

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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 Judith A. Cope at 7:45 p.m., at the Fairbank Community Center.

Unisys

Present: J. Cary Parsons, George L. Wiegele, Ann Tishbein, all of Woodard & Curran Inc.; Ralph Tyler; Planning Board member Lael M. Meixsell, Sudbury Water District Commissioner Robert Sheldon, residents Hank Tober and James Occhialini; Concord Board of Health member Claire Lawton; Concord Unisys Committee member Judith Sprott.

Chairman Cope convened a meeting with Woodard & Curran Inc., consultants, concerning the Unisys property and she introduced J. Cary Parsons of Woodard & Curran Inc. to speak.

Mr. Parsons introduced the Woodard & Curran team that would be working on the Unisys project for the Town of Sudbury: George L. Wiegele, who will be the project manager, and Ann Tishbein, who is an environmental scientist.

Mr. Parsons next utilized a map that had been supplied by Leggette, Brashears & Graham, in order to highlight the areas of concern; especially the area surrounding Well #5.

Mr. Parsons explained that it is still too early in the process to speak definitively about the contamination issues, but believes that additional wells may be required for testing. He continued to say that he has found Leggette, Brashears & Graham to be cordial and forthright, which he feels is a reelection of Unisys Corporation.

Mr. Parsons concluded his presentation by stating that Woodard & Curran will be receiving a plan from Leggette, Brashears & Graham as to how they propose to lay out wells and run the pumping test. When received and reviewed, Mr. Parsons stated, they will be better prepared to make recommendations on the Town's behalf.

Ann Tishbein, Environmental Scientist, and George L. Wiegele, Project Manager, each made a small presentation concerning the issues and their hope to provide direction for the Town.

There followed a short question-and-answer period, whereby the Selectmen and members of the audience were able to voice specific questions and concerns relative to the process. Concord Board of Health member Claire Lawton and Concord Unisys committee person Judith Sprott voiced their concern about Concord not being fully informed on developments; and the Selectmen assured that Concord has been and will be kept fully apprised of developments as they occur.

Chairman Cope thanked Woodard & Curran for its presentation and invited them back on a regular basis as developments occur.

Town Cemeteries

Present: Superintendent of Cemeteries Robert A. Noyes.

At 8:30 p.m., Chairman Cope convened a meeting with Superintendent of Cemeteries relative to his proposal dated February 22, 1991, for increasing cemetery fees.

Mr. Noyes reiterated points made in his letter; specifically that Sudbury has not increased its cemetery fees since 1977, and although he cannot predict with any real certainty the number of lots that will be needed in a given year, he does believe that within the next five to ten years there will be a major problem with space in our Town cemeteries.

Recognizing the economic strains being felt by many residents in these fiscally unsound times, Mr. Noyes suggested that rather than raise the fees from the current \$125.00 to the proposed \$300.00, the Selectmen could adopt a two-step phase or some similar plan.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To release the report prepared by Superintendent of Cemeteries Robert A. Noyes dated February 22, 1991, to the public; to direct Town Counsel to prepare a draft vote concerning an increase in the Town's current fee structure and its implementation of same; and to request the Executive Secretary to place this matter on the agenda when said draft vote is prepared.

Earth Day

Present: Myke Farricker, General Manager, Longfellow Tennis and Fitness Club; Lloyd Simon of Walden Radio 1120.

At 8:40 p.m., the Selectmen considered the question of granting permission to the 1991 Earth Day Celebration Committee to close Old County Road and Water Row in Sudbury between Route 20 and Route 27 on April 21, 1991, from 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of holding organized activities planned for the Earth Day Celebration, as set forth in a communication dated February 25, 1991, from Committee member Janet Silva.

Lloyd Simon of Walden Radio 1120 handed the Selectmen copies of a proposed flyer that is intended to be used for advertising "Earth Day Celebration & Expo" to be held April 21, 1991, from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Longfellow Tennis & Fitness Club. Mr. Simon and Myke Farricker, General Manager of the Club, both gave an enthusiastic outline of the activities planned and the need to have the public ways closed at the requested locations in order to assure the safety and success of this venture.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant permission to the 1991 Earth Day Celebration Committee to close Old County Road and Water Row in Sudbury between Route 20 and Route 27 on April 21, 1991, from 12:00 Noon to 2:30 p.m., for the purpose of holding organized activities planned for the Earth Day Celebration; and to request the Executive Secretary to communicate with the Town of Wayland concerning same.

Sudbury Earth Week

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim the week of April 21 to April 27, 1991, as SUDBURY EARTH WEEK, and to designate April 21, 1991 as EARTH DAY and April 27, 1991, as SPRING CLEANUP DAY.

Utility Petition No. 91-1 - August Road

At 8:45 p.m., Chairman Judith A. Cope convened a public hearing to consider Utility Petition No. 91-1 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for two pole locations in August Road in order to provide electric service to a new home at No. 39 August Road.

Executive Secretary Thompson noted that all appropriate abutters had been notified and approval had been recommended by the Inspector of Buildings John B. Hepting and Wiring Inspector Warren E. Boyce under date of February 13, 1991.

There being no one present who voiced objection, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition No. 91-1 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to install two poles P/28/9, P/28/10 on August Road, as follows: westerly side approximately 15 feet south of October Road, One pole; and easterly side approximately 92 feet south of October Road, One pole, as shown on plan of Boston Edison Company entitled "Plan of Private Property & August Rd. Sudbury", dated November 15, 1990.

Borrowing Authorization

Present: Town Treasurer and Collector Chester Hamilton.

At 8:50 p.m., Chairman Cope convened a meeting with Town Treasurer and Collector Chester Hamilton on the question of authorizing borrowing.

Mr. Hamilton amended his letter request dated March 1, 1991, to reflect an amount of \$100,000 required for the School Architectural and Design Fees (4/4/88 STM Art. 4), and \$1,100,000 required for the Nixon/Noyes project (10/17/89 STM Art. 5); but noted that the total requested remains at \$1,200,000.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve borrowing a total of \$1,200,000 on March 20, 1991, with a maturity date of October 1, 1991, for the above-stated projects.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of February 25, 1991, as presented.

Wild and Scenic River Study Committee - Appointment

The Board reviewed communication dated February 21, 1991, from Frances Clark reporting on formation of the Wild and Scenic River Study Committee for the Sudbury River and making application for appointment to same.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enthusiastically endorse the application of Frances Clark for appointment to the Wild and Scenic River Study Committee; and to express the Selectmen's intention to appoint Ms. Clark to said Committee when nomination letter from the Department of the Interior is received.

Handicapped Compliance Coordinator - Appointment

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Inspector of Buildings John B. Hepting as the Town's Handicapped Compliance Coordinator, for the purpose of coordinating services and information for persons with disabilities.

Woods Edge Childcare

Upon review of communication dated February 5, 1991, from Woods Edge Childcare Director Jackie Downing requesting permission to locate directory signs at the intersection of Landham and Woodside Roads for its center at Loring School, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To refer the matter of request from Woods Edge Childcare for location of its signs on public property to Inspector of Buildings John B. Hepting for investigation and recommendation.

At the request of the Selectmen, Executive Secretary Thompson will communicate with Ms. Downing to let her know that the Board is concerned with setting a precedent by allowing private signs to be placed on public property.

Loring School

Chairman Cope raised the suggestion that it might be an appropriate time to start rediscussing disposition of the Loring School. Executive Secretary Thompson will take on this matter as a summer project and report back to the Board.

Rescheduling Board's meetings and Warrant Review

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To reschedule the Board's meeting and Warrant Review from March 27 to March 26, 1991; and to reschedule regular meetings during Town Meeting commencing April 1 to be held at 7:00 p.m. each night prior to Town Meeting in the Library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Executive Session Meeting Scheduled March 12, 1991

Relative to the meeting of March 12 called by Finance Committee Chairman John Ryan to discuss collective bargaining in relation to the Town's financial condition, the question came up as to whether this meeting should be held in open session rather than executive session. The Executive Secretary was asked to contact Labor Relations Counsel Richard Murphy and Mr. Ryan concerning same.

Legal Services Review Committee Meeting

The Selectmen reviewed a request of the Legal Services Review Committee for their attendance at a meeting on March 6. It was confirmed by the Executive Secretary that the meeting would be held in the Flynn Building and that a notice of the location had been sent to them about a week earlier. Also the Board agreed that they would speak as individuals relative to the prepared questions that had been given them.

Brookline Local Aid Meeting

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported on a meeting held at the Brookline Town Hall, which was well attended. He stated approximately ninety communities have responded in support of Brookline's pursuit of level-funded local aid and many more have indicated that they will do so. Very constructive and pointed data was presented by Brookline Town Counsel David Lee Turner in support of local aid level funding and copies of the same will be mailed to cities and towns. It was agreed by the Board that this material may provide good information to be used by the Selectmen in its opening statement at Town Meeting. Mr. Thompson further reported that the Brookline Selectmen have made it very clear that they intend to initiate suit if cities and towns are not level funded.

Use of Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds

Chairman Cope questioned whether or not Mr. Noyes' memorandum relative to using monies from perpetual care funds to rehire temporary laborers if cut by Town Meeting had been resolved. Executive Secretary Thompson responded that the Finance Committee discussed the subject briefly and it awaited opinion from Town Counsel.

Town Treasurer and Collector Vacancy

Chairman Cope reviewed memorandum from the Executive Secretary concerning steps taken to date to replace retiring Town Treasurer and Collector Chester Hamilton and questioned again whether Mr. Thompson involved James Vanar, Town Accountant, and Mr. Hamilton on the review process and he replied that he has already consulted both on the same.

Unisys Purchase

On the matter of the pro and con list being developed on the Unisys land purchase, Chairman Cope added that she has learned that an executive golf course might be a very appropriate use down the road to help defray the cost of purchase.

Group Health Insurance

Chairman Cope asked the Board if they were interested in pursuing a policy to give medical insurance benefits to employees who work less than twenty hours on a pro rata basis. As requested, Executive Secretary Thompson stated he will look into the same but believes it is not possible to do so because of statutory restriction.

School Superintendent Search

Chairman Cope updated the Board on her involvement in the Superintendent search, which has been narrowed to five candidates and a decision is expected on March 20.

Senator Durand Meeting

Chairman Cope report on the meeting with Senator Durand at the Flynn Building last Wednesday at 8 a.m. which was attended by Selectman Drobinski and Executive Secretary Thompson. Discussion revolved around local aid, the issue of lessening Proposition 2½ restrictions, and closing and/or consolidating state colleges, and diminution of redundant personnel.

Dr. Bill Adelson Toddler Park

The acknowledged receipt of a memorandum dated March 4, 1991, from the Park and Recreation Commission in which it informed the Board that the Commission has voted to name the Toddler Park at Haskell Field the Dr. William J. Adelson Toddler Park in recognition of Dr. Adelson's many years of devoted service to the Town of Sudbury.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To endorse the action of the Park and Recreation Commission to name the Toddler Park at Haskell Field the Dr. Bill Adelson Toddler Park [later amended to the "Dr. Bill Adelson Toddler Park"].

Executive Session

At 9:25 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to discuss discretionary funds expenditures.

(Chairman Cope, aye; Selectman Wallace, aye; Selectman Drobinski, aye).

Chairman Cope 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 9:30 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk