

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1992

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

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

New Town Cemetery

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated January 17, 1992 from John Lindgren, Acting Superintendent of Cemeteries, relative to a request from Paula E. Adelson, widow of deceased Dr. William Adelson, to sell back to the Town of Sudbury, Cemetery Lot 11B, (2) graves located in section 11 in the New Town Cemetery.

It was on motion unanimously,

VOTED: To approve the repurchase of two graves, Lot 11B, Section 11, in New Town Cemetery, deed #265, from the Estate of William J. Adelson, for the price of \$100 (\$25 from sale of Lots; \$75 from Perpetual Care).

Article 10

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the wording of Article 10, Finance Department Bylaw, and report therefor.

Fire Station - IRS

Executive Secretary Thompson reported that Town Counsel Paul Kenny, and Treasurer/Collector Mary Ellen Normen Dunn are pursuing an appeal if legally possible to the IRS ruling relative to the Fire Station borrowing.

Council on Aging

Executive Secretary Thompson reported that Daniel Claff, Council on Aging member, met with him to discuss the Council's budget concerns. Mr. Claff expressed concerns with regard to the programs instituted in the budget at the present time and the likelihood of these programs continuing with budget cutbacks.

Secretary Thompson explained that Mr. Claff requests the Board's support to keep the Council's programs ongoing and to consider the Council's needs and concerns if any additional funding should become available.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council

Executive Secretary Thompson reported he had received a phone call from David Soule, Director of the MAPC and confirmed with him that the annual assessment of \$3836 will be directed to MetroWest as indicated by Article 11 on the Warrant for Town Meeting,

Secretary Thompson confirmed with the Board that there will not be any funds earmarked for Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC), but the Town will be supporting this group by sending a representative to their meetings.

Finance Committee Meeting

Executive Secretary Thompson reported he and Selectman Drobinski attended the Finance Committee meeting held on Saturday, January 25, 1992. Secretary Thompson stated they responded to the Finance Committee's concerns regarding the proposed article for completion of certain walkways. According to Secretary Thompson, a previous article allows the completion of the walkway on Goodman's Hill Road to Green Hill Road, but an article is needed to authorize construction of an additional small walkway section on Peakham Road, to be done with available funds using past walkway Articles and the \$15,000 grant given to the Planning Board.

Selectmen Drobinski commented the Finance Committee's discussion was centered on finances of the Town and specifically how the Town operates and funds are expended, basically the Town's infrastructure and organization. Mr. Drobinski stated the Committee has been discussing Town consolidation and once they have formalized their ideas, will discuss it further with the Board of Selectmen.

One of the Finance Committee's main concerns, according to Selectmen Drobinski, is the budget process. The committee does not believe the Town budgets should be cutting from critical areas such as maintenance and personnel.

Reserve Fund Transfer - Building Department

With regard to a Reserve Fund Transfer Request dated January 21, 1992 from the Building Department in the amount of \$6,877 for the replacement of the Town Hall Boiler, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve and authorize Chairman Wallace to sign Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 92-6, dated January 21, 1992 for Building /Maintenance Acct. 340-320, in the amount of 6,877.00 to pay for new Town Hall boiler.

Massachusetts Office on Disability

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated January 22, 1992, from the Massachusetts Office on Disability relative to municipalities' responsibilities in carrying out the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations. In response to ADA's requirements, and on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To designate Town Building Inspector, Jack Hepting to carry out the requirements to ensure compliance with the ADA with regard to implementing the guidelines and making necessary structural changes and modifications, and it was further

VOTED: To designate Budget and Personnel Officer, Terri Ackerman to coordinate the evaluation and modifications to investigate complaints.

Executive Secretary Thompson explained that the Town has already adopted a grievance procedure, which is one of the requirements of the ADA, and stated he would present the Board with a copy of this procedure for review.

Town Vehicles

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated January 24, 1992 from Executive Secretary Thompson to Selectman Judith Cope with regard to her request for Town Vehicle information.

Selectman Cope requested Secretary Thompson set up a meeting with the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) in the near future to review and have an open discussion on the subject of authorization of use of vehicles. Ms. Cope would like to clarify the current auto policy adopted by the Board and confirmed in section 5 1-A that such wording does not imply automatic authorization to use vehicles currently assigned. Ms. Cope further requested Mr. Robert Cusack's attendance at this meeting or another member of the LRPC Committee.

Executive Secretary Thompson suggested this meeting be placed on the February 10, 1992 agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting.

Sherman's Bridge Project Water Quality Certification Form

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated January 14, 1992 from Robert Lancaster, Conservation Commission, to Robert Noyes, Highway Superintendent relative to the Commission's vote on the Water Quality Certification Form for Sherman's Bridge. The Conservation Commission voted not to sign the form because in the Commission's opinion the form was erroneously filled out. The Board asked Mr. Thompson to get more information and report back.

Conflict of Interest - School Committee Members

With regard to a classification change for school committee members, in order to avoid a conflict of interest in the case of Stephanie Cook, and in accordance with Chapter 268A of the General Laws of Massachusetts, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To classify the elected members of the Sudbury School Committee as Special Employees of the Town of Sudbury.

Washington Drive

Selectman Cope reported she is still receiving calls from residents on Washington Drive expressing their concerns relative to the Town's possible plans to change the traffic pattern on Rt. 20 as it enters the Washington Drive area.

Selectmen Cope had requested the Board of Selectmen's office send a copy of the latest request to alter the area to residents in the Washington Drive neighborhood, but noted that no explanatory data accompanied it and residents were confused.

Water District

In view of Dr. Chiang's latest report on "Water Distribution Facilities Analysis for Sudbury Water Distribution", revised March, 1991, Selectman Cope requested Executive Secretary Thompson up a meeting with the Sudbury Water District to review and discuss this report.

Sudbury Energy Project

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated January 22, 1992, from Robert Lancaster, Vice-Chairman of the Conservation Commission, in which the Commission recommends this project come before Town meeting for approval. Selectman Cope stated she agrees with the Commission's recommendation.

Selectman Drobinski raised concern about going to Town Meeting and usurping possible statutory rights; or are we changing bylaw requirements based on a proposed project.

Chairman Wallace commented that he thinks the Board should think about this because he feels the Board needs more information; that it is too early to make a decision that requires Town Meeting approval without looking at all the facts. Mrs. Cope would like the applicant to know now that there may be potential problems with the proposal.

Corley Complaint

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged receipt of the Fire Chief and Police Chief reports dated January 16 and January 24, 1992, respectively concerning the Corley complaint dated January 13, 1992, and directed the Executive Secretary to review the same and seek further clarification.

198th Town Forum

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Wallace convened the 198th Session of the Town Forum. Various representatives of the Town's boards and departments updated the Town on their activities, following which Town Forum was adjourned and refreshments and conversation was enjoyed by those present.

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

Wood-Davison House Restoration Task Force

Task Force member Karen Poll commented the Task Force is still interested in working with the Town for the establishment of a Town museum.

Executive Secretary Thompson stated a member of the Wood Davison House Task Force as well as a member of the Historical Commission should be appointed to the Long Range Planning Committee's newly formed committee to evaluate and make specific recommendations relative to the use of Town Buildings. The Board agreed.

Planning Board

Selectmen Cope reported that she has learned an Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw may be implemented by amending the Planning Board subdivision rules and regulations.

However, it is the opinion of Planning Board member, Mr. Lael M. Meixsell, to proceed to Town Meeting any way.

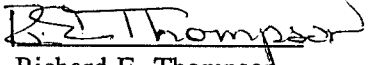
Non-Criminal Violations Procedure - Unlicensed Dogs

Selectmen Cope stated she believes a non-criminal violation procedure to enforce dog licensing is the right policy to adopt.

Executive Secretary Thompson commented that Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie asked to amend the Laws on this Article for the Warrant to Town Meeting stating that fines be compatible with other citations.

The Board of Selectmen asked Secretary Thompson to review the feasibility of Ms. MacKenzie's request and report back.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk