

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 23, 1994

Present: Chairman Lawrence L. Blacker, John C. Drobinski and Maryann K. Clark.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting was convened at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairbank Senior Center.

Utility Petitions 94-5 (a) and 94-5 (b)

Present: Patrick J. Lovett, New England Telephone and Telegraph.

Utility Petition 94-5 (a) - Indian Ridge Road and Pokonoket Avenue

The Board convened a public hearing to consider Utility Petition 94-5 (a) from New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to install approximately 440 ft. of conduit on King Philip Road and Pokonoket Avenue for a service and maintenance improvement project and to meet future service demands.

Secretary Thompson informed that all appropriate abutters had been notified and approval recommended by the Inspectors of Buildings and Wiring under date of May 17, 1994.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition 94-5 (a) from New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to install approximately 440 ft. of conduit, shown on Plan No. 94-02 for Proposed Conduit, Sudbury, dated May 5, 1994, along and across the following public way of the Town:

INDIAN RIDGE ROAD (WILBERT AVENUE) - On the southerly side beginning approximately 85 feet west of Pokonoket Avenue, place 10 feet of conduit northerly, also running 85 feet easterly to and continuing and crossing:

POKONOKET AVENUE - In an easterly direction for 65 feet, thence southerly for approximately 235 feet to and crossing King Philip Road, 45 feet to Pole No. 8/32.

Utility Petition 94-5 (b) - King Philip Road

The Board convened a public hearing to consider Utility Petition 94-5 (b) from New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to install approximately 100 feet of conduit on King Philip Road for a service and maintenance improvement project and to meet future service demands.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition 94-5 (b) from New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to install approximately 100 feet of conduit, shown on Plan for Conduit, Sudbury, dated May 5, 1994, along and across the following public way of the Town:

KING PHILIP ROAD - On the southeasterly side, beginning at the intersecting way of Boston

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Post Road (Route 20), running northeasterly for approximately 100 feet to existing pole.

With regard to the two above mentioned utility petitions, Selectman Drobinski asked if the work necessary for the petitions will coincide or conflict with the Pavement Management Program. Secretary Thompson stated he does not believe these streets are listed on the Program, but would check with Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes regarding Mr. Drobinski's concern.

Mr. Lovett mentioned that New England Telephone and Telegraph Company hopes to start work on the petitions this summer and believes a check has already been made with Mr. Noyes.

Mr. Frank Riepe, 29 King Philip Road, expressed concern to Mr. Lovett regarding two identical poles on Pokonoket Avenue, stating that one should have been removed after all the wires were transferred. Mr. Lovett responded that Boston Edison is the party that would remove the pole and that they will be contacted regarding it.

Selectman Drobinski mentioned that the Fire Department has identified all inactive poles in town.

Mr. Riepe also requested that, upon completion of the work for the petitions, the dead or dying trees located in the right of way be removed from the area. He noted that Boston Edison has taken down some of them, but he is not sure what the policy was regarding removal of dead trees. Chairman Blacker commented that Tree Warden Robert A. Noyes be asked to look into this matter. Secretary Thompson assured Mr. Riepe that he would notify Mr. Noyes via a letter regarding his concerns.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of Monday, May 9, 1994.

Regarding the Selectmen's Liaison Assignments, Selectman Clark asked if her assignment to the MetroWest Growth Management Committee would mean she could also attend Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) meetings even though a Planning Board representative attends the MAPC meetings. Ms. Clark stated she is interested in attending MAGIC, MAPC, and MetroWest meetings and meetings of any other allied committees. Secretary Thompson noted that he would check with MAPC to determine what the Selectmen's status should be concerning the MAPC.

Council on Aging - Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$129.71 in miscellaneous donations for deposit into the Council on Aging Van Donation Account; and to authorize the Council on Aging to expend the same for purposes of operating and maintaining the Council on Aging vans.

Eagle Scout Awards

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In response to an invitation to attend the Court of Honor Award ceremony on Saturday, June 4, 1994 at the Curtis Middle School, to honor Eagle Scout recipients, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To send a letter of congratulations to Jonathan T. Cole and Joshua Decker for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Selectman Drobinski commented that it is very likely that he will be attending this event.

Ch. 90 Project Request Form - Hudson Road Paving

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge the signing by Chairman Blacker on May 11, 1994, of a Ch. 90 Project Request Form relative to MA#35348 for Hudson Road paving in the amount of \$55,000 from Chapter 15 Apportionment.

Police Department Computer System - Contract

At the request of Police Chief Peter B. Lembo in a communication dated May 13, 1994, regarding the only bid received for upgrading the Police Department's in-house computer system, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To award a contract to upgrade the Police Department computer system, by providing a Digital Micro VAX 3100 Model 40 System, including the hardware, installation, conversion of the existing software and data onto the new system and one year on-site hardware maintenance, to Pamet Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$13,856, in accordance with their bid proposal dated May 13, 1994, and Town of Sudbury specifications.

Appointments - Resignations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Dr. Daniel F. Buttner to the MetroWest Growth Management Committee's Pedestrian and Bicycle Path Steering Committee, effective immediately replacing Loring Schwarz who has verbally requested to discontinue her representation;

To appoint William H. Maurhoff to the Council on Aging, for a term to expire April 30, 1997, replacing Fred Haberstroh;

To reappoint David Cochran as Deputy Wiring Inspector for a term to expire April 30, 1995, to be used on an on-call basis as needed;

To accept the resignation of Michael Gonnerman from the Cable Television Committee, and to send a letter of appreciation for his many years of service on this committee;

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To endorse the reappointment of Jeanne Rowlands as State Appointee to the Sudbury Housing Authority, as requested in a letter dated May 18, 1994, from the Authority.

Early Retirement Incentive Program - Town Employees

The Board acknowledged a communication dated April 29, 1994, from Secretary Thompson to all Town employees regarding an alternative Early Retirement Incentive Plan that is more cost-effective than last year's plan. In addition, the Board acknowledged a report dated March 4, 1994, from Daniel W. Sherman of Coopers & Lybrand outlining a cost-effective Early Retirement Incentive Plan for the Town.

Upon review, Selectman Clark requested a copy of the report of the Negotiating Advisory Committee (NAC) as this is a benefit requiring their review and comment. No report was available, as the NAC was not notified of this benefit proposal. Selectman Clark objected to the letter dated April 29, 1994, to Town employees saying the Selectmen were offering them an Early Retirement Incentive Plan. She said she had not approved that as her first Selectmen's meeting was May 11, 1994; she was sworn in on April 27, 1994. In the future, Selectman Clark requested she be given her right to vote as a current Selectman. In reviewing the charts Ms. Clark commented she does not believe the plan offers any benefit to the Town and requested review by the NAC.

Secretary Thompson suggested that Mr. Daniel Sherman from Coopers & Lybrand be asked to address the plan with the Board.

On motion by Chairman Blacker, it was unanimously

VOTED: To table further discussion of the Early Retirement Incentive Program for Town Employees in order to meeting jointly with Mr. Daniel Sherman, Coopers & Lybrand, for the purpose of establishing a better understanding of the report, and to make copies of the report available to members of the Negotiating Advisory Committee.

211th Town Forum

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Blacker convened the 211th Session of the Town Forum.

Town Report Art Awards - Presentation

The occasion of the 211th Town Forum was used to present artistic merit awards to the students for their artwork which was included in the 1993 Annual Town Report. Town Report Co-Chairman Patricia Guthy presented the awards to the following students:

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| 1. Joshua Tuxbury | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 2. Vanessa Wiegel | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 3. Tyler Parnes | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 4. Jessica Cox | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 5. Daniel Kirshenbaum | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 6. Karen Aerni | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 7. Ashley Holzwasser | Grade 3Peter Noyes |

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| 8. Victoria Horan | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 9. Tamara Bartlett | Grade 3Peter Noyes |
| 10. Matthew Graceffa | Grade 4Peter Noyes |
| 11. Jeffrey Gordon | Grade 5Curtis Middle |

