

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 1992

Present: Chairman John C. Drobinski, Judith A. Cope and Lawrence L. Blacker.

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

Reorganization of the Board

Selectman Drobinski formally introduced and welcomed new Selectman Lawrence L. Blacker to the Board.

On motion by Selectman Cope, it was unanimously

VOTED: To elect John C. Drobinski Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and it was further

On motion by Selectman Drobinski, unanimously

VOTED: To elect Judith A. Cope Vice-Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and it was further

VOTED: To designate Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson Clerk for the Board of Selectmen.

With regard to meeting times and place, on motion by Chairman Drobinski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue meeting bimonthly at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairbank Senior Center.

Utility Petition 92-5 - Puffer Lane

Present: Mr. Edmund Kelly, Boston Edison Company.

The Board convened a public hearing to consider Utility Petition 92-5 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for placement of conduit in Puffer Lane a distance of approximately 7 ft., at Pole 13/5.

Executive Secretary Thompson reported that all abutters and Town officials have been properly notified and a report dated April 24, 1992, recommending approval had been received from the Wiring and Building Inspectors.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated April 6, 1992, from Boston Edison stating that this construction was requested by the owner at 22 Puffer Lane in order to change service from overhead to underground.

On motion by Selectman Cope, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign Utility Petition #92-5 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the

Town: **Puffer Lane** (Pole 135/5) - southeasterly approximately 520 feet north of Haynes Road, a distance of about 7 feet - conduit, as shown on New England Telephone and Telegraph Company No. 92-4 plan for Conduit.

Initiatives for Change Program Subcommittees

Present: Roy Sanford, Finance Committee Chairman.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated March 26, 1992 from Mr. Sanford with regard to the establishment of subcommittees for the Initiative for Change Program. Mr. Sanford reported that he has obtained approval of this letter, which requests any recommendations for each initiative be made by mid-November, which is three months from the date of recommendations to be included in the budget process for FY94.

Mr. Sanford requested the Board take time to complete and approve the liaisons and members for each subcommittee, since he would like to send the letter to all volunteers for the subcommittees as soon as possible. The liaisons will be responsible for calling the first meeting of each subcommittee.

The Initiative for Change Program liaisons and subcommittee members are completed as follows:

Privatization - Roy Sanford, Finance Committee Liaison

Robert Maher, Lincoln Anderson, Robert Cala

Local Revenue Enhancement - Mike Fitzgerald, Finance Committee Liaison

Robert Cusack, Betsy Nikula, Mary Ellen Normen Dunn, Joseph Kline, David Asheim

Joint Town/School Sharing of Administrative Services - Lawrence Blacker, Board of Selectmen Liaison, and Karen Anderson-Palmer, Finance Committee Liaison

John Wilson, Terri Ackerman, Eric Elfman, Mary Ellen Dunn

Possible Creation of Public Works Department - John Drobinski, Board of Selectmen Liaison

Robert Noyes, Gerald Berenson

Increasing Volunteerism - Judith Cope, Board of Selectmen Liaison

Ursula Lyons, Fred Haberstroh, Gerald Minehan

Centralized/Regionalized Purchasing Programs - James Vanar, Finance Committee Liaison

David Palmer, Cathy Minehan, Sidney Wittenberg

Mr. Sanford commented that he would have Finance Committee Secretary Jan Wheeler draft a contact list which will include all the names and addresses of those volunteering to serve on each subcommittee, to send to the liaison of that committee.

Space Planning Group

Executive Secretary Thompson informed that the Space Planning Group has had one meeting, and since Selectman Cope has expressed a strong interest in serving in this group, suggested she be the member of the Board to serve as Chairman. On the recommendations of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To elect Selectman Cope to be the Selectmen's liaison to the Space Planning Group and to Chair the same.

The Board further agreed that Secretary Thompson would serve as staff to the Space Planning Group in the capacity of Coordinator.

Landscaping - Fire Headquarters

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated April 9, 1992 from Fire Chief Michael Dunne with regard to landscape quotes received from three area nurseries, and his decision to award the bid to Sudbury Nurseries, Inc. for a total amount of \$4535.50.

Selectman Cope commented she thought this seemed like a large amount of money to be spent at this time.

Secretary Thompson responded if there is any question by the Board with regard to the landscape award and the amount of money, the vote should be held for a future meeting in order to give the Fire Chief and members of the Permanent Building Committee an opportunity to respond.

Ms. Cope stated she would like to hear comments from the Finance Committee, if any are to be made.

Mr. Sanford responded the dollars for the landscaping would come out of the original bond dollars, and he would be receptive to discussing it at the next Finance Committee meeting on May 14, 1992. Mr. Sanford explained that he is not that familiar with this issue and cannot take a position at this time, but does not have a problem making a recommendation on any matter of financial importance to the Town.

Selectman Drobinski commented that the Town requires private developers to do landscaping on their site plans and thinks the Fire Headquarters will need some landscaping.

Mr. Thompson concluded that there was not sufficient information available at this meeting with regard to the original landscape plan, and whether the Historic Districts Commission approved the plan. Mr. Thompson further questioned why the Board would transfer the decision to the Finance Committee and if it were a proper procedure to do so.

Selectman Cope responded since it is such a large expenditure, she wanted to have their input.

Executive Secretary Thompson requested the Board's permission to reschedule this agenda item when Fire Chief Dunne and the Permanent Building Committee can be present. Selectman Cope concurred and added that she would like Historic Districts Commission and Finance Committee comments as well.

Group Health Insurance - Plumbing Inspector

Present: Bobbi Slomski, Secretary Building Department, Howard Porter, Plumbing Inspector; Chairman Roy Sanford, Finance Committee; Treasurer/Collector Mary Ellen Dunn.

The Board is in receipt of the following past communications with regard to the Plumbing Inspector's Group Health Insurance: Communication addressed to Selectman Cope dated August 8, 1990 from David M. Mandel, Chairman, Personnel Board; Communication to Mr. Porter dated January 9, 1991 from Executive Secretary Thompson requesting Mr. Porter to document the number of hours spent working for the Town; Communication addressed to Mr. Thompson dated January 14, 1991 from Building Inspector Jack Hepting responding to Mr. Thompson's letter to Mr. Porter; and communication to Mr. Porter dated March 13, 1991 from Secretary Thompson stating Mr. Porter's insurance coverage is under further review.

Because this issue has recently resurfaced, Mr. Hepting responded in a communication dated April 27 to the Board of Selectmen reiterating his comments from his communication dated January 14, 1991 that the nature of Mr. Porter's job is cyclical depending on the building industry, and in light of Mr. Porter's longevity of service with the Town, he recommends the Board continue Mr. Porter's compensation package.

Selectman Cope stated the letter from Mr. Mandel noted that Mr. Porter does not have 20 hours per week documented and is therefore ineligible for insurance benefits, even though there is evidence to the contrary from the Building Department. Ms. Cope further stated the issue is the 20 hours, and either he is eligible or not depending on the number of hours worked.

Selectman Blacker informed that he has reviewed CH32B and interprets it to mean the Town is required to offer benefits for someone working 20 hours or more but does not stipulate one way or another about offering benefits for someone working 20 hours or less. Mr. Blacker understands that this would be at the Town's discretion.

Selectman Cope reported that it was suggested at Town Meeting that benefit packages be listed according to the different departments for information and accountability.

Chairman Drobinski stated he had no problem with doing that, but the Finance Committee needs to view it in light of its budgetary process.

Secretary Thompson commented that the two positions currently being discussed--Plumbing Inspector--and Town Counsel--would be listed/noted in their respective budgets in the future.

Mr. Sanford stated he would not want to risk breaching confidentialities with regard to chosen health programs. Treasurer/Collector Mary Ellen Dunn responded information shown on the Warrant with regard to budgeted benefits for each department would not be a breach of confidentiality--but would

if individual deductions were documented. Mr. Sanford requested a clarification of what constitutes a breach of confidentiality.

Mr. Thompson responded the Finance Committee has discussed this idea with the Town Accountant in the recent past, and concluded not to do so.

Mrs. Slomski reported that, at the present time, 20 hours would be the lowest--the Plumbing Inspector's activities have been about 30 per cent higher the past three months.

Chairman Drobinski explained the Board is not questioning Mr. Porter's hours, but needs to resolve the issue of providing health insurance dependent on number of hours worked. Mr. Drobinski further stated all questions need to be addressed.

Group Health Insurance - Town Counsel

Selectman Cope reiterated the issue of hours is the same in this case and asked if Mr. Kenny documents his hours.

Mr. Thompson responded that under the new plan they are being documented.

Mr. Blacker again commented that according to his reading of CH32B the Town can vote to provide for those working less than 20 hours if they so choose.

It was the consensus of the Board to table further discussion of Group Health Insurance for Town Counsel and the Plumbing Inspector. Selectman Cope stated she would further review the issue with Personnel Board Chairman David Mandel, Labor Relations Counsel Richard Murphy and the State.

Bullfinch's Restaurant - Entertainment License

The Board is in receipt of an Application for License for Public Entertainment, dated March 11, 1992, from Margaret Richardson, d/b/a Bullfinch's, 730 Boston Post Road, to allow her to have a one to four piece light jazz combo between the hours of 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evenings.

Executive Secretary Thompson reported that all abutters and Town officials were notified.

On the recommendation of the Building Inspector, Fire Chief and Health Director, it was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Application for License for Public Entertainment, submitted by Margaret Richardson, d/b/a Bullfinch's, 730 Boston Post Road, for a one to four piece jazz combo, between the hours of 6 p.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday evenings, subject to permanent removal of a table in the restaurant that is blocking the rear exit.

Melone Property - Order of Taking

With regard to the Order of Taking for the Melone Property, Selectman Cope questioned comments stated in paragraphs 1 and 3 on Page 116 of the Town Meeting proceedings dated April 10, 1991 with regard to contamination issues.

Chairman Drobinski informed that Town Engineer William Place and Health Director Robert Leupold took soil samples from the property and the results came out relatively clean. Mr. Drobinski stated that traces of chemicals are present, but they are probably from natural background and that none exceed levels for DEP action or clean up action. Mr. Drobinski continued that the ground water test was good and visually showed on a map the water flowing away from the Melone Property, and explained that chances of ground water contamination from known contaminated sites off the property are slim.

On recommendation of the Executive Secretary, and on motion by Chairman Drobinski, it was unanimously

VOTED: Pursuant to Article 36 of the 1991 Annual Town Meeting, to adopt an Order of Taking and award damages thereunder in the amount of \$900,000 to acquire for general municipal purposes the property located off Rt. 117, North Road, in Sudbury, shown as Parcels 1, 2 and 100 on Sudbury Town Property Maps C11 and C12 and containing approximately 30.2 acres of land, owned by Anthony J. Melone and Daniel G. Melone, Trustees, Concord-Sudbury North Realty Trust; and to accept, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury, deed of Anthony J. Melone and Daniel G. Melone, Trustees, Concord-Sudbury North Realty Trust, of approximately 16.4 acres of land located in the Town of Concord and shown as Parcel 3419 on Concord Town Property Map E15, upon execution by the Grantors, for consideration in the amount of \$100,000 to be paid by the Town of Sudbury therefor.

And it was further, unanimously

VOTED: To request the Sudbury Board of Assessors to abate the balance of taxes for FY92 and thereafter to the Melone Property specified in the above vote.

Sherman's Bridge - Funding for Reconstruction

Present: Robert A. Noyes, Highway Surveyor, and Mary Ellen Dunn, Treasurer/Collector.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated April 21, 1992 from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes to Treasurer/Collector Mary Ellen Normen Dunn requesting the Board re-vote to increase the amount needed to borrow for the reconstruction of Sherman's Bridge. Mr. Noyes explained the reason for this new amount is based on the bids that have been received. In addition, certain changes may need to be made which would incur additional expense. Mr. Noyes cited the guard rail on the bridge as a possible change because it has to conform to State standards.

Selectman Cope asked to be updated with regard to the Wayland Zoning Board of Appeals' communication concerning the bridge. Mr. Noyes responded that most problems have been eliminated or agreed to in a pre-construction conference. Mr. Noyes continued that the Conservation Commissions from both Towns were present and the contractor made it very clear that he will be working very closely with them.

With regard to the exact number of changes yet to be made and the costs involved, Mr. Noyes could not estimate it exactly, but he assured the Board there would be sufficient funds to cover them. Mr. Noyes further commented that it is the intention of the contractor to build from the Sudbury side, and construction would begin in June and complete in about 12 weeks.

The construction firm of D'Agostino Associates, Inc. was the low bidder and awarded this project according to Mr. Noyes, and at present the Town is awaiting a letter from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works before commencing further.

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, and motion of Chairman Drobinski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To amend the amount authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen on January 6, 1992 to be borrowed in reimbursement anticipation notes to pay for reconstruction of Sherman's Bridge, from \$129,020 to \$161,250 at the request of the Town Treasurer and Collector pursuant to the April 21, 1992 communication from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes.

Town's Pavement Management Program

Present: Robert A. Noyes, Highway Surveyor and Mary Ellen Dunn, Treasurer/Collector.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated April 21, 1992 from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes to Treasurer/Collector Mary Ellen Normen Dunn requesting the Board's approval to borrow funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the Pavement Management Program.

The Board further acknowledged receipt of Chapter 90 Project Request dated January 2, 1991 and a communication dated January 8, 1991 from the District Highway Engineer granting approval to establish a Pavement Management Program with State participation at 100% for \$50,000. Mr. Noyes explained this program had been set up a few years ago and several communities went out to bid on this program. He further explained there have been a few changes with regard to engineering and, while he was involved in the bid process, he never awarded a bid for this project.

Mr. Noyes stated this project will give the Town a tool to measure everything the Town has in place with regard to surfacing the roads. He further explained it will include breakdowns in the data base of the computer to help forecast long and short range spending with regard to surface treatments of the roads. The intention is to have it all accomplished through a consultant, according to Mr. Noyes, and the Highway Department will then keep it updated.

Selectman Blacker asked what the cost for anticipation notes would be.

Treasurer/Collector Dunn responded somewhere around 3 to 4 per cent, and it would be part of the bonding expense.

Executive Secretary Thompson reported that he, Town Planner Jody Kablack, Town Engineer I. William Place, and Conservation Coordinator Debbie Montemerlo had been requested by Boston Edison to attend a meeting last week regarding Auto Cad Mapping. Sudbury will be one of the next Towns to

have an aerial survey by Edison. Boston Edison welcomes sharing its data base with Sudbury at a minimum of cost and Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Noyes to look into the same.

Selectman Cope asked if comparative bids are being obtained and Mr. Noyes responded he is in the process of getting bids out now.

On motion by Chairman Drobinski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Town Treasurer and Collector to borrow \$50,000 in reimbursement anticipation notes in conjunction with DPW MA#33304 for the Town's Pavement Management Program (approximately 150 miles of roads) pursuant to the April 21, 1992 communication from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes.

Reserve Fund Transfer - 92-12

Present: Treasurer/Collector Mary Ellen Normen Dunn.

Ms. Dunn reported the Town started receiving charges for FDIC Insurance in September of last year. Ms. Dunn inquired about these charges and was told the banks are now forced to make these charges because of increased insurance costs. In an effort to be informed of these charges and the best rates, Ms. Dunn explained that charges are now being itemized in the bid process and the bids will be two-year contracts.

On the recommendation of Chairman Drobinski, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 92-12, dated April 14, 1992, in the amount of \$1,300.00 for Treasurer/Collector account 562-210, necessitated by unanticipated FDIC Insurance premium costs on BayBank payroll and vendor accounts.

Council on Aging - Van Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$183.00 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.

Use of Town Common - July 4th Celebration

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the use of the Town Common during the July 4th celebration for a Sudbury Woman's Club pie sale as requested by Corresponding Secretary Marion C. Stanley, under date of April 15, 1992.

Communication from Theodore A. Barten

The Board acknowledged a communication dated April 13, 1992 from Town resident Theodore A. Barten to the Board of Selectmen with regard to his comments about Town Spending.

Selectman Cope commented that the Board might suggest to Mr. Barten that he serve on one of the Initiatives for Change committees. Mr. Thompson will send a listing of the same.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the regular session minutes of April 14, 1992, as drafted.

Park and Recreation Commissioner - Resignation

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated March 31, 1992 from Dr. Gerald Berenson resigning from his elected position of Park and Recreation Commissioner effective following April Town Meeting. In addition the Board received a communication dated April 17, 1992 from Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Patricia Burkhardt stating the Commission's desire to be included in the selection process for replacements on the Commission of Dr. Berenson and Robert Maher, whose resignation will be forthcoming, and requesting a meeting with the Board to determine the process.

Selectman Cope stated she would like to advertise for the above vacancy and attempt to attract some younger people.

Selectman Blacker asked if a prepared list of committees and boards, their functions and criteria were available to the residents of the Town in order that the residents may be aware of how they can serve the Town. Since nothing like this is available, Selectman Cope suggested this might be a good project for the League of Women Voters.

Selectman Cope suggested the Board meet with the Park and Recreation Commission as requested by Mrs. Burkhardt to determine the process for selection. Secretary Thompson replied he would call Mrs. Burkhardt to clarify what she meant in her communication.

On the recommendation of Chairman Drobinski, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge the resignation of Park and Recreation Commissioner Gerald Berenson, dated March 31, 1992, effective at the close of the Annual Town Meeting, and to send Dr. Berenson a letter thanking him for his service to the Town by serving on the Park and Recreation Commission.

Building Inspector Vehicle - Disposal and Replacement

At the request of Building Inspector John B. Hepting in a communication dated April 14, 1992, and a communication from Police Chief Peter B. Lembo dated April 10, 1992, with regard to use of a Town Vehicle by the Building Inspector, and on the recommendation of Executive Secretary Thompson, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: In accordance with Art. XII of the Town of Sudbury Bylaws, to approve the request of Building Inspector John B. Hepting, dated April 14, 1992, to dispose of the Inspector's motor vehicle as a junk vehicle--value less than \$100.00--and transfer a 1985 unmarked cruiser from the Police Department to the Building Department, as stated in the above communications.

Use of Municipal Vehicles and IRS Reporting Process

The Board acknowledged receipt of an undated communication from Town Accountant James Vanar regarding the processing of information necessary to calculate the employee benefit related to the use of Town vehicles; and a communication from Assistant Town Counsel David J. Doneski, dated April 23, 1992 regarding taxation of employer provided vehicles.

Executive Secretary Thompson recommended the Board concur with the recommendations of the Accounting and Town Counsel offices and encourage them to continue to work together.

Selectman Cope commented that if the above recommendations work, perhaps some of the LRPC Committee's concerns will diminish.

On The recommendation of Chairman Drobinski, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the above recommendations of the Town Accountant and Assistant Town Counsel relative to the IRS reporting process concerning the use of municipal vehicles, with the understanding that together the Town Accountant and Town Counsel will finalize procedure and implement same.

A copy of the above referenced communications will be forwarded to the Long Range Planning Committee.

AIDS - Press Release

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a press release concerning AIDS, as amended by Selectman Cope.

Lotus Blossom Restaurant - Site Lighting

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated April 21, 1992 from Building Inspector Jack Hepting regarding the Owner's request for additional site lighting at the Lotus Blossom Restaurant. Secretary Thompson reported he has had conversation with the Building Inspector and Boston Edison and recommends the additional site lighting because of concerns for safety and incidents of vandalism.

On the recommendation of the Building Inspector, and on motion of Selectman Blacker, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve additional site lighting at Lotus Blossom Restaurant, 394 Boston Post Road, to be installed under the direction of the Building Inspector and subject to amendment to the existing site plan

for the property as indicated in Mr. Hepting's memo dated April 21, 1992, to include this new lighting and lighting previously approved.

Local Official Bonds

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

VOTED: To set the sum of local official bonds as follows, and to authorize the Chairman to execute certification therefor:

Treasurer	\$150,000	Assistant Treasurer	\$37,500
Collector	\$150,000	Assistant Collector	\$37,500
Town Clerk	\$ 15,000		

World War II Commemorative Community

Present: Mary Jane Hillery, Veterans Advisory Committee.

Mary Jane Hillery asked the Board if they think the Town of Sudbury would like to be designated as a World War II Commemorative Community. Ms. Hillery explained she would be able to accomplish this if the Town so desires through the Commemorative Committee in Washington and Hanscom Military Installation. The advantages of being designated as a World War II Commemorative Community would include receiving World War II memorabilia and information and the privilege of the Armed Forces band to march in local parades.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To permit Mary Jane Hillery to proceed with the process of designating the Town of Sudbury as a World War II Commemorative Community.

John McMorrow - Chanticleer Road

Present: John McMorrow, Chanticleer Road.

Mr. John McMorrow requested opportunity to address the Board and presented the Selectmen with four hand-written pages of notes and questions concerning information desired in the Warrant, poor town meeting attendance, override questions, Finance Committee selection process, delinquent taxes and Minuteman School costs and focus.

Mr. John McMorrow informed that he has talked with several people in the Town who felt discouraged with the proceedings of Town Meeting. He continued that the reporting of the data in the Warrant should be simplified. Attendance at Town Meeting was a concern and Mr. McMorrow suggested ways to improve attendance--scheduling part of Town Meeting on weekends with a continuation during the week.

Mr. McMorrow stated he thought there is no detailed reporting of the ballot questions, and felt that perhaps it might be better to have the Town Meeting before the Ballot in order that people might be more knowledgeable with regard to the Ballot.

Several attempts were made by Mr. McMorrow to volunteer on the Finance Committee, according to Mr. McMorrow, but he explained he never received any acknowledgment for paper work submitted, or information regarding selection process. Mr. McMorrow thinks people should be informed regarding the selection process and the criteria for serving on the various committees.

Another concern of Mr. McMorrow's is the lack of affordable housing in Sudbury, and the concern that many people cannot afford to live in Sudbury because of the high taxes. He believes that residents of the Town of Sudbury should receive a report on delinquent taxes, and does not agree with Barbara Gray's statement that the interest rate should be lowered on delinquent taxes. Mr. McMorrow strongly feels the interest rate on delinquent taxes should be higher than what the bank is lending to discourage people from building who have not paid their taxes.

Mr. McMorrow continued that Minuteman Regional Vocational School is not being utilized to its capacity and questioned why students in Sudbury are attending school there when they are funded by the State to attend the high school in Sudbury, and in addition questioned why the Town is paying for post-graduates to attend Minuteman.

Selectman Cope noted that Mr. Charles Schwager, a concerned resident of the Town, will be attending a Finance Committee meeting and is on the agenda to discuss the philosophy of the budget, and commented that Mr. McMorrow may wish to attend and be placed on the agenda as well.

With regard to Minuteman Regional Vocational School, Selectman Cope stated the Board has a new representative to that school and promised that the Board would examine Mr. McMorrow's concerns.

Chairman Drobinski expressed appreciation for Mr. McMorrow's comments and concerns, and explained the Board tries to balance what the citizens of the Town want, and, further, the Board is attempting to streamline and consolidate services in an effort to save money.

It was suggested to Mr. McMorrow that he become involved with an "Initiative for Change" committee, and Mr. McMorrow expressed his interest in working with the schools.

Grave Opening - Waived

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To waive the grave opening charges for George E. Mills, 293 Hudson Road, who recently passed away and contributed so much to the Town of Sudbury.

Lafayette Drive Reconstruction

Selectman Blacker asked Mr. Thompson if the Board should respond to a communication received and dated April 20, 1992 from Lafayette Drive area residents, Esther Brockman and Margaret Sifferlen,

in which they outline suggestions generated from the March 16, 1992 meeting with the Board regarding this intersection.

Executive Secretary Thompson responded that Town Engineer I. William Place is in the process of completing a plan and costs and would recommend the Board wait to hear from Mr. Place, at which time this issue will be placed on a future agenda.

Longfellow Glen - Traffic Signal

Selectman Cope expressed concern about communication received April 4, 1992 from a concerned resident of Longfellow Glen, requesting support for a pedestrian crossing signal, a handicap access ramp and a connecting sidewalk to be placed at 655 Boston Post Road, and Mr. Thompson's response.

Executive Secretary Thompson responded that his communication of April 15, 1992, to District Highway Engineer Laurinda T. Bedingfield, did not intend to recommend full traffic signalization (which is very unlikely to even be approved anyway) but was intended to give support for upgrading all pedestrian traffic in that area. Mr. Thompson will so inform District 4 so there is no misunderstanding.

Town Beautification - Garden Club

Selectman Cope informed she received a call from Sudbury Garden Club member Sue Kolb asking if there were something more the Club could do for the Town in addition to the plantings and care given the site at the Town landfill sign. Mrs. Cope reported that she suggested the planters on Concord Road--the intersections of Concord and Old Sudbury Road and the intersection of Concord Road and Rte. 20.

Hop Brook Resolution

In response to Town Meeting's resolution regarding phosphorus reduction in Hop Brook ponds, it was decided to send copies of this resolution to the Town of Marlborough, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and any other parties to this issue in order to speed up actions necessary for a final resolution by all parties involved.

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

Attest: Richard E. Thompson
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk