

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1993

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

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

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kickoff

Present: Margie Brooks, Media Manager for the Scouts in Sudbury; Laura McCarthy, Brownie Scout Troop #2488 Leader; Girl Scout Beth McCarthy and Brownie Amy McCarthy.

Beth McCarthy representing Girl Scout Troop #2468 and Amy McCarthy representing Brownie Troop #2488 presented the Board with Girl Scout cookies, officially announcing the Girl Scout cookie sale kickoff for 1993.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the regular session minutes of December 21, 1992 as amended by Selectman Cope and Selectman Blacker.

Council on Aging - Van Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$147.04 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.

Special Police Officer - Appointment

At the request of Police Chief Peter B. Lembo in a communication dated December 23, 1992, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint George T. Burney, 53A Lincoln Street, Hudson, MA, as a Special Police Officer for a term to expire April 30, 1993.

Donations and Grants to the Town - Acceptance

It was on motion unanimously to accept, on behalf of the Town, the following donations and grants:

1. A donation from Jonathan J. and Sue Sirota of \$100 to be deposited into the Selectmen's Discretionary Fund;

2. A grant from The Sudbury Foundation of \$235 to be expended under the direction of the Council on Aging to help finance a poetry writing workshop;
3. A Gamewell Master Box from Raytheon Company to be used by the Fire Department, as indicated in a communication dated October 13, 1992 from Kathleen P. Lynch, Manager, Community Relations, Raytheon, and a communication dated December 23, 1992 from Fire Chief Michael C. Dunne.
4. A grant to Fire District #14 from the Executive Office of Communities & Development in the amount of \$23,875 under the 1993 Municipal Incentive Grants Program (Application #IG-008-92A/B), to be used for training, communication equipment, regional purchasing system and computers for the district, indicated in a communication dated December 15, 1992 from Mary L. Padula, Secretary, Executive Office of Communities & Development and a communication dated December 28, 1992 from Fire Chief Michael C. Dunne.
5. Check #1516112 from the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association in the amount of \$27,923.07, to be deposited into the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account(s) used for Sudbury's Cemeteries, indicated in a communication dated December 23, 1992 from the Board of Directors of the Mount Pleasant Cemetery Association.

Selectman Cope asked if these funds would be used to hire summer help for mowing the cemeteries. Secretary Thompson responded that they cannot be used for those purposes unless approved by the Selectmen and voted at Town Meeting.

#### Proclamation - Troop 2 Day

In response to a communication received December 21, 1992 from Natick Lodge, No. 1425, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, in celebration of the 25th anniversary of Troop 2, Boy Scouts of America, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim March 4, 1993, Troop 2 Day in the Town of Sudbury, in recognition of the achievements and dedication of this organization in serving Sudbury's youth.

#### Recruit Training Program - Richard A. MacLean

Upon receipt of an application for enrollment in a Recruit Training Program from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Training Council, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the application for enrollment in a Recruit Training Program for Officer Richard A. MacLean, submitted by the Sudbury Police Department, Training Officer Sgt. Peter F. Fadgen.

#### Petition for Signs - Residents of Tavern Circle

The Board acknowledged receipt of a petition dated December 21, 1992 from all of the adult residents of Tavern Circle and Rose Way for the purpose of erecting two specific signs as follows:

1. A sign, at the entrance to Tavern Circle denoting that it is not a thru street and that it is a dead-end road.
2. A sign, also to be place at the entrance to Tavern Circle noting the presence of small children.

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

VOTED: To acknowledge receipt of a petition dated December 21, 1992, from residents of Tavern Circle, requesting traffic signs providing notice that Tavern Circle is a dead end and notice of the presence of small children; and to respond that Safety Officer Anthony Deldon has agreed with this petition and requested the Highway Department to install appropriate signs.

#### Park and Recreation Commission - Land Management Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of a Land Management and Use Report for 1992, dated December 18, 1992, from the Park and Recreation Commission relative to Heritage Park, Feeley Park, and Haskell Land.

With regard to the condition of the tennis courts at Feeley Park, Selectman Blacker expressed concerns as to why the Park and Recreation Commission is not taking a stronger position to obtain funding to renovate the courts. He would like to see the Commission be advocates for budget items that help improve the Town's facilities. Mr. Thompson stated that the courts were built incorrectly and there is an engineering problem involved because originally the courts were also planned to be used as an ice rink in the winter. While it has been difficult to obtain support for these renovations, according to Mr. Thompson, Selectman Blacker suggested that even resurfacing one court a year might be better than not doing anything.

Mr. Blacker commented that the same comments are expressed every year at Town Meeting with regard to the poor conditions of Town property and the fact that there are no funds for maintenance. He continued that management has a responsibility to push these issues before the voter.

Secretary Thompson suggested that he send a letter to the Park and Recreation Commission expressing Mr. Blacker's comments. According to Mr. Thompson funds were allocated at Town Meeting for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Featherland. A mental count was made of the number of tennis courts in Town by Mr. Blacker, and he concluded that for the number of courts in relation to the total population of the Town, it is not unreasonable to expect them to be in good playable condition, and he believes that every department should push for capital money, even if they are unsuccessful at receiving it.

Selectman Cope expressed concern over the dirty condition of the pond at Heritage Park and stated that a temporary remedy should not suffice. Mr. Thompson noted that there is much drainage to the pond and that in the past, a community effort was undertaken to clean it. Chairman Drobinski stated that he believes there is also an engineering problem involved with regard to the drainage. Mr. Thompson commented that he would talk with Park and Recreation Superintendent Mr. Jack Braim and Town Engineer I. William Place. He further commented that to clean the pond will require the use of heavy Highway equipment and that it has to be accomplished at the right time of year, to avoid other damage to the park.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept land management report, dated December 18, 1992, from the Park and Recreation Commission relative to Heritage Park, Feeley Park, and Haskell Land.

Special Town Election - Finance Committee Communication

Present: Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie; Finance Committee Chairman James W. Haughey.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated December 19, 1992, from Finance Committee Chairman James W. Haughey with regard to a possible override election to take place in the Spring of 1993. In response, Secretary Thompson recommended the Board of Selectman not take a position at this time, but accept the communication for informational purposes only.

Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie remarked, in response to the above communication and for informational purposes only, that the Town Clerk's budget for FY1993 does not include any appropriation for a special Town election. The amount of money requested and the amount appropriated for the Town Clerk's FY1993 budget shows a projected deficit of over \$4,000. Mrs. MacKenzie stated that, at some point, the Town Clerk's office will not be able to continue to be open full time. When this does happen, she does not know how the worker's hours will be reconfigured, but it will mean severe curtailments. Consequently, Mrs. MacKenzie continued, the office will not be able to prepare and conduct an election--the cost would be around \$5,000 and added to the deficit amount would total around \$9,000.

Secretary Thompson noted that the Selectmen were not aware a special Town election was being considered, and believes it too premature to think about an override at this time.

Selectman Cope remarked that she has received two telephone calls for requests to not consider an override in 1993 and incur the extra expense of an election.

Selectman Blacker asked Mrs. MacKenzie if it would be feasible to consider starting now to close the Clerk's office an hour a day in order to spread out the remaining funds rather than wait. Mrs. MacKenzie responded that right now the office is involved in preparing the census, working on the last election and is in the middle of working on dog licensing, all of which requires a full schedule. It was concluded that there were no easy answers.

Finance Committee Chairman James Haughey commented that the Finance Committee felt that the residents did not have all the facts with regard to expenditures that may be incurred for FY 1994, and wanted to give the Selectmen an opportunity to consider the possibility of an override, but that it is the opinion of the Committee that an override would have a better chance of passing if held after the Annual Town Meeting. Selectman Blacker asked what the time schedule is with regard to putting an override on the ballot. Mrs. MacKenzie stated that she would have to have the information by early February, but there would still be ample time to publicize it to the voters before Town Meeting.

1993 Annual Town Meeting - Articles

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

VOTED: To accept articles (35) received under the December 31 submission deadline for the 1992 Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

1993 Annual Town Meeting - Voting Equipment Article

Present: Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie.

Chairman Drobinski explained the purpose of the joint meeting with the Town Clerk is to discuss the 1993 Annual Town Meeting Article pertaining to the purchase of new voting equipment.

Mrs. MacKenzie presented pictures and information of the proposed Optech Voting System to the Board pointing out how the system operates. The cost for these units is \$5500 each and the Town would require five (5)--one per precinct, plus a backup. In addition, marking stations (booths) are required for the voters to mark their ballots in privacy. The General Laws require one marking station per 75 voters.

Mrs. MacKenzie commented that the marking stations are expensive and suggested the Town put out to bid for the construction of these stations, believing that this type of work may be attractive for a retired carpenter, and thus reduce the Town's cost of buying these stations from a supplier.

Mrs. MacKenzie continued that the total basic cost would be around \$47,000-\$52,000. Auxiliary costs or extra costs are always incurred with each election, i.e. programming, manpower, printing, materials, police detail, etc., depending on the election. According to Mrs. MacKenzie an election by precinct costs about \$1200 more to run than an election at a single location, because of the additional election officers, police detail, etc.

In support of this Optech Voting System, Mrs. MacKenzie noted that the costs related to this new system balance the costs of the existing system. There are 68 surrounding communities that are using this system currently without problems. She has done her own survey of the country in several states, and found that this system comes very highly recommended, and is the state of the art.

Selectman Blacker asked if the Town is organized for precinct voting, and it was noted by Mrs. MacKenzie that in Town Elections group voting exists now and not precinct voting which is what is being considered. The question of where to store the marking stations came up, and Mrs. MacKenzie responded that the existing voting equipment had its own special location in the Noyes School for storage, which was included in the original plan for the school, and that the new equipment will be stored wherever they designate the polling places which is determined by the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Blacker commented that this should be determined before Town Meeting.

Secretary Thompson commented that somehow the Town needs to establish precinct voting to eliminate many hours spent on solving problems each time an election is held. Mr. Thompson remarked that he will have to review storage possibilities for this new equipment, particularly for the marking stations which will need a permanent location for storage. Selectman Cope suggested the possibility of establishing two locations rather than four, thereby reducing costs and problems of storage. Mrs. MacKenzie sited several locations in Town to hold elections, and cautioned that traffic is always a problem, particular for the State elections.

Selectman Blacker asked why the ballots cannot be sent to residents and have them vote at home. Chairman Drobinski commented to Mr. Haughey that the Board will need the Finance Committee's support to be successful at Town Meeting. Mr. Haughey concurred that the situation in Town for voting

is not good, and this should be a high priority item, and to make it successful, all information must be complete and all questions answered prior to Town Meeting.

Selectman Cope asked for a list of all the possible locations for precinct voting and possible storage areas. It was noted that the old Fire Station could be used for storage. The question was asked if the general election could be held in more than one location and the Town election held in one location with the new system. Mrs. MacKenzie responded that this is a possibility, but that special mailings need to be made for any change made in the location, according to State law. Staffing one location is less expensive than staffing four, because the entire precinct needs to be manned with election workers, etc.

Mrs. MacKenzie remarked that she hopes the police expense for the elections is in the appropriate budget if additional police are needed, because she has never had police details in her budget before. Mr. Blacker asked if it is normal procedure to have the police present at polling locations. The law requires this, according to Mrs. MacKenzie, but constables may be used in addition to police.

Upon receipt of the Town Clerk's communication dated December 16, 1992 with regard to the Warrant Article - Voting Equipment, the above discussion, and recommended changes submitted by Selectmen Blacker and Cope, Secretary Thompson stated he would revise the warrant report and resubmit same to the Board and Town Clerk for final review.

#### 1993 Annual Town Meeting - Other Selectmen's Articles

##### **Article - Special Act - Voter Information**

Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie reported she has seen this Article but has not had an opportunity to meet with the Board of Registrars, but will be doing so tomorrow night and will report back to the Board.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Selectmen's Article - Special Act - Voter Information for its amended wording and report, including an amendment to the report by Selectman Cope.

##### **Article - Flynn Building & Town Hall Architectural Services**

Selectman Blacker asked how transferring ownership of the Loring Parsonage to the Sudbury Historical Society will save the Town money in the future. Mr. Thompson responded that the total cost of maintaining the building will become the responsibility of the Historical Society and will be funded by that organization.

In addition, Mr. Blacker submitted his comments with regard to rewording #3 - #5 of the reasons listed in the Article for proceeding to combine Town offices.

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

VOTED: To approve the Selectmen's Article - Flynn Building & Town Hall Architectural Services draft report subject to revisions by the Board.

**Article - Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.II.C - Add to Business District 12**

Subject to Chairman Drobinski's concerns with regard to this Article, and waiting to see what evolves from the scheduled hearing in the near future, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve report for Selectmen's Article - Amend Zoning Bylaw, Art. IX.II.C - Add to Business District 12, subject to later amendment.

Highway Department - Deficit Spending

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated December 28, 1992 from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes regarding deficit spending for snow and ice overtime and snow and ice materials. Selectman Blacker asked that the concept of deficit spending be clarified. Secretary Thompson explained that a recent law passed allows such deficit spending with approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. The reason for passing this law, continued Mr. Thompson, was to alleviate the problem of depleting reserve funds during unusual winters and having to call a special Town Meeting to obtain funds. The funds are put on the recap sheet the following year and the numbers, specifying snow and ice removal, are incorporated into the next year's tax rate.

On motion by Chairman Drobinski, it was unanimously

VOTED: To authorize emergency deficit expenditures, as allowed by G.L.c.44, sec. 31D, for snow and ice removal, pursuant to request of Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes, dated December 28, 1992, up to the amount of \$30,000 (\$15,000 for Snow and Ice Overtime 420-120 and \$15,000 for Snow and Ice Materials 420-301).

Reserve Fund Transfer Request

In response to a communication dated December 16, 1992 from Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie, with regard to Police Detail costs for the November State Election and on recommendation by Executive Secretary Thompson, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To take no action on Reserve Fund Transfer Request for Account 501-210, Selectmen's General Expense, in the amount of \$1,617.28, to pay Police Detail for the November State Election, because it has been determined that the funds for this expense can be found in and expended from the Town Meeting Expense Account, and the Finance Committee will be notified of the same.

Draft Report - Task Force on Employment: Americans with Disabilities Act

The Board acknowledged receipt of a draft report dated December 15, 1992, from the Employment Practices Task Force (Americans With Disabilities Act). A meeting has been scheduled with Task Force on Selectmen's January 19th agenda to discuss same.

Street Acceptances for 1993 Annual Town Meeting - Joint Meeting with Conservation Commission

Present: Conservation Commission Member Cheryl Baggen.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated December 17, 1992 from Conservation Coordinator Deborah Montemerlo to Town Engineer I. William Place regarding 1993 Annual Town Meeting street acceptances. Chairman Drobinski explained the reason for meeting with the Conservation Commission is to review the Commission's comments with regard to streets being proposed for acceptance. Mr. Thompson commented that it is better to review these streets ahead of scheduled hearings to be better informed of existing conditions. The following comments were made with regard to the individual streets:

#### **Babe Ruth Drive and Perry Circle**

Mrs. Baggen noted that there are no problems with the abutters on Babe Ruth Drive and Perry Circle, and in fact, the abutters on Perry Circle have been involved in trying to have work completed by the builder Mr. Roger Kane. The street drainage was not completed according to the original plan and no work has been done to correct it. Serious drainage problems exist on Babe Ruth Drive which also was not constructed according to the original plan. Also, there are no as-built plans on the remaining lots, according to Mrs. Baggen.

Selectman Blacker noted that these issues are identical to the issues encountered on Tall Pines, and there does not seem to be much leverage in getting these problems resolved. The person that gets hurt the most is the owner of the lots, commented Mr. Blacker. The question arose as to whether the applicant could give a bond for the work to be completed. It was noted that a bond can only be for the work required under the Conservation Commission, and can only be under their jurisdiction and for the work required to alleviate problems with the wetlands. The serious drainage problem on Babe Ruth Drive involves the filling in of the wetlands because the road was not constructed correctly in the first place.

Selectman Blacker asked who and when someone could have interceded to prevent this problem--what can be done early in the planning stages to alleviate many of the problems that occur afterward. Secretary Thompson noted that the Planning Board approved the subdivision, and that this subdivision was developed during a building boom period, which came to an abrupt halt, causing many builders to flee from unfinished business. Mrs. Baggen noted that without having received as-built plans, there is no way to tell if there will be problems. Mr. Blacker asked if there was a road bond. Mrs. Baggen stated that Babe Ruth Drive has been reconstructed including the placement of berms, but that there is still a problem with the road construction and the wetlands.

Mr. Blacker asked what happens if the builder never does anything to correct these issues--who could force him to do it and what might happen if the Town did not accept the roads. Mr. Thompson responded that they would be private ways and that the Town would not be responsible for them. One solution proposed by Mr. Thompson is to not give out building permits to builders who are not following through and correcting problems. Mr. Blacker commented that somehow someone has to gain some leverage in dealing with these issues.

#### **Atkinson Lane & Petersen Circle**

There are no specific violations associated with these streets at this time, however as-built plans have not been received by the Commission according to the report. All streets in the subdivision are subject to one (expired) Order of Conditions and includes not only road and drainage construction, but wetland replication associated with the wetland crossing on Babe Ruth Drive. The report continued that



no status report or as-built of the replicated wetland has been received for review to determine compliance with the approved plans. No extension has been asked for with regard to the Order of Conditions.

Selectman Blacker proposed that a legislative change be made, because the immediate actions taken are not accomplishing anything. Mrs. Baggen noted that a local Wetlands Bylaw failed to pass at Town Meeting. Perhaps the Town should charge the offenders \$100 a day, suggested Mr. Blacker. Mr. Thompson stated that Town Engineer I. William Place should be asked to review the Commission's report and offer his comments and recommendations for a resolution. Chairman Drobinski asked why a builder who has repeated engineering problems is given a permit to continue to build--just do not give it to him.

Selectman Blacker suggested the Commission construct a Warrant Article for a bylaw stating that the builder would be fined for failure to comply with the Order of Conditions. Mrs. Baggen noted that a local bylaw should follow the jurisdiction of the State Law with regard to enforcement. The Commission spends about half of its time with enforcements now, noted Mrs. Baggen.

Selectman Cope asked if it might help if the Board sent a letter to Mr. Kane noting that the Board is not accepting these streets at this time. Chairman Drobinski concurred that this might be a good idea. It was not decided if the letter should go to Mr. Kane or to the Conservation Commission with a copy to Mr. Kane. It was further noted that there is an outstanding road bond for Babe Ruth Drive, but what the status is at this time will have to be determined by talking with the Town Engineer.

#### **Whitetail Lane**

The Commission recommends acceptance.

#### **Run Brook Circle**

Mrs. Baggen reported that the issues on Run Brook Circle could be resolved if the developer is willing to cooperate. Basically the outstanding issues are the lack of as-builts for the drainage and roads, and could be resolved with an update from Mr. Place. No Conservation restrictions have been reported. The construction of a footbridge to Willis Pond was in the original agreement and has not been constructed as yet. An update from Planning and Engineering would be helpful in coming to a resolution, remarked Mr. Thompson. It was also noted by Mrs. Baggen that the Conservation Commission is no longer insisting on an elaborate footbridge; but would agree to something more rudimentary.

#### **Stagecoach Drive**

There are a total of three houses on Stagecoach Drive, all of which are situated very tightly and close to Wetlands and two of the houses were not placed correctly on the land. The developer has been proceeding without approval of the Commission according to Mrs. Baggen. In an effort to negotiate new filings for wetlands, the Conservation Commission allowed the road to be paved. At present there is a cease and desist order on two of the houses. Chairman Drobinski asked if the enforcement should be by the Building Inspector, and in addition, have Town Counsel review the issues with this street.

Selectman Blacker noted that it might be helpful if Town Counsel would prepare a memo on the rights of the Conservation Commission or any other group for contempt of enforcement orders.

Secretary Thompson stated he would talk with Conservation Coordinator Deborah Montemerlo and Town Counsel Paul Kenny, and in addition obtain reports from Planning, and other Departments involved. Mr. Thompson will then report back to the Board ahead of the public hearing to be held in March, 1993.

Hosmer House - Cup Plate Advertisement

At the request of the Sudbury Historical Commission, in a note dated January 4, 1993, from Commission Chairman Lyn Mac Lean, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve an expenditure from the Hosmer House Fund in the amount of \$300, for Cup Plate Advertisement, for payment to Bentley Publications, Inc., Invoice dated November 27, 1993.

Personnel Board - Salary Schedules

Selectman Blacker asked how the Personnel Board is planning to proceed with regard to salary structures for non-union employees, relative to their Town Meeting presentation. Mr. Thompson responded that Budget and Personnel Office Terri Ackerman has been meeting with the Personnel Board, but does not know what the outcome of the discussions has been. Selectman Blacker asked what the functions are of the Personnel Board. Mr. Thompson noted that their function is written in the Bylaw, and that they review all classifications and evaluate all job descriptions, supposedly every three years. The Personnel Board has done a recent survey of ten towns with regard to setting a salary structure. Mr. Blacker commented that a good comparison should not be limited to just municipalities, but also business and industry. Mr. Blacker believes that the municipal mentality means 5% increases every year regardless. Mr. Thompson stated that it is difficult to get industry to reveal their salaries. According to Mr. Thompson the State Personnel Association did a survey of all positions of every city and town in the State with regard to their salaries.

Mr. Haughey, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that non-union salaries for Fiscal Year 1994 have been budgeted at 4%, the same as union personnel.

Mr. Blacker continued that the Town cannot afford the same mentality of constant raises, increases in longevity--they are not a function of the market place and are not realistic. Mr. Thompson noted that the only comparison the Town can make in the market place is with other cities and towns, and he suggested that Mr. Blacker talk with Ms. Ackerman about the new current analysis that is used to determine classifications and salaries.

Selectman Cope asked if all evaluations on Town employees are up to date. The bylaws state that evaluations have to be made on all employees every year, and that this is another function of the Personnel Board, according to Mr. Thompson. There was some question as to whether an evaluation is required for an employee who has reached his/her maximum level. Mr. Thompson reported that to Ms. Ackerman's knowledge all evaluations are up to date, but perhaps all department heads should be contacted by the Personnel Board.

Tax Billing Conversions and Procedures and MVX Abatements

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated December 29, 1992, from Town Treasurer and Collector Mary Ellen Normen Dunn with regard to tax billing conversions and procedures and MVX abatements. Selectman Blacker asked what Ms. Dunn meant by a tax conversion. Mr. Thompson explained that the software used by the Assessors and the Treasurer is not compatible, and has caused delays in scheduling the tax classification hearing in order to set the tax rate in order to get the tax bills mailed on time. The assessors seem to prefer their own software, and it presents a difficult situation because they are elected officials. It was noted that this issue will be discussed at a joint Treasurer and Collector and Assessors meeting on January 5, 1993.

Warrants for outstanding motor vehicle bills have been issued, and Chairman Drobinski asked if the tax office has received complaints. Mr. Thompson remarked that they have. With regard to the use of compatible software, Mr. Blacker believes it to be a political issue and strongly believes the Assessors should be more flexible.

Town Common Lighting Fixtures

Selectman Cope reported she received a telephone call from a concerned resident with regard to the condition of the light fixtures located in Town Common. Evidently many of the lights are burnt out, and she asked that Building Inspector Jack Hepting make an assessment of the situation.

Town Car Policy

Selectman Cope asked if the Board had an opportunity to review her proposed Town Car Policy. Mr. Blacker asked that it be put on the January 19 agenda, and requested Mr. Thompson to send him a copy.

Carding Mill and Powers Haynes Meadow House

Selectman Cope asked why the Town is holding on to these two properties. It was noted that Carding Mill is complicated because of an access problem, and may have a restriction to not sell. Mr. Thompson responded that he will review these properties with the Conservation Commission and other Town personnel involved and report back to the Board. Mrs. Cope stated she did not believe the Conservation Commission had any interest in keeping these two properties.

Loring School

In response to an inquiry by Selectman Cope relative to the status of Loring School, Secretary Thompson reported he found an engineering report that he will be submitting to the consultant. In addition, Mr. Thompson talked with the lessee, who agreed to splitting the consultant fee, our share to be paid through an offset in their rent. The office is trying to get all records and offsets up to date and in order.

Selectman Blacker asked about the status of the tax title parcels that the Town owns. Mr. Thompson stated that a memo was sent to everyone and folders of sketches are available at the Selectmen's office for review.

Sherman's Bridge Opening

Mr. Thompson presented the Board with an invitation to attend the opening of Sherman's Bridge on Friday, January 8, 1993, at 12:00 noon. Selectman Cope and Secretary Thompson confirmed that they both will be attending.

Medex Coverage

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated December 30, 1992, from Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny regarding Administrative Services Agreement for Medex Coverage with Cook & Company - Claims Administration Group.

Larson and Curry Communication

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated December 23, 1992 from Larson and Curry, Attorneys at Law, regarding the legal relationship between the Town of Sudbury, Mr. Arthur Bomengen and Cook & Company.

Solid Waste

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication given to the Board by Chairman Drobinski from Wright & Moehrke, Professional Corporation Counsellors at Law with regard to an update on solid waste regulatory, statutory, and litigation issues. It was noted that a copy of this report be duplicated for the Town Engineer and the Resource Recovery Committee.

Board of Selectmen - Meeting Place

Mr. Thompson reported that he learned, as a result of a conversation with the Building Inspector and Selectman Cope, that the number and frequency of groups meeting at the Fairbank Senior Center is causing premature wear and tear on this facility. In talking with School Superintendent Dr. Henry DeRusha, and School Administrator Mr. John Wilson, Mr. Thompson has reviewed other possibilities and found the library at Peter Noyes School to be one of the best possibilities. It was agreed that Mr. Thompson should pursue arrangements to change the Board's meeting place to Noyes School.

Musketahquid Village - Septic Problem

Selectman Cope reported from reading the Housing Authority's minutes that there exists a serious problem with the septic system at Musketahquid Village. Mr. Thompson responded that Town Counsel and Town Engineer have assisted the Sudbury Housing Authority in drafting an Article for Town Meeting to extend their system using an easement on Town property near the Fire Headquarters.

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

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