Following the award ceremony, reports were given by the various Boards and Departments. Highlights of these reports include:

- Chairman Blacker commented that he would like to use a future Town Forum to discuss how Town Meeting might be run more efficiently and be more effective. He asked that Secretary Thompson solicit from all Town Boards and Committees their input in this regard.
- A report was received from the League of Women Voters concerning the proposed sewer and housing issues as they relate to the Sudbury Village Project. The League is requesting the Selectmen meet with the Planning Board to discuss the issues in the report submitted in an effort to revitalize the Sudbury Village Project.
- Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee Chairman David P. Wilson reported that the LS School Committee is considering proposing a shared superintendency with the Town of Lincoln, and are presently reviewing all the issues.
- Council on Aging member Edward Rawson talked about the D-Day celebration that will be held on June 4, 1994 at the Senior Center.
- Resource Recovery Committee member Craig E. Blake informed that the results of the survey concerning solid waste disposal after the landfill closes favored a residential drop off center. He noted that the Selectmen will have to make the final decision before the Committee can proceed. Mr. Blake reported that the Resource Recovery Committee may propose a pay-per-bag system at the Landfill.
- Long Range Planning Committee Chairman William Katz reported that there are two openings on the Committee. The Blue Ribbon Committee that was established to examine Town re-organization will be meeting after the summer; supposing that the legislation and ballot question are favorable.

Upon conclusion of these reports, coffee and conversation were enjoyed by all.

Flynn Building Parking Lot - Safety

Building Inspector John B. Hepting, present for the Town Forum, called to the attention of the Board of Selectmen his concerns regarding the Flynn Building Parking area and the fact that at certain times of day it is a dangerous place to be. He stated that many parents of students attending Peter Noyes School drop their children off in the Flynn Building parking lot which should be restricted to Flynn Building employees and residents having business with Town Departments in the Flynn Building. The parking lot becomes overcrowded during certain periods of the day, namely, when children are dropped off in the morning and picked up in the afternoon.

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Secretary Thompson noted that the whole area needs to be reconfigured and mentioned a Master Plan for the Town Center that has been drawn by Maria Von Brincken. He added that he does not favor the idea of ticketing people, but it may need to be done. Stephenie Cook, Chairman of the School Committee, noted that some of the problem might be alleviated because there will be fewer students attending Peter Noyes School in the fall.

Dudley Road - Sudbury Traffic Rules and Orders

Regarding the traffic safety issues that have recently been discussed with the residents of Dudley Road and adjoining streets, there was a question of revoting to amend the Town of Sudbury Traffic Rules and Orders to restrict the operation of heavy commercial vehicles (24 hours each day) from Dudley Road.

Secretary Thompson pointed out that the Traffic Regulation Permit for the exclusion of heavy commercial vehicles dated January 19, 1960, for the Town of Sudbury, was confirmed to be still valid by the Department of Public Works. He added that the safety issues are still in the process of being resolved.

Chamber of Commerce - Awards Night

Secretary Thompson confirmed with the Board that he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting this Wednesday evening, May 25, 1994, at which time several Town awards will be given.

Loring School - Issues

Secretary Thompson reported he attended a meeting last Friday with Town Counsel Paul Kenny and the tenants of the Loring School to discuss the following issues: 1) Back rent, 2) RFP's for repairs needed and 3) Leases.

With regard to back rent, Mr. Thompson stated he wants to obtain an accounting of all back rent that have no offsets. The leases will be drafted to use the rental income to pay for the repairs necessary. Mr. Thompson added that the Board will receive in writing the information as it progresses.

Chairman Blacker offered that the lease should include the provision that the lessee is responsible for sending out requests for proposals for any work that needs to be done.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue - Municipal Stabilization Aid

In response to a communication dated May 11, 1994 from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services, regarding a supplemental appropriation in Additional Municipal Stabilization Aid, and on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appropriate funds in the amount of \$19,876, to be received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, in accordance with their letter of 05/11/94, to offset the FY94 snow and ice deficit.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest: _____

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Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk