

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 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.

Minutes

The Selectmen voted to approve the minutes of the Town Fathers' Forum of February 26, 1973, and the meeting of March 5, 1973, as amended.

Appointments

On recommendation of the Chief of Police Nicholas Lombardi, it was on motion unanimously,

VOTED: To appoint Raymond Lorette, Jr., 155 Summer Street, Waltham, as Special Traffic Officer, non-paid, for traffic duty only, at Raytheon Company, for a term to expire April 30, 1973;

and, on recommendation of the Chief of Police Nicholas Lombardi, it was further

VOTED: To appoint Barbara Herrick, Butler Road, as Policewoman Crossing Guard for school traffic duty only, for a term to expire April 30, 1973.

Full and Fair Property Evaluation

The Selectmen received a communication dated February 28, 1973, from State Representative Paul A. Schneiders, 7th Norfolk District, which requested support for House Bill 769, concerned with the enforcement of all towns to assess taxable property at full and fair cash value.

The Selectmen, in a meeting with Senator Chester G. Atkins on February 26, 1973, had discussed their concern with the school equalization formula for Chapter 70 funds; as one of the towns which is being assessed at 100%, and the inequity of funding under Chapter 70 of towns which are not yet at 100% assessment. Also discussed at this meeting was the class action taken by the Town of Westboro against the Commonwealth relative to this matter.

In regard to the above, Town Counsel was requested to review both the bill and the action by Westboro and to report back to the Selectmen next week.

Revolutionary War Bicentennial Celebration

The Selectmen received a communication dated February 28, 1973, from Senator Chester G. Atkins, Chairman of the Massachusetts Revolutionary War Bicentennial Commission, relative to celebration plans. This letter will be referred to the Sudbury Bicentennial Committee for a draft reply, and re-submission to the Board of Selectmen for transmittal to Senator Atkins.

P.R.I.D.E.

The Selectmen received a communication dated March 6, 1973, from P.R.I.D.E. relative to a request to park a truck in front of Town Meeting for an hour on each of the first two nights, for the purpose of receiving article donations for a Flea Market fund raising project. The Selectmen felt that this would detract from the Town Meeting, and directed the Executive Secretary to so notify the P.R.I.D.E. group.

Insurance Advisory Committee

The Selectmen received a communication dated March 5, 1973, from the Insurance Advisory Committee relative to their review on the insurance coverage on 1) retired teachers, 2) property damage, and 3) building and contents.

1) On the matter of the coverage, costs, and collection procedures for retired teachers, rather than to accept Chapter 32B, Section 11E, the Selectmen indicated their support of the recommendations to retain the present coverage, and directed the Executive Secretary to so inform the Superintendent of Schools.

2) On the matter of the Town collecting for property damage caused by auto accidents, the Selectmen agreed, in essence, to support the recommendation to pursue collection of property damage coverage in major land damage cases on an individual basis. The Executive Secretary was directed to so inform Town Counsel and the Permanent Landscape Committee.

3) On the matter of the increase to 90% of actual cash value of the coverage for Town buildings and contents, this recommendation had previously received the support of the Selectmen.

Building Inspector - General Conference

Present: Francis E. White

Building Inspector Francis E. White met with the Selectmen for a general departmental conference. Discussion included a site plan procedure wherein the Building Inspector, the Planning Board, and

the Executive Secretary are in full accord with all aspects of a site plan before it is submitted to the Selectmen for their consideration; full coordination among the Building Inspector, the Town Surveyor, and the Executive Secretary concerning Mr. White's proposal to expand the floor area of his department's office space; and Mr. White's efforts with the Board of Appeals to reach guide lines relative to in-law apartments and the enforcement of the same. Mr. White is to submit his recommendations to the Selectmen in writing, and they will, in turn, be referred to Town Counsel for review and comment.

Town Surveyor

The Board received a communication dated March 9, 1973, from the Town Surveyor requesting authorization of out-of-state travel expenses in the amount of \$105.00, for the purpose of attending the Public Works Planning and Engineering II Workshop No. 1, on March 29 and 30, 1973, at Newark, New Jersey.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize travel expenses to the Town Surveyor in the amount of \$105.00 for the above-stated purpose.

Sudbury Centre - Underground Wiring

Present: Francis E. White, Wiring Inspector; Joseph R. Melpignano and Edward Corbett of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company; Frederick Roth of Boston Edison Co.; Donald Bishop and Frank LeBart of the Finance Committee; Herbert Weinstein of the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee; and Albert St. Germain, Fire Chief

The Wiring Inspector, the Fire Chief, and representatives of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Boston Edison Company, the Finance Committee and the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee met with the Selectmen to finalize the plans for underground electric and telephone utility wiring at Sudbury Centre (Article 38 in the warrant for the 1973 Annual Town Meeting).

Mr. White stated that the present cost estimates received were:

Boston Edison Co.

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| digging and backfilling  | \$18,600        |
| repaving of streets  | 3,475           |
| digging on private property                                    | 2,800           |
| (This figure does not include<br>repaving on private property) |                 |
|  | <u>\$24,875</u> |

New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.

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| digging, backfilling and resurfacing<br>for a distance of 1,000 feet | \$9,940 |
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Mr. Roth and Mr. Melpignano stated that these costs were arrived at individually and did not take into consideration utilizing the same trench wherever possible. Mr. Roth stated that when he has final authorization from Boston Edison Co. for a firm commitment to do this work, his company's engineering department and that of the telephone company will coordinate their work.

These cost figures to the Town include utility trenching lines to the Grange Hall, the two churches, the Town Hall, the Loring Parsonage, the White Building and Noyes School. Not included are cost figures for service to these buildings.

The Fire Chief mentioned the additional cost of installing the fire alarm system, which Chairman Taft suggested be paid for from the Chief's departmental budget. Selectman Toomey commented that the fire alarm system would have to be designed so that it could be moved when the new fire/police headquarters building is constructed on Hudson Road, and Chairman Taft requested the Wiring Inspector and the Fire Chief to collaborate on this matter.

Mr. Roth stated that it would be necessary to know whether or not the Town wished to have Edison continue lighting the area before he could give estimates for all additional costs. Selectman Powers suggested that the Wiring Inspector and the Executive Secretary consult with the Historic Districts Commission concerning lighting design and location. Mr. Roth stated that the Boston Edison Co. had recently provided assistance to Lexington for a similar project and would have the Edison man involved with that town contact Mr. White.

In answer to a question by Mr. LeBart, a total cost figure for the project was given of about \$80,000, broken down, in approximate figures, as follows:

Boston Edison Co. -

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| Cost to Town for trenching, repaving, hook-up and service charge | \$25,000      |
| Cost of materials, etc., to be assumed by Boston Edison Co.      | <u>30,000</u> |
| Boston Edison Co.  | \$55,000      |

New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. -

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| Cost to Town for trenching  | \$10,000      |
| Cost of materials, etc., to be assumed by New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. | <u>16,000</u> |
| New England T. and T. Co. Total Cost  | \$26,000      |

Mr. Taft stated that estimates had been calculated with all work done by outside contractors, with no plans to use Highway Department personnel or equipment, and requested that Mr. Roth provide the Wiring Inspector, as soon as possible, with specific costs for service entrance to the Hosmer house, the Hadley house, the Grange Hall, the Presbyterian Church and Town Hall buildings, as well as the lighting proposals.

Mr. Roth commented that if the work were to be done under the Chapter 166, Section 22, conversion law, that 75% of the cost would be tax exempt and requested a letter from the Assessors stating that this would be acceptable to them. Mr. Toomey stated that the Selectmen could only suggest unofficially that such a letter be sent to Boston Edison Co. Mr. Roth also requested that the Selectmen give consideration to floodlighting the rear of the Town Hall to replace the lights that will be removed in that location.

Treasury Warrants

The Selectmen signed a bills payable warrant in the amount of \$91,894.51.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 11:00 p.m.

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