting was convened at approximately 8:06 PM via Zoom telecommunication mode.

Member Roberts announced the recording of the meeting and other procedural aspects included in the meeting. Select Board roll call: Russo-aye, Roberts-aye.

Discussion

Member Roberts noted on January 10, 2022 the full Select Board voted to open negotiations of the Liberty Ledge/Sewataro contract with Camp Operator Scott Brody and formed this subcommittee.

Member Roberts noted that by forming a subcommittee, per Open Meeting Law all discussions would need to take place in public session; the discussions would not qualify for executive session. Members Roberts and Russo discussed whether the full Select Board considered this aspect when creating the subcommittee, and whether public meetings were the best forum to discuss and strategize contract negotiations with an outside group. Member Russo noted that per a conversation with Town Counsel, the public sessions could put the Town at a competitive disadvantage in the negotiations. Member Russo identified three pathways: 1. Designating a lead negotiator in the subcommittee; 2. Alternating the lead role; 3. Going back to the full Select Board to note this issue and reconsider the path forward. Member Roberts noted that in all these scenarios, an open aspect would remain, as key discussion points and final approval would be considered by the full board in open session.

Member Roberts noted that the main points of negotiation mentioned in prior full Select Board meeting included term length, management fee, revenue share, and public access. Members Roberts and Russo discussed guidelines around what negotiations are part of re-negotiating the existing contract versus changes that would require an entirely new RFP process.

Members Roberts and Russo reviewed the existing contract and discussed the role of the Town Manager in negotiating contracts. After some additional discussion around potential negotiating frameworks, the consensus was to return to the full Select Board to determine whether a subcommittee subject to Open Meeting Law public session requirements was the preferred negotiations format.

Adjourn

Member Russo moved to end the meeting and adjourn.

It was on motion 2-0; Russo-aye, Roberts-aye.

VOTED: To adjourn the Select Board Liberty Ledge/Sewataro Negotiations Subcommittee Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.