

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MAY 21, 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.

Council on Aging - Report

Chairman Toomey announced the receipt of the Council on Aging report, and it was unanimously agreed to accept the report. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to forward copies of the same to all appropriate boards, commissions, committees and departments. Later in the meeting, at the beginning of the Town Fathers' Forum, Reverend Talbot appeared briefly before the Board and stated that the Committee's report was submitted for the Board's information and approval, and that he was available to answer any questions.

Chairman Toomey informed Reverend Talbot that the Board had announced previously the acceptance of the report and that it was the Board's intention to support the articles for the Special Town Meeting, which had been proposed by the Council on Aging study.

P.R.I.D.E.

On the question of granting the request of the P.R.I.D.E. group in their letter of February 5, 1973, relative to the Annual P.R.I.D.E. fund-raising dinner dance, to be held on June 16th on the grounds of the Wayside Inn, it was on motion, unanimously

VOTED: To approve and grant permission to The Wayside Inn to make alcoholic beverage sales on June 16, 1973, on The Wayside Inn grounds adjacent to the Josephine Pond.

Summer Schedule

On motion, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the summer schedule proposed by the Executive Secretary for meetings to be held on alternate Mondays during July and August, with meetings scheduled for June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, August 20, and September 10, thereafter to resume a regular weekly schedule.

It was further

VOTED: To dispense with the Town Fathers' Forum during the months of July and August.

The Executive Secretary was requested to forward a copy of the summer schedule to all boards, commissions, committees, and departments.

Heritage Park

Chairman Toomey announced the Board's receipt of a communication dated May 15, 1973, from the Conservation Commission relative to the Order and Conditions for preparing the land on Concord Road for Heritage Park.

Massachusetts Historical Commission - Wayside Inn

Chairman Toomey announced the Board's receipt of a communication on May 17, 1973, from the Secretary of State relative to the Wayside Inn Historic District having been added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Moderate Income Housing Committee

Chairman Toomey announced the Board's receipt of a communication, dated May 15, 1973, from the League of Women Voters, relative to a meeting in Wednesday, June 6th, to hear the report of the Moderate Income Housing Committee concerning formation of a local non-profit housing corporation.

Minutes

The Board unanimously voted to accept the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of May 14, 1973, the latter as amended.

Appointments

Chairman Toomey announced the following appointments made by the Selectmen:

Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee - Richard H. Davison and Lorelei Snyder

Business Advisory Committee - William Hall, John Rankin, William Genna, Leon Zola, Edmund Brown, Ellen Jane Siegars, Algy Alexander, Lewis T. Bartington, Robert Phelps, A. William Grellier, Irving Place, Norman Martell, G. Burton Mullen, Emmalou Eaton, Leo A. Amendola, Malcolm M. Beers, John S. MacKinnon, James Gatlin, Gilbert Parmenter, and Mary Jane Hillery

Sign Bylaw Revision Committee - William Hall, Leon Zola, Paul McNally, Robert Cooper, Richard Briden, Francis E. White and David L. Turner.

Town Fathers' Forum - 84th Session

The transcript of the Town Fathers' Forum attached hereto is a part of these minutes.

Regional Concerns Committee

Present: Marilyn Hotch, Paul Buxbaum, Edmund Henault, Malcolm Beers  
and R. Sandy Campbell

Members of the Regional Concerns Committee met with the Board to discuss their committee's continuing role in serving the Selectmen in an advisory capacity.

Mr. Buxbaum stated that, as he understood the charge to the committee, they were to 1) keep abreast of what is going on in the area of regional government and report to the Selectmen for any input and/or action, 2) coordinate with the Selectmen various existing regional activities such as SILC, MBTA, MAPC, and the solid waste intertown groups, and to have some liaison with the Planning Board, who would like to increase their role in future planning, 3) possibly initiate legislation, and 4) act in some way as a staff for the Selectmen, to attend meetings and to report back to the Selectmen of any necessary action.

It was the committee's opinion that the work load was great and if the committee is to continue, that it be enlarged from seven to ten members.

The Executive Secretary stated that the Board had not yet given consideration to individual appointments to this committee, but that he was in accord with the committee's wish to be enlarged, with the fact that the committee should be continued, and with the above-stated original charge. The Executive Secretary requested that names for appointment to the Committee be supplied, and Mrs. Hotch stated that she would have recommendations for the Board by next week.

Chairman Toomey requested that the committee compile information relative to the regionalization of fire service.

Selectman Powers stated the Board's feelings that, in developing a program for action, the Committee should determine their priorities in regional programs, and these areas be considered with a view to a five- to ten-year period.

The Executive Secretary stated that the Board should solicit the committee's opinion and recommendations before it acts on anything of a regional nature.

Mr. Beers strongly recommended that several women be appointed to the committee because they would be able to attend the daytime meetings.

Mrs. Hotch submitted to the Board a report which was a compilation of all action taken by the Town since 1962 concerning sewage and waste disposal, transportation, and regional associations of the Town.

Mr. Buxbaum stated that the committee was very sorry to lose the services of Mrs. Hotch, and that she had been responsible for a great deal of the past work on the committee. The Selectmen also expressed their regret at her resignation from the committee.

#### Memorial Forest - Civilian Police Patrol

The Board received a communication, dated May 8, 1973, from the Chief of Police relative to a civilian police patrol of the Memorial Forest on Dutton Road.

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To defer action on this communication until receipt by the Board of additional information from Town Counsel relating to the Town's liability and responsibility toward such civilian police patrol.

#### Revenue Sharing Funds

The Board acknowledged the communication, dated May 11, 1973, from Senator Edward L. Burke, which requested the Board to look into the possibility of directing a portion of the revenue-sharing funds into maintaining local services, which are scheduled to be terminated or rendered less effective by the loss of Federal funds.

It was the recommendation of the Executive Secretary that while the Board fully appreciates the concern for reductions in certain community programs, because of cutbacks in Federal funds, nevertheless the Town cannot and should not be expected to pick up the cost when other local programs are already inadequately funded.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the recommendations of the Executive Secretary and to authorize him to indicate to Senator Burke that Sudbury is not in a position to reply favorably to Senator Burke's and his colleagues' request on their communication dated May 11, 1973.

#### 1973 Cherry Sheet Estimates

As a follow-up of the 1973 cherry sheet estimates discussion held earlier in the evening during the Town Fathers' Forum, it was the recommendation of the Executive Secretary that the Board support any effort to eliminate Massachusetts county participation in federal revenue sharing. The Board concurred with Mr. Thompson's recommendation.

The Executive Secretary requested and received the Board's authorization to send a communication to the City of Lowell, notifying them that Sudbury's Town Counsel will be in contact with Lowell's Town Counsel to indicate the Sudbury Board of Selectmen's strong opposition to the passage of bills to change the distribution formula for State aid on the Cherry Sheet. The Executive Secretary was requested to notify Sudbury's local legislators of the foregoing position of the Board.

Concord Road Walkway

The Selectmen signed copies of the contract agreement, dated May 18, 1973, by and between McGovern Construction Corporation, No. Chelmsford, Massachusetts, and the Town of Sudbury, for construction of a walkway along Concord Road.

Treasury Warrants

The Board signed a bills payable warrant in the amount of \$100,952.67 and a special warrant, #26, for payment of \$155,000.00.

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 reputation of any person.

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  
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk