

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1996

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was convened by chairman Blacker at 7:40 p.m. in the Sudbury Town Hall.

Library Grant

Chairman Blacker announced that the Goodnow Library had received notice of grant award for expansion of its facilities. The Board congratulated Chairman Hans Lopater who was present.

Citizen Petitions

Present: Wilhelmina Dole, Longfellow Glen.

Ms. Wilhelmina Dole reported to the Board that a meeting had taken place at her apartment to view the hole behind her stove and investigate her mold problems. She indicated that the problem areas had been addressed, but expressed her displeasure with the role played by the Health Inspector. Town Manager Ledoux who attended this meeting reported that instructions were given to repair the hole and run the bathroom fan to alleviate the mildew problems.

Ms. Dole submitted a petition to the Selectmen signed by thirty-six residents requesting an "INQUIRY INTO: Longfellow Glen disturbances that have escalated as well as better environment and inspections into tenants complaints. WE understand Building three is no longer listed as Building for elders but a "Family units." She said the petition was to make people aware that these things are going on all over the State.

Chairman Blacker advised Ms. Dole that the matter would be looked into.

Trustees of Town Donations Quarterly Meeting

Present: Mary Ellen N. Dunn, Town Treasurer and Collector and Co-Trustee of Town Donations; and Kenneth Ritchie, Investment Advisory Group.

Chairman Blacker convened a quarterly meeting of the Trustees of Town Donations.

Mary Ellen N. Dunn, Town Treasurer and Collector and Co-Trustee of Town Donations, asked if there were questions concerning the "Town Trust Fund 4th Quarter Report June 30, 1996". Chairman Blacker suggested that the small balance in the Tercentenary Fund be added to a future investment in something such as the T. Rowe Price fund. The report was accepted as prepared and updated under date of September 20, 1996.

On recommendation of Co-Trustee Dunn, the Board, acting as Co-Trustees of Town Donations, on motion unanimously

VOTED: To release \$906.09 for disbursement from the Raymond Scholarship Fund Income Account during Fiscal Year 1997.

Ms. Dunn informed the Board that she would be seeking a vote in the near future to approve a plan for amortizing interest paid out or in other words to make a correction of overstated income.

In response to requests by trust fund administrators and as recommended by Co-Trustee Dunn, the Board, acting as Co-Trustees of Town Donations, on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve release of funds for distribution of income from Town Trust Funds for Fiscal Year 1997, as follows:

Gertrude Farrell Fund	\$150.00
Forrest Bradshaw Memorial Fund	\$180.00
Goodnow Library Fund	\$14,200.00
Lydia Raymond Fund	\$120.00
Rhoades Memorial Fund	\$200.00
(Total Library Funds	\$14,850.00)
Annie Thorpe Fund	no request
Sherry Cavanaugh Fund	\$500.00
Discretionary/Charity Fund	\$6,000.00
Raymond Mausoleum Fund	\$500.00
Tercentenary Fund (Yr 2075)	no request
School Fund	no request
Town Cemeteries	\$20,000.00

The Board was also in receipt of a detailed accounting of the FY96 Discretionary Fund expenditures for its information.

Ms. Dunn informed the Board that a Charity Fund check had been found after the recipient became incapacitated in a nursing home, and the person's attorney proposed to have the check voided and apply it to taxes. The Board expressed its concurrence with this procedure.

The business of the Co-Trustees was concluded.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular sessions of August 29 and September 9, 1996, as drafted.

The Executive Session minutes of September 9, 1996, were held for discussion in Executive Session.

Donations - Council on Aging Vans

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$111.29 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.

Sale of Alcoholic Beverages - Nov. State Election

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by common victuallers and retail package stores during the polling hours of the State Election on November 5, 1996, in accordance with the amendment to G.L.ch. 138, sec. 33.

Easements

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept on behalf of the Town the following easements:

- 1) Grant of Right, dated September 9, 1996, granted by Victor Sokolovsky and Maya Novak, to enter upon the premises at 304 Maynard Road a distance of ten feet from the property line and to use this area for constructing a walkway along Maynard Road.
- 2) Grant of Right, dated September 6, 1996, granted by Edith L. Loftus, to enter upon the premises at 298 Maynard Road a distance of ten feet from the property line and to use this area for constructing a walkway along Maynard Road.

Appointments - Strategic Planning Committee

Upon designation by the Park and Recreation Commission, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Thomas M. Reihle, 51 Crescent Lane, to the Strategic Planning Committee, as representative for the Park and Recreation Commission.

The Board was in receipt of a communication dated September 17, 1996, from Catherine Briggs Hanafi and Anne Lynch, Co-Chairs, Youth Action Coalition, requesting that a youth representative (i.e. under the age of eighteen) be appointed to the Strategic Planning Committee. Following discussion, the Board agreed with this suggestion and requested the Town Manager to solicit applicants for this position at the High School, as well as by advertisement in the media.

