

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 7, 1973

Present: Chairman 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 William F. Toomey.

Jurors

The Board drew the names of Derena A. Drake, 12 Willard Grant Road, to serve as juror at Lowell Court, commencing June 4, 1973, and Thomas B. Cosgrove, Jr., 447 Peakham Road, to serve as juror at Cambridge Court, commencing June 4, 1973.

Tax Anticipation Notes

Present: Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers

The Selectmen received a communication from William E. Downing, Treasurer, dated May 4, 1973, in which he requested the Board's approval to borrow \$1,000,000.00 on Tax Anticipation Notes, awarding the bids as stated in his letter.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the recommendation of the Town Treasurer and the Executive Secretary to award the bids on \$1,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes as follows:

First National Bank of Marlboro	3.65%	\$200,000
Framingham Trust Company	3.70%	200,000
New England Merchants National Bank	3.80%	500,000
Community National Bank	3.85%	100,000

Utility Petitions 73-12, 73-13

Present: Robert Blake, Boston Edison Co.

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:

UP73-12 - Petition of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to erect or construct a pole, including anchors and guys, to be owned and used in common by them, said pole to be located along and across the following public way:

HUDSON ROAD, southerly side, approximately 175 feet west of
Ronald Road,
One (1) pole. (One existing JO pole to be removed.)

The Selectmen received the Building Inspector's report, dated April 27, 1973, and a communication, dated May 4, 1973, from the Power and Light Committee, which recommended approval.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the utility petition numbered UP73-12 for joint or identical location for the pole described above.

UP73-13 - Petition of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to erect or construct poles, including anchors and guys, to be owned and used in common by them, said poles to be located along and across the following public way:

RAYMOND ROAD, westerly side, from a point approximately 1040 feet north of Warren Road, --
Four (4) poles. (Eight (8) existing JO poles to be removed.)

The Selectmen received the Building Inspector's affirmative report, dated April 27, 1973, and a communication, dated May 4, 1973, from the Power and Light Committee, which recommended disapproval of the petition, stating that the relocation of poles, in this case, would deface what is presently a pleasing open area of Town land, and recommending that the lines be undergrounded.

Discussion included the possibility of undergrounding the lines or of making the installation using the present poles or present pole locations along the abandoned section of Raymond Road, the entrance for which is now blocked by mounds of gravel.

The Executive Secretary was requested to contact the Highway Department as to their willingness to remove the fill and to check the safety of the bridge on this section of abandoned road. If it is found that the present poles or present pole locations can be used, and the gravel is removed, another type of barrier will be installed to prohibit public access to this old section of road.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table consideration of the utility petition numbered UP73-13 for joint or identical locations for the poles described above until the feasibility of using the present poles or present pole locations has been investigated.

Hearing - Class III License - Robert Lohnes

Present: Mr. Robert Huffman and Mrs. Angela Zingale, abutters; Francis E. White, Zoning Enforcement Agent

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 140 of the General Laws, at 8:00 p.m., Chairman Toomey opened a hearing on the application of Robert E. Lohnes, 27 Montague Avenue, for a Class III Motor Vehicle Junk License.

The Selectmen received a report, dated April 27, 1973, from the Zoning Enforcement Agent. Chairman Toomey announced that abutters have been notified.

Mr. Lohnes stated that there would be no junk vehicle storage on his property, and that the two inoperable cars and the old mixer presently stored there would be removed.

In answer to questions from Mr. Huffman and Mrs. Zingale, the Executive Secretary explained that if the license were issued, it would be restricted to the transportation of vehicles only, and would prohibit the storage of vehicles or parts of vehicles on the licensee's property or in the Town of Sudbury, and if the terms of the license were violated, the license would be immediately revocable.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant to Robert E. Lohnes, 27 Montague Avenue, a Class III Motor Vehicle Junk License, restricted to the transportation of vehicles only, and does not authorize storage of any type of vehicle or parts of vehicles on the licensee's property or in the Town of Sudbury.

Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of April 30, 1973, as corrected.

Heritage Park Plans

The Executive Secretary reported on the public hearing held by the Conservation Commission on Wednesday, April 25, 1973, which he attended with Selectman Powers, the Town Surveyor, and a representative for Town Counsel (the Town Counsel for Wayland). Mr. Thompson stated that during the hearing the Conservation Commission requested additional information from the Engineering Department, relative to the proposed plans for Heritage Park, and that the information would soon be submitted to them.

Mr. Thompson announced that he had walked the Heritage Park site today with members of the Permanent Landscape Committee and the Town Surveyor, marking some 100-150 trees for removal, for the purpose of scheduling a work day to clean up the area. Mr. Thompson stated that, in his opinion, an entrance to the area will have to be made along the Hadley wall, and that this could be scheduled simultaneously with the work day.

The Executive Secretary further stated that he will meet with the Highway Commission and, if possible, the Selectmen to make a site inspection and receive their input.

Selectman Powers announced that the funds for Heritage Park were now in excess of \$9,000.

Permanent Sergeant

The Board received a communication, dated April 26, 1973, from Chief of Police Nicholas Lombardi, relative to the appointment of a permanent Sergeant to the Sudbury Police Department. Chairman Toomey recommended that the Board defer making the appointment until next week on order to enable the candidate to attend the meeting.

Sudbury Centre - Traffic Lights

The Board received a communication, dated April 26, 1973, from the Chief of Police relative to the traffic lights at Sudbury Centre, stating that until further planning of the situation can be done, he intends to use only flashing lights.

It was the recommendation of Chairman Toomey that the Board refer the communication to the Executive Secretary to have him work out a solution with the Police Chief and the Highway Commission, and, if necessary, the Department of Public Works, and to report back to the Board as soon as possible.

Fire Captain Howard Kelly - General Discussion

Fire Captain Howard Kelly met with the Board for a general discussion relative to future aspects of the Fire Department operation in view of the upcoming retirement of Chief Albert St. Germain, on December 31, 1974.

Captain Kelly stated that he had been a call firefighter from 1953 until March 24, 1958, when he became a full-time firefighter, and that he was appointed Lieutenant (title later changed to Captain) on December 1, 1963.

In response to a question from the Board, Captain Kelly expressed an interest in being appointed as Chief upon the retirement of Chief St. Germain.

When asked for his opinion of the present Sudbury/Concord fire coverage contract arrangement, Captain Kelly stated that as a system it was the beginning of what will eventually work into a regional system. Captain Kelly stated that the same type of system could work in a cost-per-call basis at less cost to Concord than the present agreement, and that, in his opinion, the system at certain times seemed to hamper Sudbury's response to its own calls.

Captain Kelly stated that he foresaw no particular difficulties during the transition period on the projected move to a new fire headquarters location, but that he has been against the new location, as he is not completely satisfied that the need for space exists.

Captain Kelly does not favor the institution of Civil Service in the Fire Department, and stated that the status of tenure it would provide would not be a desirable thing.

Chairman Toomey and Selectman Powers expressed their concern and the concern of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association with the fact the management of the fire and police departments is being shift from local governments to Beacon Hill through the passage of legislation, and with the resultant changing relationship between the Selectmen and the Chief. Captain Kelly agreed that the new legislation makes the relationship with the men more difficult.

Hospital "H" Signs

The Executive Secretary reported on his April 25, 1973, meeting with the Town Surveyor, the Safety Officer, and administrators from Emerson, Framingham Union, and Marlboro Hospitals, for the purpose of obtaining a consensus of opinion among those present with regard to the installation of hospital "H" signs leading to Emerson, Framingham Union and Marlboro Hospitals.

The Executive Secretary stated that it had been decided that simply the "H", without the word hospital, would be used, and he submitted a map to the Board for its consideration and approval, which showed the proposed locations for the 25 signs. Mr. Thompson further stated that it had been agreed at this time not to use mileage markers and hospital names at the junction of Landham Road and Route 20 and the junction of Nobscot Road and Route 20, but that this might be done in the future on the recommendation of the Safety Officer.

Chairman Toomey thanked the Executive Secretary for his excellent job in resolving the original request from Emerson Hospital and initiating and consolidating similar action with the other two hospitals.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the Board adopt the recommendation of the Executive Secretary on hospital signs as set forth in his memorandum of April 26, 1973, and as designated on the map dated May 7, 1973.

