

Tewksbury Sidewalk Committee
Meeting Minutes

Meeting date: May 13th, 2002

Meeting place: Tewksbury Police Station-Community Room

Attendee's: Sandra Campo, Sam Krikorian, Franco Lucchesi, Ted Dooling, Mike Mucci, Matt Dailey, Laura Caplan.

Meeting Commenced at 7:35 pm. Meeting minutes from April 15th meeting reviewed and accepted by all members. Franco inquired who withdrew the article at the Town Meeting on May 6th. He was interested in weather it was the Selectmen or the Sidewalk Committee that withdrew the article. Matt clarified that it was the Sidewalk Committee that withdrew the article. Matt also clarified that we only decided to withdraw the article after the committee was notified by Selectmen Caldwell that the Board of Selectmen voted 4-1 in favor of an indefinite postponement for the article. Franco stated that he spoke with Mr. Caldwell on the phone the previous night and he expressed his concern to Mr. Caldwell that the committee was not notified ahead of time of their intent to vote for an indefinite postponement. He also stated that Mr. Caldwell advised him that Selectmen Anderson had some concerns with our proposal. He went on to add that Mr. Caldwell stated that the Selectmen were concerned about the cost of having a special election. Franco reiterated his concern that the Sidewalk Committee was not notified ahead of time about the Selectmen's issues with our article. Committee members shared Franco's concern.

Ted discussed his conversation he had with Mr. Cressman at town meeting regarding the letter some members received from his office on Monday May 6th. He stated that Mr. Cressman advised him that it was his understanding that our article could go on the primary in the fall. He stated that he requested Clerk, Liz Carey to investigate this. She discovered that the item could not be put on the primary in the fall and that a special election would be necessary. Apparently Mr. Cressman realized at that time that he was mistaken and decided to send the letter to Sidewalk Committee members advising that special election would be necessary. Ted stated that knowing this information, he believes the committee made the right decision to withdraw the article as the Selectmen would need to have a 2/3 vote in order to hold the special election. Franco commented that he did confirm with Mr. Caldwell that a 2/3 vote will still be necessary to get the article on the ballot in November.

Laura stated that she spoke with Liz Carey after the town meeting regarding some issues pertaining to the finance committee meeting.

Franco advised that he has a call into Selectmen Anderson's office in to try to get on the agenda for the Selectmen's meeting in June.

Laura mentioned that she also spoke with Representative Miceli after town meeting and he advised that he was going to try to pass a bill that will mandate that at least 10% of the chapter 90 funds would go to the roads.

Sandra will try to make an appointment with Liz Carey to attempt to clarify procedures for re-submitting our article in the fall. Ted stated he will call Selectman Gill. Matt will research the town by-laws regarding procedures.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm.