

MINUTES  
TOWN FATHERS' FORUM  
APRIL 23, 1973

Acting Chairman John C. Powers called the 83rd session of the Town Fathers' Forum to order at 8:00 P.M.

The Executive Secretary reported that Chairman William F. Toomey had been hospitalized at Marlboro Hospital since April 13th due to illness, but that he was expected back for the meeting of April 30th.

Acting Chairman Powers announced the death on April 20th of Rodney C. Hadley, 308 Concord Road, stating that he had been a resident of Sudbury since 1941, and keeper of the Town Clock.

The Executive Secretary reported on the success of the spring clean-up held on April 14, 1973, in which approximately 400 Townspeople and members of various organizations participated.

Acting Chairman Powers announced that a public hearing concerning Heritage Park is scheduled to be held before the Conservation Commission on Wednesday, April 25, 1973, at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Powers also reported that funds raised for the construction of this Park are now in excess of \$8,000.

Selectmen Taft reported that members of the Town Report Committee and the Business Advisory Committee had recently been interviewed for broadcast over WKOX in Framingham, the program sponsored by the South Middlesex Area Chamber of Commerce.

Selectman Taft commented on a petition currently being circulated relative to calling a Special Town Meeting to rescind the action taken under Article 39 of the 1973 Annual Town Meeting (Appointment of the Combined Office of a Town Treasurer and Tax Collector), stating that he thought it would be unfortunate if a Special Town Meeting were required.

Selectman Taft announced that he would be away the last week of May, and that he intended to stop in Sudbury, Suffolk, England, and would be glad to deliver any messages that anyone might wish to convey.

Acting Chairman Powers announced the scheduling, by the Joint Standing Committee on Election Laws, of a public hearing on S 1604 (redistricting, as it concerns Middlesex County) at Gardner Auditorium on Wednesday, April 25, 1973.

Mr. Powers announced for Ronald Espinola the report that the joint Wayland/Sudbury Committee on Septage is now screening applicants for the preliminary engineering work and will make a decision within the next two weeks.

MR. STEVENS - PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Stevens reported that the Planning Board had attended a hearing by the Department of Public Works concerning the drainage, reconstruction, and paving of Route 20, that the reconstruction would occur from the new culvert to the Wayland line and was scheduled for completion by July 13, 1973.

Mr. Stevens also reported that the Board has been attending a series of State-sponsored meetings relative to Chapters 40 and 41 of the General Laws, and that following these meetings the Planning Board will review local subdivision rules and regulations.

MR. CLOUGH - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Clough reported that the Finance Committee would hold their next meeting at the White Building on May 9, 1973, for purposes of reorganization. Mr. Clough reported that the Finance Committee has five members at the present time with four more to be appointed by the Moderator. Mr. Clough also reported that the five-year plans had been returned to the Town agencies and departments for revision and resubmission during the first week in May.

Mrs. Gillespie requested of Mr. Clough that the Finance Committee consider the possible inclusion in future budgets of money for legal consulting fees in special areas. Mr. Thompson commented that the Finance Committee had made its feeling known on this matter, and that he felt that all requests for legal service should be channeled through the Board of Selectmen, where sufficient funds had been provided by the Annual Town Meeting for such legal service.

Acting Chairman Powers stated that he thought it essential that the functions of Town Counsel not be split, and to get the maximum coverage for the dollar spent, we should centralize through the Town Counsel's office.

MRS. HOTCH - REGIONAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hotch reported that her committee had also been interviewed for broadcast over radio station WKOX. Mrs. Hotch also reported that they had been compiling a list of regional affiliations, but had postponed the project since the State Department of Community Affairs is compiling the same data for distribution.

MR. GALEOTA - HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mr. Galeota reported that the Highway Commission had reorganized and that Ronald Espinola had been elected Chairman. Mr. Galeota also reported on the progress of the Town-wide drainage study, which is

now out for public bid. Mr. Galeota reported that bids for heavy equipment were due in on May 3, 1973, and that bids for road-side mowing and tree planting will be considered at their next meeting.

MRS. HILLERY - TOWN REPORT PREPARATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hillery reported that the responsibility for the preparation of the 1972 Town Report had been delegated far more than in previous years, and expressed her gratitude to the members for their excellent work.

MR. MIRANDA - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Miranda reported that his committee was awaiting a second appraisal on the Oliver property.

MR. FLATHER - REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Flather reported that the Regional Committee intends to discuss the remaining problem of Equal Opportunity relative to the construction of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School building early next week. Mr. Flather also stated that the Regional Committee looks forward to working with the Equal Opportunity Bylaw Committee proposed by the Board of Selectmen.

MR. KIRBY - ANCIENT DOCUMENTS COMMITTEE

Mr. Kirby reported that the 1973 Annual Town Meeting had approved his committee's request for \$1500 to institute a records management program.

MR. CLARK - CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Clark reported that the Sudbury River clean-up will be held on May 12, 1973, the Post Road clean-up will be held on May 5, 1973, and announced that the hearing on the Heritage Park plan is to be held by the Commission on Wednesday, April 25, 1973, at 8:30 P.M. Mr. Clark further reported that the Conservation Commission intends to sponsor a meeting with the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, Town Counsel and the federation of Women's Clubs concerning the fires that have recently burned conservation areas.

ALBERT ST. GERMAIN - FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief St. Germain reported on the numerous fires which have occurred within the past week on conservation land and other areas. The Chief suggested that, if the Town is going to continue to purchase land for conservation purposes, motorcycles must be excluded and barricades which prohibit the entrance of fire-fighting equipment must be removed.

Acting Chairman Powers announced that the Fire Chief had recently been host to 140 fire chiefs at the Massachusetts Firefighters meeting which was held in Sudbury.

MR. FROST - INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Frost reported that his committee had met approximately 27 times since its organization, in addition to many meetings with the individual agencies working on the insurance programs. Mr. Frost commented that it looked as though their 18-month budget requests will be sufficient for the Town's insurance needs.

MR. SHERMAN - MODERATOR

Mr. Sherman reported that the recent Town Meeting had been fairly routine and commented that he thought the reduced quorum was instrumental in this regard, as well as the Special Town Meeting held in January, and the particular way in which the warrant for the Annual Meeting was ordered.

Mr. Sherman reported that he had made two appointments to the Finance Committee: those of Frank LeBart and John Drum; and two appointments to the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee: those of Ronald Espinola and Lawrence Gogolin.

MR. CRON - SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Cron reported that his committee has scheduled a series of meetings for review, by grades, of school curriculum and services.

MR. CRON - MINUTEMAN VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Cron reported that 50% of the steel work had been completed and that the overall work was still ahead of schedule.

MRS. MARGOLIN - TALENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Margolin stated that her committee was currently working on a master list of names and would forward their current files to the Selectmen by the end of the week.

MR. WHITE - BUILDING INSPECTOR, DOG OFFICER

Mr. White reported that the issuance of new home construction building permits were down from 49 in 1972 to 19 for the comparable period in 1973. Mr. White also reported a change in the time period in the State dog law, whereby dogs now kept by Buddy Dog for a period of 10 days before sale to that organization will, in the future, only be kept for five days. Mr. White reported that he had been attending, with the Planning Board, the series of State-sponsored meetings relative to Chapters 40 and 41 of the General Laws.

MR. HARDING - TOWN SURVEYOR

Mr. Harding reported that the contract for the Concord Road walkway has been awarded and that construction should begin on or about June 1, 1973. Mr. Harding reported that the Horse Pond Road walkway is to be advertised next week. In addition, Mr. Harding added that his department is continuing with the subdivision inspections for the Planning Board and that they are trying to establish a status report on all outstanding subdivisions.

Mr. Harding further reported that his department had compiled plans of the topophotos for the Industrial Development Commission and the Conservation Commission and had prepared data for the Heritage Park plan.

Acting Chairman Powers adjourned the Forum at 8:50 P.M.