Selectman Clark proposed that the Hop Brook Protection Association/Hop Brook Ponds Study Committee should also have a representative on the Strategic Planning Committee. Selectman Drobinski expressed his opinion that this constituency was well represented via Conservation Commission and Board of Health membership. Chairman Blacker agreed, and further expressed his position that the SPC membership should be made up of persons with broader interests, as opposed to those with specific causes. He believed that the conservation issue was well represented by the present membership. There was agreement this area had been adequately addressed.

Longfellow Glen

Present: Wilhelmina Dole, Longfellow Glen resident.

Ms. Wilhelmina Dole again addressed the Board expressing her opinion that abuse to the elderly was taking place at Longfellow Glen, and gave the Selectmen a copy of a letter from Elena Lowe, 3202 Longfellow Glen, expressing concern about ban of plants and decorations.

Town Forum - 224th Session

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Blacker convened the 224th Town Forum. Congratulations were once again offered to Hans Lopater, Chairman of the Goodnow Library Board of Trustees, for the Library's successful grant application for building assistance. Mr. Lopater informed those present that sixteen cities and towns received funding out of seventy-five applications. He thanked all town agencies which had provided support. There followed reports from boards and departments on the past few months' activities.

This Town Forum was televised over the local Cable network, and a copy of the videotape is available for a period of one year by contacting the Selectmen's Office.

Town of Wayland *Conversations*

The Board was in receipt of a communication dated September 17, 1996, from the Wayland Board of Selectmen inviting the Sudbury Selectmen, along with Lincoln and Weston Selectmen, to join Wayland boards and organizations for *Conversations* on topics of interest.

Chairman Blacker expressed his opinion that the topics planned for discussion were germane to Wayland and would not be of interest for Sudbury participation. Following discussion, the Town Manager was requested to reply for the Board, thanking the Wayland Selectmen for the invitation, declining to attend these particular sessions but expressing willingness to do so if topics are of a regional nature.

Special Speed Regulation #1085-A - Route 117

At the Town's request, the Massachusetts Highway Department has studied Route 117 to determine what the legal speed limits should currently be. The Board received Special Speed Regulation #1085-A from the Massachusetts Highway Department under letter dated September 11, 1996, to the Town Clerk. It was reported that the Town Engineer and Police Department were in favor of the proposed regulation.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 18, of the General Laws, (Ter. Ed.) as amended, the following Special Speed Regulation #1085-A is hereby adopted:

Special Speed Regulation #1085, dated January 25, 1976, is hereby amended by striking out the regulation in its entirety and inserting in place thereof the following revisions and addenda.

That the following speed limits are established at which motor vehicles may be operated in the areas described:

ROUTE 117 - EASTBOUND

Beginning at the Maynard Town Line, thence easterly on Route 117;
1.23 miles at 35 miles per hour
1.68 miles at 40 miles per hour ending at the Concord Town Line;
the total distance being 2.91 miles.

ROUTE 117 - WESTBOUND

Beginning at the Concord Town Line, thence westerly on Route 117;
1.68 miles at 40 miles per hour
1.23 miles at 35 miles per hour ending at the Maynard Town Line;
the total distance being 2.91 miles.

Operation of a motor vehicle at a rate of speed in excess of these limits shall be prima facie evidence that such speed is greater than is reasonable and proper.

The provisions of this regulation shall not, however, abrogate in any sense Chapter 90, Section 14, of the General Laws, (Ter. Ed.).

Delinquent Tax Payments

Town Manager Steven Ledoux reported that legislation was under discussion which would allow the sale of tax titles to finance/collection companies. The Board agreed that this would be a matter of interest to follow.

Town Accountant's Retirement

The Board discussed with Town Manager Ledoux the vacancy of Town Accountant which will be occurring as a result of Town Accountant James Vanar's upcoming retirement.

Following discussion, on motion by Chairman Blacker, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Manager to make whatever Interim Town Accountant appointment he considered necessary until a permanent appointment is made.

Hunting in Sudbury

Chairman Blacker reported that he had had a conversation with a resident of Concord Road who was concerned about hunting near her residence. Chairman Blacker inquired about the procedure to ban hunting in the Town, expressing his leanings toward same. Selectman Clark stated her reservations about taking away such a right and the constitutionality questions it raised. It was explained by the Town Manager that hunting is not allowed on any Sudbury Conservation Land, nor, by law, within a certain distance from a residence. Selectman Blacker asked that the issue be looked into.

Executive Session

At 9:40, it was on motion by Chairman Blacker, by roll call vote, unanimously

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing an amendment to the Executive Session minutes of September 9, 1996.

(Chairman Blacker, aye; Selectman Clark, aye; Selectman Drobinski, aye.)

Chairman Blacker stated that the Board would not return to open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Attest: _____
Steven L. Ledoux
Town Manager-Clerk