

TRANSCRIPT
TOWN FATHERS' FORUM
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1973

Acting Chairman Toomey called the 80th session of the Town Fathers' Forum to order at 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Toomey announced to those present the death, at 3:40 p.m. this day, of Lyndon Baines Johnson, the thirty-sixth President of the United States, and stated that he had been a great president, and that we in Sudbury would like to join the rest of the nation in mourning his death.

He stated that they were very fortunate in having both Representative Ann Gannett and State Senator Chester Atkins attending tonight's Forum and announced that this evening they would forego their usual format of having each board or committee report on its activities during the last month and would instead review with the Moderator the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on January 29, 1973.

Special Town Meeting, January 29, 1973, at 8:00 p.m.

Motions, presentations and procedures for each article were discussed and agreed upon as follows. In cases where articles proposed for the consent calendar are removed, it was agreed by the boards making presentations that they would hold their presentations until the opposition had been heard.

Article 1 - Purchase of Oliver Land for Fire/Police Facilities - \$77,000

Article 2 - Plans for new Fire and Police Headquarters

Article 3 - Plans for new Fire and expanded Police Headquarters

These three articles will be discussed together but voted upon separately.

Speaking order: Chairman John E. Taft and Craig Parkhill, Chairman of the Permanent Building Committee will share a 15-minute presentation; John Hennessy will speak for the Finance Committee (The Finance Committee recommends that money for these articles be appropriated through taxation. The Selectmen will meet concerning this and report any change to the Moderator.)

The Sudbury Housing Authority, Planning Board and Permanent Building Committee indicated their support of these articles.

Passage requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 4 - Municipal Exemption Zoning

Myron Fox of the Sudbury Housing Authority will make the presentation.

Richard Davison of the Planning Board will make Planning Board presentation.

Karl Clough will speak for the Finance Committee, repeating handout information.

League of Women Voters, Carolyn Edwards, President, will speak on both Article 4 and 5 together.

Passage requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 5 - Sale of Portion of Oliver Land to Housing Authority - \$50,000

Myron Fox will speak for both Housing Authority and the Selectmen.

Karl Clough will speak for the Finance Committee.

There will be a money figure for the article by Monday night.

Passage requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 6 - Acceptance of Gifts of Land - Bylaw Art. VII

Scheduled for the consent calendar.

If removed, motion and presentation by Paul McNally of Planning Board.

The Planning Board, Finance Committee and Town Counsel to work out differences.

Requires a majority vote.

Article 7 - Highway Safety Signs

Scheduled for the consent calendar.

Move in the words of the article.

Highway Commission and Planning Board indicated support.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 8 - Funds for Printing 1972 Town Report - \$8,000

Scheduled for the consent calendar.

Otherwise move in the words of the article.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 9 - Dakin Road Abandonment

Scheduled for consent calendar.

Otherwise Eben Stevens will make motion and presentation for Planning Board.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 10- Purchase of Training Field Land

George Grant, Historical Commission, to make presentation.

Selectmen Toomey and Powers to speak for Selectmen.

Supported by Planning Board.

Frank LeBart to speak for Finance Committee.

Passage requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 11- Reduction of Quorum to 200

Bertram Weinstein will make a motion and then pass to hear any opposition.

Mr. Weinstein will speak on Articles 11 and 12. If any one person objects to Mr. Sherman acting as Moderator on these articles, he will step down.

The Selectmen have not yet taken a stand and will be speaking, if they speak on this article, as individuals.

Roger Bender will speak for the Finance Committee.

Carolyn Edwards will speak for the League of Women Voters.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 12- Enabling Legislation - Periodic Open Town Meetings

Bertram Weinstein (Town Meeting Study Committee) will make motion and presentation.

Pat Piscitelli will speak for the Finance Committee.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 13- Bylaw amendment re Charter Commission

Scheduled for Consent Calendar.

If removed, Chairman Taft will make presentation.

Mr. LeBart will speak for the Finance Committee.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 14- Purchase of "Fill" from Waters - \$77,000

New figure of \$77,000.

Mr. Hughes, Highway Commission, will speak and will incorporate supporting presentation of Planning Board.

Mr. DeGeorge will speak for the Finance Committee.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 15- Haskell Land Purchase for Recreational Use - \$180,000

Ernest Trimper, Park and Recreation Commission, will make presentation and incorporate supporting presentation of Planning Board.

Mr. Toomey reported that the Selectmen have no position on this article and will speak as individuals.

Mr. Blecker will speak for the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Edwards will speak for the League of Women Voters.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 16- Purchase of Tractor for Park and Recreation - \$10,000

Scheduled for consent calendar.

If removed, Mr. Trimper or Mr. Cutler will make presentation.

Mr. Clough will speak for the Finance Committee.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Article 17- Purchase/gift/eminent domain of Walkway Lands

Scheduled for consent calendar.

If removed, Mr. Taft will make presentation and incorporate Planning Board report.

Mr. Blecker will speak for Finance Committee.

Passage requires a 2/3 vote.

Article 18- Finance Committee Consultant re Accounting System - \$15,000

Mrs. Bigelow (Committee on Town Administration) will make the motion.

Mr. Harrington, CTA, will make the presentation.

Mr. Bishop will speak for the Finance Committee.

Selectmen to oppose article.

Passage requires a majority vote.

Special Town Meeting, January 29, 1973, at 7:30 p.m.

Article 1 - Unpaid bills for 1972

Mrs. Betsey M. Powers, Town Clerk, stated that a quorum for the Special Town Meeting had not definitely been determined but would be approximately 375 voters.

Mr. Toomey stated that there will be one motion under this article and that the Selectmen will be prepared to talk to the first two sections (Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Fire Department Salaries) and will also talk to Goodman Hill Drainage section, but would ask for backup from the Highway Commission. Chairman Taft will speak for the Selectmen.

Town Counsel stated that he would be available for the preparation of motions for articles for both Special Town Meetings.

Mr. Cooper of the Planning Board stated that he would like to have the Finance Committee make a statement explaining the

impact of the 18-month budget on the tax rate. Mr. Bishop stated that his committee would be prepared to answer any questions rather than to offer any presentation.

Selectman Toomey announced the 9:00 p.m. meeting with the bus companies, relative to the DPU hearing of The Gray Line, Inc., following the coffee break for those who might be interested in attending. He then introduced Mrs. Carolyn Edwards, who thanked, on behalf of the League of Women Voters, all committees, boards, and commissions, who had extended the League their courtesies and cooperation. Mrs. Edwards announced that the League would hold candidates nights on March 13 and 20 for candidates in the April election.

Acting Chairman Toomey adjourned the 80th session of the Town Fathers' Forum at 8:45 p.m.