The Gray Line, Inc.

The Board received a communication, dated April 30, 1973, from The Gray Line, Inc., relative to notice of a schedule revision and new schedule for service between Worcester and Boston via Route 20.

Selectman Powers suggested that the Board obtain from the Gray Line copies of this revised schedule in order that they be posted within the Town for the information of local commuters.

Building Department - Transfer of Building Services

The Executive Secretary requested approval from the Board of his communication dated May 2, 1973, to the Building Inspector, relative to the transfer of the following building services to the Building Department:

Custodial Salaries (501-15)

Town Hall Maintenance (501-31)

Centre School Maintenance	(501-32)
Loring Parsonage Maintenance	(501-33)
Hosmer House Maintenance	(501-34)

with the responsibility for future submission of the operating budgets and preparation of long-range forecasts relative to the above-listed accounts assigned to the Building Inspector or head of the Building Department.

Selectman Powers requested that the Executive Secretary check with the Historic Structure Commission for any possible conflict in a delegating authority.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the communication, dated May 2, 1973, from the Executive Secretary, relative to the transfer of building services as explained above, subject to there being no conflict in transferring the Loring Parsonage and the Hosmer House maintenance accounts.

Award Bid

The Executive Secretary reported that bids for the replacement of the Building Inspector's automobile had been received up until 4:00 p.m. today, at which time they were opened. Mr. Thompson reported that West End Chevrolet Inc., of Waltham, was the low bidder.

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

VOTED: To accept the recommendation of the Executive Secretary to grant the purchase to the low bidder, West End Chevrolet, as set forth in the Executive Secretary's memorandum of May 7, 1973.

Police Private Paid Detail

In accordance with the "Memorandum of Agreement" dated February 22, 1973, between the Town Negotiating Committee and the Sudbury Police Association, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To increase the Police paid detail rate, effective May 1, 1973, from \$5.50 per hour to \$6.00 per hour, with a \$.50 per hour surcharge to be added upon billing to cover administrative processing cost. It is understood that the aforementioned paid detail rate will not be charged for any services performed for the Town of Sudbury municipal government, during regular hours or extra duty hours, for matters such as elections, town meetings or traffic duty when required by the nature of public meetings or hearings.

Fire Captain Josiah Frost - General Discussion

Fire Captain Josiah Frost met with the Board for a general discussion relative to future aspects of the Fire Department operation in view of the upcoming retirement of Chief Albert St. Germain, on December 31, 1974.

Captain Frost stated that he had been a call firefighter between 1937 and 1940, at which time he left for college and the service. Captain Frost stated that he returned again as a call firefighter in 1954, became a permanent part-time firefighter in 1956, and a full-time firefighter on October 1, 1957, and was appointed a Lieutenant (title later changed to Captain) on November 1, 1963.

In response to a question by the Board, Captain Frost stated that he was definitely interested in being considered for the position of Fire Chief upon Chief St. Germain's retirement.

Captain Frost stated that the main benefit to be derived from the Concord contract arrangement is the regionalization of fire service, but that, presently, there seems to be, in his opinion, a lack of coordination between the two departments, due to the fact that the contract agreement has only been in operation for a few years. Captain Frost stated that he would not want to see the arrangement abandoned, because he feels that within the next ten years, it should be regionalized, and he stated that he felt that the areas of concern should be discussed.

Captain Frost feels that there would be no administrative problem or other difficulties that could not be overcome concerning the transition period of the projected move to a new fire headquarters location, and stated that he was in favor of the proposed building and that he had served on the study committee.

Captain Frost stated that he does not believe that the Civil Service system gives the administrative authority proper control over fire department operations, and further stated that, in his opinion, Civil Service is directed toward the protection of the men and that it hampers a good, clean operation.

Captain Frost stated that he thinks that the present system of appointments being made to the Department by the Chief is a wholesome procedure to obtain departmental objectives, and stated that he felt the department chief should have the final say in making appointments.

Treasury Warrants

The Selectmen signed a bills payable warrant in the amount of \$258,128.61.

Executive Session -- Appointments

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, 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 reputation of any person.

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

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

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