

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1991

Present: Chairman Judith A. Cope, David A. Wallace, and John C. Drobinski.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been met, the meeting was convened by Chairman Cope at 7:30 p.m., at the Flynn Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room.

Minutes

It was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of January 28, 1991, as drafted.

ATM91 - Art. 16, Purchase Capital Equipment

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was agreed to discuss the Selectmen's priorities and funding for capital equipment items proposed for purchase under Article 16 after receipt of Finance Committee and Long Range Planning Committee reports.

ATM91 - Offsets

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

VOTED: To utilize funds under the Selectmen's jurisdiction as offsets for the FY92 budget, as follows:

- Wetlands Protection Fund, \$4,125, to offset Conservation 360-490, Wetlands Protection Act;
- Cemetery Income Fund, \$20,000, to offset Highway 410-110, Salaries;
- Sale of Cemetery Lots, \$8,000, to offset Highway 410-110, Salaries.

The Board also expressed support for the use of \$25,000 Ambulance Reserve for Appropriation Account funds to offset the Fire Budget, and the use of \$2,000 Dog License money to offset Library Account 600-520, Books. The Board also expressed its support of the transfer of \$30,000 from ATM87/Art. 14, Long Range Study, to the Stabilization Fund under Art. 5, as proposed by the Long Range Planning Committee.

At the suggestion of the Executive Secretary, the Board will hold further discussion at a future meeting on use of Stabilization Fund monies to offset capital equipment purchases under Art. 16, use of Abatement Surplus and use of Free Cash. Executive Secretary Thompson informed that there seemed to be a Finance Committee consensus not to expend Free Cash. In the meantime, noting that the Board of Assessors had on its own initiative voted to make \$175,000 of Abatement Surplus available for offset purposes, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to ascertain the amount of Abatement Surplus funds held by the Assessors.

ATM91 - Articles

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

VOTED: To take the following action relative to Town Meeting articles accepted for inclusion within the 1991 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

- To approve withdrawal of Article 8, relative to the purchase of ambulance equipment, at the request of the Fire Chief since it will be considered in the Fire Department Budget;
- To note amendments to School Committee Articles 23 and 24 relative to the appropriations requested for facilities maintenance and roof repair, now \$136,900 and \$300,000 respectively;
- To place petition Article 34 to Accept c.40, §22D, Towing Regulations, on the Consent Calendar; and
- To accept a petition article to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.V.D.6.h - Special Signs, to designate it as Article 27, and to refer it to the Planning Board for report.

It was recognized that although Article 25 relative to Library architectural services will be printed in the Warrant, the Library Trustees intend to withdraw it at Town Meeting.

The Board approved the proposed speaker designation listed in the "Draft 2/6" 1991 Annual Town Meeting Article List and considered its positions on Articles 1 through 34. The Board will consider further and report its position, if desired, at Town Meeting on the following articles:

- Art. 4 - Amend Personnel Classification and Salary Plan
- Art. 7 - FY91 Budget Adjustments
- Art. 10 - Street Acceptances
- Art. 16 - Purchase Capital Equipment
- Art. 23 - Facilities Maintenance: Curtis, Haynes, Noyes
- Art. 24 - Roof Repair: Curtis, Haynes.

The remaining articles, except those withdrawn or to be withdrawn and the budget article, received the support of the Board.

Sudbury Research District Zoning

The Board acknowledged receipt of a January 20, 1991 memorandum from Richard Brooks and John Rhome for the Planning Board relative to continuing the process of developing zoning alternatives for the Research District. In order to accomplish this, it is recommended that the Selectmen establish a special line item account in the amount of \$11,500 to fund additional time for the Planner and any consulting services required.

Mr. Thompson expressed his opinion that funding in this fiscal year would be extremely difficult as there are no funds currently available for use; in order to fund work in FY92, a budget amendment would have to be requested through the Finance Committee. Selectman Drobinski stated that he would have a difficult time selling it to the Finance Committee because he felt his credibility with the Finance Committee has been diminished, and Mr. Thompson stated he would not want the issue to stimulate further Finance Committee discussion relative to the Town Planner position.

The Board agreed to table the subject until its next meeting.

Executive Session

At 8:00 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to consider transactions in real property where open discussion may have a detrimental effect on such transactions. (Chairman Cope, aye; Selectman Wallace, aye; Selectman Drobinski, aye.)

The regular meeting was reconvened by Chairman Cope at 10:00 p.m.

ATM91 - Articles

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept two petition articles for inclusion in the Warrant for the 1991 Annual Town Meeting and to number them as follows:

- Art. 35 - Purchase Unisys Property
- Art. 36 - Purchase Melone Property.

Discretionary Fund Expenditure

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To confirm the following expenditure from the Discretionary Fund Petty Cash Account: \$32 to provide nine admission fees to Teen Center activities as recommended by the Community Social Worker.

Local Aid

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was agreed to take direction from the Massachusetts Municipal Association with regard to estimating local aid relative to budget preparation because of its extensive experience and knowledge. Mr. Thompson will be attending a Massachusetts Managers Association meeting in the near future and will update the Board relative to the subject of local aid at that time.

Red Cross Month

In response to a January 31, 1991 letter from American Red Cross Chairman, West Area Council, Frederick H. Grein, Jr., it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim the month of March 1991 as American Red Cross Month.

The Executive Secretary will contact the Red Cross relative to the availability of a Red Cross flag.

Research Ctr./Well No. 5 - DEP

The Board acknowledged receipt of a February 4, 1991 communication from Stephen M. Johnson, Acting Section Chief, Site Management Branch, Department of Environmental Protection, to Planning Board member L. M. Meixsell relative to

the Department's Sudbury priorities and its inability to provide personnel to oversee the remedial response actions at the Research Center in the vicinity of Well No. 5. This letter will be forwarded to counsel for the Water District.

FOCUS

The Board acknowledged letter of Sue W. Pettengill, FOCUS, dated January 28, 1991, to the Sudbury Water District Commissioners requesting that additional analysis be performed for tentatively identified volatile organic compounds in wells 3 and 8. The Board requested that Executive Secretary Thompson communicate the Board's support of Ms. Pettingell's request to the District. Mr. Thompson informed that he has spoken with the Water District Superintendent relative to same.

DPW - Intersection Reconstruction

The Board acknowledged letter of Joseph A. Fanale, Director, Right of Way Bureau, Massachusetts Department of Public Works, dated January 31, 1991, relative to improvements at Haynes Rd., Union Ave. and Concord Rd., and Peakham Rd. intersections which have been approved as a Federal Aid Project. In response, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To designate Town Engineer I. William Place as coordinator/liaison to work with the Community Compliance Section of the Right of Way Bureau relative to this project.

Water District Budget

Mr. Thompson confirmed that the Water District proposed FY92 Budget includes \$20,000 to test for new wells and that \$20,000 is also available in this year's budget.

Gulf War - Group Support Meetings

Executive Secretary Thompson informed that he has approved use of the Town Hall on a weekly basis as a meeting place for those persons affected by the war in the Gulf and in need of support. The meetings are sponsored by the Middle East Crisis Psychology Network and several area psychologists will participate in the program for Sudbury and surrounding communities.

Raytheon Communications Tower

Executive Secretary Thompson informed that placement of the Raytheon tower, presently located by permit on Concord Road, at the Sanitary Landfill is currently on hold and may not go forward.

Recodification

Selectman Cope stated that discussion at the Planning Board hearing on various zoning articles funds emphasized the need for recodification of the Town Bylaws and suggested that funding for such should be placed in the Long Range Capital Expenditures Plan. Mr. Thompson informed that the method to do so would be for the Board or the Town Clerk to submit the proposal for inclusion in a future submission.

West Way Hills Subdivision

The Board acknowledged letter dated September 21, 1990, received this week, from the Committee to Complete the West Way Hills petitioning for resolution of outstanding issues involved with the West Way Hills Subdivision. Chairman Cope informed that many of the issues have already been resolved and noted that the Town Engineer, Town Planner, and Assistant Town Counsel will be discussing those remaining and report will be forthcoming.

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

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk