

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 1991

Present: Chairman David A. Wallace, Selectman Judith A. Cope, and Selectman John C. Drobinski (arrived at 8 p.m.).

The statutory requirement as to notice having been fulfilled, Chairman Wallace called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Council on Aging - Appointment

Present: Harold D. Homefield.

The Board interviewed Harold D. Homefield for appointment to the Council on Aging. Mr. Homefield noted he had been invited to participate on the Council on Aging and intended to give his best efforts to help out. Executive Secretary Thompson commented on his impressive resume and the Selectmen concurred Mr. Homefield would be a valuable addition to the Council.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Harold D. Homefield of 16 Curtiss Circle to fill the vacant position on the Council on Aging, formerly held by Karl Clough, for a term to expire April 30, 1994.

Sunday Entertainment License - Bullfinch's, Inc.

Present: Margaret Richardson, Bullfinch's, Inc.

The Board is in receipt of an Application for License for Public Entertainment on Sunday, dated August 1, 1991, from Margaret Richardson, dba Bullfinch's, 730 Boston Post Road, to allow her to have a small jazz combo between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays. Ms. Richardson noted they would take out three tables and would use three or four musicians, and possibly a vocalist, with different groups appearing all the time.

Executive Secretary Thompson noted for the record that the Departments of Fire, Health, and Building had recommended approval of this license.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Application for License for Public Entertainment on Sunday, submitted by Margaret Richardson, dba Bullfinch's, 730 Boston Post Road, for a small jazz combo of no more than four performers which may include a singer, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Sundays, subject to the approval of the Department of Public Safety.

Drainage Easement Tabled

The Board considered the question of signing acceptance of a drainage easement granted May 9, 1991, by Leo and Elizabeth C. Barrington, Trustees of Sudbury Realty Trust, for the Greenhill Estates subdivision. Executive Secretary Thompson recommended the vote on this issue be tabled until further review can be completed. The Board agreed to table the vote.

Bid for Engineering Total Station Tabled

At the request of the Engineering Department, the Board tabled the question of accepting a bid to supply the Engineering Department with a Total Station system until further review can be completed.

Fidelity Bonds - Treasurer and Collector

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman to sign certification to fix the sum of the bonds for the Treasurer at \$150,000 and for the Tax Collector at \$150,000.

Resignation - Wood-Davison House Restoration Task Force

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation, dated July 29, 1991, of Margaret Kenda from the Wood-Davison House Restoration Task Force, and to thank her for her valuable participation on the Task Force.

Council on Aging - Donations

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$102.75 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 Van.

Ambulance Gift Account - Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept a \$75 donation on behalf of the Fire Department from the Chamber of Commerce July 4th Parade Committee; and to accept a \$20 donation from Josephine Sajdel, and to authorize the Fire Department to deposit this amount into the Ambulance Gift Account.

Bartlett Greenhouse Fire

Present: Michael C. Dunne, Fire Chief.

The Board is in receipt of a report from the Fire Chief, dated August 6, 1991, detailing the aid received from surrounding fire departments and local businesses, in controlling the major fire which struck Bartlett Greenhouse on Friday, August 2, at approximately 1:15 p.m.. The Fire Chief requested the Selectmen to acknowledge the Town's gratitude to these cities, towns, and businesses.

Chief Dunne gave a verbal report of the fire and showed a videotape to the Board of Selectmen, which had been taken by One Hour Photo, located in the Star Market Shopping Center.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To send letters acknowledging and expressing appreciation to those towns, organizations, and individuals who provided assistance, as noted by Chief Dunne in his letter of August 6, and to authorize the Fire Chief to send a \$100 donation from Account 310-210 to the Waltham Auxiliary Fire Department for their aid.

Boston Gas - Sales Agreement

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman to sign a Sales Agreement with Boston Gas relative to installation of gas lines and equipment to provide service for the new Hudson Road Fire Headquarters.

Special Speed Regulation No. 7520

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adopt Special Speed Regulation No. 7520, as prepared by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for Dakin Road and Pantry Road as follows:

Dakin Road-Northbound

Beginning at North Road  
Thence northerly on Dakin Road  
0.24 miles at 25 miles per hour  
0.16 miles at 20 miles per hour  
0.30 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at the Concord Town Line; the total distance being 0.70 miles.

Dakin Road-Southbound

Beginning at the Concord Town Line  
Thence southerly on Dakin Road  
0.30 miles at 25 miles per hour  
0.16 miles at 20 miles per hour  
0.24 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at North Road; the total distance being 0.70 miles.

Pantry Road-Northbound

Beginning at Concord Road  
Thence northerly on Pantry Road  
0.37 miles at 30 miles per hour  
0.42 miles at 35 miles per hour  
0.07 miles at 25 miles per hour ending at North Road; the total distance being 0.86 miles.

Pantry Road-Southbound

Beginning at North Road  
Thence southerly on Pantry Road  
0.49 miles at 35 miles per hour  
0.37 miles at 30 miles per hour ending at Concord Road; the total  
distance being 0.86 miles.

Wayside Inn Corporation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign an agreement with The Wayside Inn Corporation for payment in lieu of real estate taxes, in the minimum amount of \$25,000 annually, to include increases equivalent to those assessed to commercial property each fiscal year.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the July 29, 1991, regular session and executive session minutes as amended.

Minutes - July 15, 1991

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the section of the July 15, 1991, minutes entitled "Hop Brook Ponds Study Committee."

League of Women Voters - Property Tax and Revaluation Forum - September 25, 1991.

The Board considered the question of responding to the League of Women Voters invitation of August 4, 1991, for one of the Selectmen to serve as a panel member at a Property Tax and Revaluation Forum on September 25, 1991, being held at the Library. Chairman Wallace asked Executive Secretary Thompson if he would attend because of his sense of history of the classification mode over the years. Executive Secretary Thompson agreed to attend and Selectman Cope noted she would attend as an interested party.

Discontinue Combined Police/Fire Dispatching System

Present: Michael C. Dunne, Fire Chief.

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Fire Chief Michael C. Dunne, dated August 6, 1991, recommending the Fire Department not join, as previously agreed the Police Department in a combined dispatch system. He cited reasons of unanticipated cost increases, inability to certify availability of funds, immediate commitment to entire project now being required, and the advantages of using a different frequency to tie in with neighboring Fire Departments.

Executive Secretary Thompson noted, in addition to the above mentioned letter, he had several meetings with Chief Dunne, and they discussed the price commitments and the uncertainty of what excess funds may remain after the construction of the new Fire Station. He noted that Chief Dunne felt he could accommodate the Fire Department's needs under the current system and the possibility that he may go to the 400-band series to better communicate with surrounding fire departments, which need was confirmed at the recent greenhouse fire.

Selectmen Cope inquired as to who would be answering "911" calls. Chief Dunne noted the Police Department would answer the call and transfer it to the Fire Department if the call was for them. He noted another possibility, used by Framingham, allowing the Fire Department to listen in on all "911" calls.

Chairman Wallace questioned the issue of regionalization. Chief Dunne said he believed the Fire Department should continue to pursue regionalization, especially with Framingham.

Chairman Wallace and Selectman Cope concurred with Chief Dunne's recommendation to not combine the Fire Department dispatching system with that of the Police Department.

Utility Petition #91-6 - Hudson Road

Present: Robert Malis, Boston Edison Company.

The Board convened a public hearing to consider Utility Petition 91-6 from Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for installation of approximately 18 feet of conduit in Hudson Road. Boston Edison Company representative Robert Malis was present and explained the work was necessary in order to provide service to Congregation Beth-El.

Executive Secretary Thompson noted that all appropriate abutters had been notified and approval had been recommended by the Inspector of Buildings and Wiring Inspector under date of August 5, 1991.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition 91-6 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to install approximately eighteen (18) feet of conduit in Hudson Road as follows: southerly approximately 750 east of Old Lancaster Road, a distance of about 18 feet - conduit, as shown on Boston Edison Company "Plan of Hudson Road Sudbury" dated June 10, 1991, and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company Plan No. 91-3 dated August 1, 1991.

U.S. Dept. of the Interior - Acquisition of Land

The Board is in receipt of a letter from the U.S. Dept. of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, dated July 29, 1991, requesting comment concerning the Department's proposed acquisition of four parcels of land located off Water Row, Old County and Old Sudbury Roads and adjacent to the Sudbury Division of Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, owned by The Sudbury Valley Land Trust.

They noted the purchase of such property would protect this wildlife habitat by making it part of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

On recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support acquisition by the U.S. Department of the Interior of approximately 213 acres of land located off Water Row, Old County Road and Old Sudbury Road from the Sudbury Valley Land Trust, to become part of the adjacent National Wildlife Refuge.

Reconstruction of Route 20 between Raymond Road and Nobscot Road

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Laurinda T. Bedingfield, District Highway Engineer, dated August 6, 1991, in reference to the reconstruction of Boston Post Road, Raymond Road to Nobscot Road. This correspondence responds to the Executive Secretary's letter of August 1, and outlines their interest in having this project completed, setting forth items which must be addressed prior to the issuance of a Permit to enter on to State Highway to perform the required work. The letter recommends the project be delayed until early next year, at which time they state the Town will have the Permits required to install the water line and to do the box widening, the railroad will have the approved plans and an Agreement to install the rubberized crossing and the Department will be ready to install an overlay over the existing and box widened roadway. The letter also requests the Town to send in the Typical Cross-Section plan, so they may be able to start the review and Permit process.

Executive Secretary Thompson recommended that the Board go on record with the Department of Public Works, concurring with their letter of August 6, and thanking them for their attention to finalizing this project in the manner they have proposed. Executive Secretary Thompson noted this is the first occasion they have put in writing that they will do the final coat, which will be of great assistance to the Town. He stated his interpretation of the letter also ties in the rubberizing of the railroad crossing next spring, and noted the Town originally had a \$45,000 grant for that project, but he believes it would now cost much more.

Following discussion, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to respond to District Highway Engineer Laurinda T. Bedingfield in accordance with his aforestated recommendations.

[Selectman John Drobinski arrived at this time (8:00 p.m.).]

Legal Services Review Committee - Final Report

Present: Eric Elfman.

Concerning the Legal Services Review Committee report, Executive Secretary Thompson noted the only addition to previously presented facts was a letter dated July 22, 1991, received from Police Chief Lembo stating his concern he had not been contacted relative to this study and that he had always found Mr. Kenny's judgment, cooperation and overall performance to be exemplary in the finest tradition of the profession.

Executive Secretary Thompson also stated he had notified David Fitts of the Finance Committee and the Legal Services Review Committee of the meeting, and David Fitts said he would be unable to attend.

Selectman Cope said she believed the recommendations were all good ones. She said she believed what the Legal Services Review Committee was asking for was realistic, but also wanted to assure the Town they were getting their legal money's worth. She stated she did not believe there was a need to set up a standing committee, but that reviews should occur with formal input from other boards.

Selectman Drobinski said he believed the Town needed an ad hoc committee with whom they could bounce off ideas, noting it would not have to be a committee -- just a group of legal counsels. Selectman Drobinski further stated he would like to see better communications with the other committees in town. He noted his belief that each of the Town boards has its own agenda and does not want to lose its autonomy.

Selectman Drobinski stated there was nothing in the report that made him uncomfortable with the legal services the Town is receiving.

Selectman Cope stated she would like to see some of the suggestions in the report implemented immediately. Selectman Drobinski stated he was unsure of his feelings concerning a blanket RFP. Mr. Elfman said other towns have gone through the RFP and he was sure Mr. Thompson could prepare and process the same.

The Selectmen stated they were pleased with the report, which revealed some concerns they were aware of all along and wished to extend their thanks to the Committee. Chairman Wallace stated the Selectmen concurred with the report and virtually all recommendations will be adopted. He further stated to the Committee that the process they had gone through was a good one, noting that some degree of performance review had to be done. He noted this type of review should be done in every town, but may need more than a layperson to handle it. Chairman Wallace continued that he thought the study was good and fair.

Mr. Elfman commented that the Selectmen may have received letters from individuals not willing to speak out during the open sessions. He said they did not, in fact, evaluate the performance of the current Town Counsel, and this report should not be read as a criticism or endorsement of the Town Counsel. Mr. Elfman said the report focused on the process of how the Town should use the Town Counsel.

In answer to a question from Selectman Cope, concerning whether comments were invited concerning this issue, Mr. Elfman continued that Executive Secretary Thompson had prepared a summary of how the services of the Town Counsel were used, primarily in the litigation context. Mr. Elfman said that, based on that report, they invited the major users of the legal services into a public hearing and posed to them specific questions. He noted that in addition to that hearing they held a public forum, at which time others were allowed to comment. He stated they also received letters and additional comments, and all of that information was taken into consideration as they prepared the report.

Chairman Wallace commented on the concern that brought this report about. He noted the process of evaluation was a good one and helped him, Chairman Wallace, to focus on some good ideas -- such as the proper utilization of the Town Counsel. Chairman Wallace continued that this study would give future members of the of Board of Selectmen some guidelines if it is necessary to choose a new Town Counsel.

Selectman Cope said the study had been driven by financial concerns, and she would like to see the suggestions placed on a timetable, and requested Executive Secretary Thompson to produce such a document.

Executive Secretary Thompson said he would prepare a timetable for implementation of the ideas.

Selectman Drobinski asked Mr. Elfman if he would be willing to help with any future concerns brought about by this report, and Mr. Elfman answered in the affirmative.

#### Town Meeting

Executive Secretary Thompson said there was a question of whether we should call a special Town Meeting in October to possibly deal with the issues of the Unisys site, reduction of local aide, and teachers' salary carryover. He noted he had checked with the Assessors and, if we wanted to do something about the teachers' salary, we must do it at an October Town Meeting; if we wait until the Annual Meeting, the timing is wrong. Executive Secretary Thompson reviewed additional reasons why this must be done in October.

Executive Secretary Thompson noted he had put together a list of possible articles for future Town Meeting action and would like the Selectmen to give thought to recommending issues to be included in a possible October Special Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed the entire list and Selectman Cope brought out that the subject of an inclusionary bylaw had been omitted from the list, and it was agreed this should be added.

Executive Secretary Thompson highlighted the following items:

Teacher salary carryover -- must be evaluated. Some towns have decided to do it and some have not -- it was about half and half. Executive Secretary Thompson said Sudbury and Framingham were the only local towns which said they must keep an open mind on it.

By-law to establish a Municipal Finance Department - the Executive Secretary said he would like to proceed with that this year if we can, if not wholly, at least in part.

Establish Public Works Department (Highway plus Engineering, or Highway plus Engineering plus Park & Rec.) Executive Secretary Thompson said he has had to borrow Highway personnel to assist Park & Rec. in cleaning the Town Centre -- and further stated these departments should be together so they can share these people. Park and Rec. has cut out summer help, but Highway has some summer help. Executive



Secretary Thompson stated his concern that the Centre will be out of control if we continue to let it go for two or three years and will eventually cost more to bring back.

Change Highway Surveyor to an appointed position.

Early Retirement Bylaw -- the Personnel Board said we should bring it back again this year.  
Reduction in Force Bylaw.

Unisys property.

Change the name of the Committee for Preservation of Ancient Documents to Records Management Committee.

Change the date of the Annual Town Meeting to May.

Limit speaking time at Town Meeting to five minutes.

Purchase cemetery property.

Executive Secretary Thompson said they have asked the Planning Board and Building Inspector to let the Selectmen know if they are interested in pursuing any of the issues pertinent to them.

The Board requested the Executive Secretary to research all subjects listed and report back as soon as possible.

#### Trailer Permit - K. Barry

Present: Gerald B. Gallagher, Esquire, Kathryn Barry, Steve Barry, Dan Barry, Jack Barry, Charles Barry, Charles Rice, Jeanne Rice and other residents.

In a continuation of a discussion concerning the request of Ms. Kathryn Barry for extension of a special permit for use of a house trailer for dwelling purposes at 63 Willis Lake Drive, Mr. Gerald Gallagher, Ms. Barry's attorney, requested to speak.

Attorney Gallagher presented Ms. Barry's residential history and noted the family had lived in Sudbury for many years, the Barry children had graduated from school in Sudbury and the family had possession of the land since the 50's. He noted that a life tenant had let the property deteriorate, but in 1989 they had purchased the property from the life tenant and the property is now owned by seven members of the Barry family, five of which were present at the meeting.

Attorney Gallagher stated Kathryn Barry had been the driving force in improving the property, but was injured in a car accident, suffering serious personal injury, and the property improvement stopped for some time because she was unable to pursue it. He noted the property is mortgage free.

Mr. Gallagher detailed estimates which were given to bring the property to a habitable stage, and noted that perc tests had been done and a septic system

designed. Mr. Gallagher further reviewed the background concerning Ms. Barry's original application to move the trailer on-site.

Mr. Gallagher continued that Charles Barry spoke with Robert Leupold to establish what was necessary to tie in the trailer to the existing septic system, proceeded to excavate the tank and installed fittings, and took other appropriate measures to bring it into compliance. Steve Barry inspected the water system and installed all new intake plumbing into the well, as well as installing a new pump to allow for delivery of the water to the house and the trailer.

Mr. Gallagher further stated that Steve Barry, who is a Journeyman Electrician, said all the wiring in the house is obsolete and removed the wiring that was accessible and put new wiring into the existing house. Mr. Gallagher detailed other improvements, including the removal of trees, clearing of a portion of the lot for lawn, removing 12 full dumpsters, laying a concrete floor in the garage for storage purposes, and obtaining a permit to fill in a drainage pond on the property.

Mr. Gallagher stated Charles Barry was an experienced carpenter and, when he started to remove the sheetrock, he noted there was rot in the walls and some of the lumber was undersized. Mr. Hepting, the Building Inspector, recommended more demolition than originally planned, which they stated changed the course of the original plan.

Mr. Gallagher then presented plans drawn up by Mr. Charles Barry, and approved by the Building Inspector, for the new house, showing the intended changes. Mr. Gallagher stated Mr. Charles Barry had gotten estimates to get the necessary work done, including demolition of some portion of the house, which should be completed by September 30th, at which time Steve and Charles Barry plan to work on the house full time.

Mr. Gallagher presented an estimate of the value of the land, which at the time was \$120,000, and they now estimate it to be \$75-100,000. He noted it is fully unencumbered and there is sufficient asset there to continue with the construction.

Mr. Gallagher stated he felt they had satisfied the requirement that the construction is ongoing and further reviewed the bylaw allowing the trailer to be present. He said he felt it would be possible to have the property ready for an occupancy permit by the first of the year. Mr. Gallagher distributed copies of the documentation of the information he presented.

Mr. Gallagher also noted an extension to the trailer permit had been recommended by the Board of Health and the Building Inspector. He further noted that by allowing Ms. Barry to live in the trailer, it would lessen the financial hardship on the family and allow her to keep an eye on the property.

Mr. Gallagher requested the Selectmen's consideration of extending the permit for another six months.

Selectman Cope inquired as to the whereabouts of the remaining family members who are partial owners of the home. It was noted the other two members were unavailable this evening. Selectman Cope reviewed the facts relating to

Ms. Barry's commitment to making significant progress in six months, and that the Selectmen did not believe sufficient progress had occurred. Selectman Cope also expressed her concerns about the available funding, and questioned whether Ms. Barry would be able to get a loan on the value of the property.

Mr. Gallagher said he felt a mortgage company would be willing to advance funds, noting \$40,000 was the approximate amount needed to complete the property. He also stressed the increase in value the property would have if there was a renovated home on the property.

Selectman Cope questioned whether there were unpaid taxes, and Mr. Gallagher said there were only about \$300 in unpaid taxes.

Selectman Cope challenged a statement made at a previous meeting concerning the dumpsters, which Ms. Barry said she had removed because she needed a larger one, and Selectman Cope said it had come to her attention the dumpsters had been removed because the bill was not paid.

Selectman Cope further questioned the lack of progress and available funds to make further progress. She questioned Mr. Gallagher as to whether he might be able to pull together an escrow account for Ms. Barry.

Selectmen Drobinski noted they wanted the problem solved and the Selectmen do not see a good faith effort, but want to see the site fixed.

Chairman Wallace stated the Selectmen would like to extend the permit if there was apparent progress, but the Selectmen could not see any. He noted the support of Ms. Barry's family but questioned the ability to buy the needed supplies to build the home. Chairman Wallace asked whether she intended to go through a bank for financing.

Ms. Barry stated she did not want to risk the loss of the house if she lost her job and was going to borrow the money from her family.

The Selectmen reiterated the need for some proof of financial ability and noted they were only extending a permit if they extended the permit without financial ability to fix the house. The Selectmen also addressed the concerns of the neighbors.

Mr. Gallagher requested an extension of the permit until the middle of October since they could not begin construction until the demolition is completed. He noted the possibility of obtaining a loan from a financial institution at this point, now that a building permit has been issued to begin construction.

Chairman Wallace stressed the Selectmen would like to be persuaded to extend this permit, but they must see a financial commitment. Chairman Wallace instructed them to return on September 3, with some proof of financial commitment. It was noted that, if the six-month permit is extended, it will be inclusive of the time that has passed since the first permit expired, and the new one would expire December 31, 1991.

Common Victualler License, Thai Avenue

Present: Ithipol Pathumwan, owner.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a Common Victualler License for Ithipol Pathumwan, dba Thai Avenue, for property at 621A Boston Post Road, for a term to expire December 31, 1991.

Wood-Davison House Restoration Task Force

Present: Royal Haynes, Michael Dunne, Marjorie Wallace, Karen Poll, Kenneth Ritchie, and Harriett Ritchie.

The Board met to continue the discussion of the possible move of the Wood-Davison House to the Town Centre. It was noted the Board of Selectmen had requested the opposing factions to meet prior to this meeting and see if there was a possible agreement on how the Wood-Davison House should be handled.

Mr. Haynes reported that he had met on August 5, 1991, with Executive Secretary Thompson, Kenneth and Harriett Ritchie, Lyn MacLean, Karen Poll, Dick Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Hodder to discuss the fate of the Wood-Davison House. He noted there was nothing resolved. He related Dick Brooks' feelings that the Town would be amiss if this issue were not placed on the Town Warrant. He stated that Lyn MacLean (the Historical Commission) was overstressed with the responsibilities of the other buildings in Town.

Mr. Haynes pointed out that he wanted to make it perfectly clear that he was not opposing a museum for the Town of Sudbury; he was opposing moving the building to the Town Centre. He said that while there was money to get it there, there was no guarantee that it would be restored in a specific amount of time. In reference to the need for a museum, he noted the Visiting Nurses Association will be vacating the Flynn Building and the Fire Department will be moved to Hudson Road. He said the Loring Parsonage would be an ideal situation for the museum, and the Board of Selectmen could move their offices back to the Town Hall, and surrender the Loring Parsonage to the Historical Society to be used as a museum -- noting it would be a wonderful museum.

Mr. Ritchie said the Historical Society has waited a long time to have a museum in which to place the collection of artifacts in the town. He noted that, while he believes the Loring Parsonage would make a wonderful museum, the possibility of using it did not seem feasible. He noted the Wood-Davison House has some historical significance on its own. Mr. Ritchie continued that the possibility of using the Wood-Davison House as a museum looks good to the Historical Society and placing it in the center of town gives a historical significance to the center of town and will provide education to the future generations of Sudbury. He also commented that he does not see why Lyn MacLean's stress with the Hosmer House should have anything to do with the Wood-Davison House.

Mr. Haynes questioned what guarantees the Town of Sudbury had that the house would not become a line item in the Town budget, how will they raise \$125,000 needed for restoration, and how long the house will set there in its present condition before it becomes a useful piece of property.

Ms. Poll said the the Committee determined last year that a professional fundraiser was not the way to go, but that once the house was moved, the money would come easier. She noted she did not believe the money would come quickly and it would be one to two years before the House becomes useful.

Mr. Haynes repeated his belief that the Loring Parsonage would make more of a statement, and he felt the money could be spent in a much more worthwhile manner than sinking money into a building to be relocated. Mr. Haynes questioned the legality of the Selectmen to make this decision since the building would not be Town property until it was moved on Town land.

Ms. Ritchie noted the Historical Society looked at similar situations in towns around Sudbury. She said it usually takes three to four years to open, and you open it up as you can.

Mr. Haynes questioned whether the the Historical Society could share the Loring Parsonage with the Selectmen.

Selectman Drobinski asked Mr. Haynes to define the issue -- money or location?

Mr. Haynes said he wants it to come before the Town Meeting.

Marjorie Wallace noted she had several concerns, with most of them being financial, although she did agree with the location issue. She said that once the house is moved onto Town land, it becomes the Town's liability and could be putting the Town into a dangerous position. She stated the Town could not maintain the buildings now because of lack of funds. She said that if this is a private project, it should be placed on private property, or it should come before a vote of the Town.

Selectman Cope thanked Karen Poll for her summary dated August 1, and noted she herself was keen on a museum. Selectman Cope also stressed the Town is under a time crunch and must make a decision.

Selectman Cope wanted to know what else could be done with the house if the Town did not take it. Mr. Haynes noted there is a place in Sturbridge which dismantles old homes and stores the parts and sells them to people restoring old homes.

Selectman Cope questioned whether the Task Force must return Mrs. Taylor's \$10,000 if the Town did not take the house. Ms. Poll noted that the money must be returned and several other donations were contingent on acceptance of the plan.

Mr. Dunne noted he signed the petition because he did not know the facts, and felt most of the people in Sudbury did not know them. He noted no one had ever discussed the fire safety issues with him and he thought it would be a fire hazard in the Town Centre. He also stressed he would like it to come before Town Meeting and have it addressed.

Ms. Wallace said she felt the problem had not been addressed by many people because everyone assumed it would never happen.

Selectman Drobinski said his concerns were financial, not the House or the location, and felt the Town would benefit from it. He questioned whether Nancy Taylor could give them a little more time. Selectman Cope noted she would give them a "little" more time.

Chairman Wallace wanted to know the plans if the house was to be moved this fall. Ms. Poll said the plans are in place for an October, second week, move.

Selectman Drobinski asked Ms. Poll to address the fire protection issue. Ms. Poll noted there initially would be none because there are no utilities. She noted the windows would be covered with vinyl and the doors would be boarded from the inside.

When questioned further about the adequacy of the money, Ms. Poll noted they have the money to move it and shore it up, noting they had raised \$44,000.

Chairman Wallace noted a decision must be made now or the opportunity would be lost.

Though Selectman Cope initially voted to abandon the plan, the Board later on motion unanimously

VOTED: To allow the Wood-Davison House Restoration Task Force to go forward with their plans to move the Wood-Davison House to the Town Centre and to issue a permit to have the house professionally moved.

Reschedule Board of Selectmen Meeting

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To reschedule its meeting of August 26 to Tuesday, September 3, 1991, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fairbank Senior Center.

Donation to view HTE Headquarters in Orlando, Florida

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept a donation of \$700 from HTE, Inc., and designate said donation for use by the Town Treasurer and Collector to travel to HTE, Inc.'s facilities in Orlando, Florida, to review tax bill processing equipment proposed to be provided under Request for Proposals issued by the Treasurer and Collector.

Nickerson Theatre West - Renewal of Entertainment License

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To renew the License for Public Entertainment on Sunday for live professional theatre, for Nickerson Theatre West, 490 Boston Post Road, for the period September 1, 1991, through August 30, 1992, subject to the approval of the Department of Public Safety.

Town Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

Executive Secretary Thompson noted, in reference to comments made by Marjorie Wallace concerning Jack Hepting's "things to do" list, that the things on the list are the same things we have been requesting for years. Executive Secretary Thompson said the idea is to have an ATM appropriation article to catch up, and there seems to be support from the FinCom. Executive Secretary Thompson noted his belief that we take as much care with our buildings as other towns, noting that the Parsonage only needs a good coat of paint.

The Trust for Public Land

The Board is in receipt of a letter from Peter Forbes, Director of New England Programs for The Trust for Public Lands, dated August 8, 1991, relating their options to gain control over 141 acres of land commonly referred to as the Unisys site. They have requested a discussion with the Board of Selectmen concerning the Town's interest in being a party to such a purchase. Executive Secretary Thompson was requested to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to notify Mr. Forbes that we would be in touch with him after September 3, 1991.

Executive Session

At 10:20 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to discuss expenditures from the Discretionary Fund. (Chairman Wallace, aye, Selectman Drobinski, aye, Selectman Cope aye).

Chairman Wallace announced that public session would not reconvene following Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk