

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1973

Present: Chairman John E. Taft, William F. Toomey, and
John C. Powers

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the regular meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman John E. Taft.

Proclamation

Present: Mrs. Anne W. Donald, Girl Scout Leader, Susan Kelley from Troop 678, and Sharon Pearson from Troop 843

A proclamation, relative to the celebration of the 61st anniversary of the founding of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. on March 12, 1973, and proclaiming March 11-17, 1973, as Girl Scout Week in the Town of Sudbury, was signed by the Selectmen.

Jurors

The Board drew the names of M. John Rice, Jr., 226 Morse Road, to serve as juror at Cambridge Court, commencing April 2, 1973, and Libanus M. Todd, 15 Churchill Street, to serve as juror at Lowell Court, commencing April 2, 1973.

Utility Petitions 73-6, 73-7, 73-8

Present: Robert Blake, Boston Edison Company

In conformity with the requirements of Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.), a hearing was held on the following utility petitions:

UP73-6 - Petition of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to erect or construct a pole to be owned and used in common by them, said pole to be located along and across the following public way:

BOSTON POST ROAD, northerly side, approximately 6,850 feet west of Pelham Island Road, -- One (1) pole.
(One existing pole to be removed.)

On motion it was unanimously VOTED: To approve the utility petition numbered 73-6 for joint or identical location for the pole described above.

UP73-7 - Petition of Boston Edison Company for permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and man-holes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public ways of said Town:

MOSSMAN ROAD, at and northerly from Stone Root Lane, a distance of about 40 feet - Conduit.

Mr. Bernhardt L. Sauter, 87 Mossman Road, commented on earth piled on his property in connection with the construction of Stone Root Lane. Selectman Toomey requested that the Executive Secretary contact the Building Inspector, who, in turn, will request the developer to remove the earth from Mr. Sauter's property.

On motion it was unanimously VOTED: To approve the utility petition numbered 73-7 for the laying and maintenance of underground conduits and manholes described above.

UP73-8 - Petition of Boston Edison Company for permission to construct, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public ways:

MAYNARD ROAD, at and southerly from Minebrook Road, a distance of about 60 feet - Conduit.

On motion, it was unanimously VOTED: To approve the utility petition numbered 73-8 for the laying and maintenance of underground conduits and manholes described above.

Minutes

The Selectmen voted to approve the minutes of the meeting of February 26, 1973, as amended.

Proposal for Establishment of Equal Opportunity Bylaw Committee

Present: Mrs. Judith Mack and Mrs. Carolyn Edwards of the League of Women Voters

Mrs. Judith Mack and Mrs. Carolyn Edwards met with the Selectmen as a follow-up to their letter of September 15, 1972, and a previous meeting with the Selectmen on January 8, 1973. The January meeting resulted in communications to the Personnel Board and the Highway Commission from the Selectmen which solicited from these boards comments, suggestions, and possible names for appointment to a committee to assist in implementing the Equal Employment Opportunity bylaw passed by the 1971 Annual Town Meeting. The reply from the Highway Commission, dated February 5, 1973, and possible candidates were discussed.

The Board scheduled a meeting for Monday, March 19, 1973, at 8:00 p.m. with five proposed candidates to discuss their interest in the possible formation of the above-mentioned committee. It was agreed that letters soliciting comments and suggestions relative to this proposal also be sent to the Permanent Building Committee, the Sudbury School Committee and the Regional School Committee.

The scope of a charge to a committee of this type was discussed, possibly using as guidelines the policy employed by the Town of Brookline, relative to this subject, as well as an article published in the "Fence Viewer" on January 25, 1973, on this same subject. It was concluded that if such a committee were formed, it should act in an advisory, rather than an enforcing capacity.

Moderate Income Housing Committee

Present: Dallas T. Hayes, Chairman, Judith Mack, and Willie Hoover of the Moderate Income Housing Committee.

Members of the Moderate Income Housing Committee met with the Board to hear the Selectmen's position on their report. Following review and discussion of the recommendations made in the report, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the recommendations of the Moderate Income Housing Committee relative to the formation of a nonprofit housing corporation under Massachusetts law, with the proviso that any zoning change be voted upon by the Town rather than by proceeding under Chapter 774, and that there be a specific effort on the part of the nonprofit corporation to examine in full detail the possibilities of constructing, converting, or rehabilitating housing at sites scattered throughout the Town, and to consider architecture of a type designed to relate well to Sudbury's existing environment.

For presentation at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting, the Board requested that the Executive Secretary and Mr. Dallas Hayes draft an appropriate resolution which includes the recommendations of the Moderate Income Housing Committee's report, as stated under Section VIII, A, 1, a-f; as well as the wording of the above vote.

Sudbury Housing Authority - Housing for the Elderly

Present: Myron Fox, Chairman, L. Bauder, Douglas Miranda, Richard B. Faxon, and Willie L. Hoover of the Sudbury Housing Authority; Craig Parkhill, Chairman, Robert Hotch, and James Rubin of the Permanent Building Committee; Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi; Fire Chief Albert St. Germain; Town Surveyor Arthur Harding; Robert Cooper of the Planning Board; William Mead, Thomas Samyn, and Don Grinberg of W. M. Design Group.

At the request of the Sudbury Housing Authority, the Selectmen called a joint meeting of the Sudbury Housing Authority, Permanent Building Committee, Planning Board, the Police Chief, Fire Chief and Town Surveyor, to discuss the building of elderly housing on the Oliver site.

The Housing Authority displayed several maps and photographs of the Oliver land and the proposed bounds for land available for

Housing Authority use. On the subject of identification of wet, unbuildable land, the Town Surveyor described on the map the location of this area, approximately 4.2 acres, which is situated about 120 feet back from the present end of Colonial Road. Mr. Taft stated that no decision has yet been made as to whether or not the identification of this wet, unbuildable land will be under the supervision of the Conservation Commission.

On the subject of the designation of the land needed for the police/fire headquarters, now and in the future, Mr. Parkhill stated that the final site for placement of the headquarters had not yet been determined.

Alternative accesses to the proposed elderly housing and their relation to the police/fire headquarters, and to the neighbors, and the relative safety concerning traffic, winter road conditions, and convenience were discussed. It was the general consensus of the Selectmen, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief, that common access roads would not be compatible for the proposed housing for the elderly and police/fire headquarters.

An extension of Colonial Road to be used as access to the housing was also discussed. The Fire Chief stated that he was against this proposal, but thought that restricted use of such a connecting road for emergency use should be considered. It was the opinion of William Meade, Architect for the Housing Authority, that it would be feasible to construct an extension of Colonial Road, following an old cart path, even though the land in that area dropped 18 feet within a distance of 100 feet. The Selectmen requested that a cost estimate be obtained for this connecting roadway proposal.

It was generally concluded that shared facilities such as parking, and septic system would not be feasible, and that access to both facilities should be from Hudson Road, separated as much as possible within the limits of the land. It was agreed to further investigate the possibility of using common entrance and exits.

Selectman Toomey stated that he, the Executive Secretary, and Mr. Parkhill would meet with the architects on March 14 relative to preliminary discussion on the final plans and specification for the new fire/police headquarters.

Flooding Problem in Area of Union Avenue

Present: Arthur Harding, Town Surveyor

Following receipt by the Selectmen of a communication dated February 9, 1973, from M. B. Connolly, Director, Division of Conservation Services, Department of Natural Resources, relative to

Union Avenue drainage, reports from the Conservation Commission and the Town Surveyor were received on the same subject, dated February 21 and February 26. Mr. Harding stated that he had inspected the area in question and believed that the problem was caused by the blockage of an old culvert under the railroad and that the topographical plan of this area shows the drainage west of the railroad flowing south under Route 20.

After further discussion, it was agreed that the site plan for R.A.D.I.N. be checked by the Building Inspector and the Town Surveyor as to the course of drainage from the culvert at Union Avenue, and report back their findings for consideration of the Board.

League of Women Voters - Land Use Study

The Selectmen received a communication dated February 23, 1973, from the League of Women Voters relative to the League's land use study and the Board's policy on the same. The Board requested further clarification on the content of the letter before scheduling a meeting sometime soon after the Annual Town Meeting.

Permanent Building Committee - Town Hall Facilities Study

The Selectmen received a communication dated February 26, 1973, between the Permanent Building Committee and architects relative to the Town Hall facilities study. It was agreed by the Selectmen to reiterate to the Permanent Building Committee the policy stated by the Selectmen at their joint meeting on February 20, 1973, relative to selection of architects, and request that this procedure be followed in all subsequent selection processes. The Board also requested Town Counsel to review the architects agreement or contract as referred to in the above-mentioned communication.

Article 20 - 1973 Annual Town Meeting - Purchase Haynes Land

Town Counsel, David L. Turner, presented an option agreement to the Selectmen for their signatures, relative to Article 20, to be considered at the 1973 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Turner reported that the Conservation Commission had received two appraisals concerning the value of this land. The agreement was signed by the Selectmen.

Cable TV

The Selectmen received a communication dated February 22, 1973, from Mr. John Ferguson, English Department, and Mr. Richard Santella, AV Coordinator, Regional High School staff members, relative to Cable TV, and requested the Executive Secretary to draft an appropriate reply to the same.

Treasury Warrants

The Selectmen signed a payroll warrant in the amount of \$150,938.57 and a bills payable warrant in the amount of \$31,155.65.

Handling of Funds Received by the Town

The Board discussed the formulation of a policy statement concerning any and all funds received by the Town agencies. Mr. Taft stated that all funds received by any Town agency as gifts should be handled in a uniform administrative manner and in accordance with State Statute. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to request Town Counsel to draft such a policy in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, Section 53A.

The Executive Secretary was also requested to compile a list of all types of gifts received by the Town in the past, including such things as benches, dugouts, light towers, etc.

Executive Session

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing, deliberating or voting on a matter which if made public might adversely affect the financial interest of the Town.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 11:30 p.m.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk