

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
NOVEMBER 5, 1973

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

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

Present: Betsey M. Powers, Town Clerk

The Board drew the names of Barbara V. Lawrence, 204 Haynes Road, to serve as juror at Cambridge Court commencing December 3, 1973, and Meyer Davis, 23 Aaron Road, to serve as juror at Lowell Court commencing December 3, 1973.

Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to accept the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of October 29, 1973, as submitted.

Chapter 705 Housing Program

The Executive Secretary reported that he had attended the October 30th meeting relative to the Chapter 705 Housing Program, at which Mr. Gary Jefferson of the Department of Community Affairs declared the present need for determining the number of possible applicants for low income housing. The Executive Secretary reported that it was Mr. Jefferson's suggestion that communities advertise and check with various local social service groups to determine the scope of need for the purpose of acquiring existing housing with Chapter 705 funds for subsidized rental to low income families.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Planning Board will take the initiative to proceed to establish a waiting list of eligible citizens and Town employees who cannot presently afford to live within the Town.

Heritage Park

The Board received a communication dated November 1, 1973, from the Permanent Landscape Committee, requesting that the Board approve an agreement to authorize the Permanent Landscape Committee to enter into an agreement for professional services to employ a professional landscape architect.

The Executive Secretary reported that Heritage Park is currently undergoing some major excavation and that the next step is the development of actual plans relating to layout and drainage.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Board had requested that the Permanent Landscape Committee provide such plans and that their recommendation was that a landscape architect be employed.

The Executive Secretary recommended that the Board approve the Permanent Landscape Committee's proposed agreement for professional service in an amount not to exceed \$700, said funds to be expended from the Heritage Park Fund, and stated that Town Counsel had approved the agreement as to form.

Mr. Thompson added that he had requested the Permanent Landscape Committee to revise the agreement to have the architect supply the Board with a draft proposal of plans and specifications before they submit the final plans for approval by the Committee and the Selectmen.

Selectman Powers stated that the agreement should be reworded so that the owner reads Board of Selectmen rather than Permanent Landscape Committee. The Executive Secretary stated that the appropriate changes would be made and the agreement ready for the Board's signature at the November 12th meeting.

Mr. Thompson announced that the landscape architect firm chosen for the work was the firm of Ron Boucher Associates, of Sudbury.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the hiring of a professional landscape architect to prepare a site development master plan for Heritage Park that shall include drainage and grading recommendations, a general planting plan, and trails and walkways, with the provision that the Permanent Landscape Committee act as the agent for this project.

Revaluation Suit

Chairman Toomey stated that the Town Counsel's report on the revaluation suit scheduled for public session on tonight's agenda would instead be discussed in executive session, and that until such time as Town Counsel is able to inform the public on the state of the suit, selection of Townspeople to join in the suit must also be postponed.

Site Plan Application #73-121, Normand Martel, 712 Boston Post Road

Present: Francis E. White, Zoning Enforcement Agent; Normand G. Martel, applicant; Howard Saklad, Edward A. Sokoloff, Carol Sokoloff, Janet Brennan, and Edward Kreitsek (representing Buddy Dog Humane Society), abutters.

Zoning Enforcement Agent, Francis E. White, submitted the site plan for Normand G. Martel and stated that all abutters had been notified.

The Board received a communication dated October 17, 1973, from the Conservation Commission, which stated that the portion of the property zoned for business would not require a Wetland Protection Act hearing. The Board also received two communications dated October 25, 1973, from the Planning Board, one of which recommended conditional approval of the site plan and the second relating to a discrepancy between their interpretation of the bylaw and that of the Zoning Enforcement Agent.

Mr. White stated that Mr. Martel had agreed to delete the freestanding sign from his site plan and that the conditions in the Planning Board's letter had been incorporated into the plan, with the exception of their suggestion that the existing mercury light be removed and that low-level incandescent lights be substituted on the end of the building. Mr. White stated that Mr. Martel wished to retain the mercury vapor light for reasons of security.

Dr. Saklad expressed his concern that the business area lighting would extend onto the residential areas and Mr. Martel responded that the light would not exceed the limits of the business area.

Dr. Saklad also mentioned his concern in regard to development of the residential land to the rear of the business zone, and Mr. White explained that the property to the rear of the business zone was a piece of isolated landlocked residential land.

Mr. Sokoloff stated his hope that the natural screening to the rear of the property not be removed and requested that the Board deny this application unless a stipulation is made which would require the owner to maintain the 150' deep area to the rear of the business zone in its present natural state.

Selectman Powers stated that this called for jurisdiction of an area of the property that is not on the site plan and requested that Town Counsel prepare an opinion as to whether or not the Board can impose a restriction on the approval of the application based on the use of the land on the northerly side of the zone.

Chairman Toomey cautioned Mr. Martel that he need not make any statement tonight in regard to this matter as he was not represented by counsel.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To continue the hearing for consideration of Site Plan Application #73-121 of Normand G. Martel, 712 Boston Post Road, until 9:00 p.m. of the Board's regularly scheduled meeting on November 12, 1973, to allow for receipt of Town Counsel's opinion as requested.

Mr. Sokoloff requested that as there is no fence intended for the easterly side of the business property that the Board, upon reconsideration of the site plan, require that the trees and natural growth within the business zoned area not be eliminated.

Ambulance Task Force Committee

Present: Nicholas Lombardi, Police Chief; Albert St. Germain, Fire Chief; Dr. Israel Hurwitz; Dr. Norman Pollock; Lester Goldberg, associated with Parker Ambulance Service in Lexington.

The Executive Secretary reported that he had recommended to the Board a month ago that a task force committee be appointed, made up of the Executive Secretary, the Town Accountant, the Police and Fire Chiefs, and the Director of the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association, to come up with recommendations relative to the initiation of ambulance service in the Town. The Executive Secretary stated that Sudbury is currently using both the police and fire departments for this service and that two firemen are now attending an 81-hour emergency medical technician course at Emerson Hospital in connection with the recent passage of legislation to regulate ambulances and ambulance services by July 1, 1977.

Dr. Hurwitz reported on an ambulance service arrangement between Marlborough and Hudson and stated that most ambulance cases are covered by medicare, medicaid or Blue Cross insurance. Dr. Hurwitz stated that ambulance service costs are high due to supplying manpower for 24-hour-a-day coverage, and that he would like to see some form of regionalized ambulance service looked into immediately rather than to let each town develop such service independently.

Dr. Pollock stated that approximately \$90,000 is required for maintenance of an ambulance for one year and that he was dead set against Sudbury's acquiring one. Dr. Pollock added that, unfortunately, we have only until 1977 to fulfill the requirements imposed by the legislation and that, in his opinion, if money is to be expended, it would be better spent on public training, and if this is impossible, he would recommend regionalization of a private ambulance service.

Chairman Toomey explained that Sudbury now has three vehicles on the road and that removal of any one vehicle for ambulance service seriously hampers police protection.

Police Chief Lombardi commented that provision of ambulance service by the police is not a proper function of that department and that these men must not be taken out of Sudbury and to do so causes a personnel problem.

Selectman Taft commented that while ambulance protection is very expensive it is also costing the Town something now in terms of man hours and cruiser hours and that, in addition, a cruiser is not designed for the transport of sick or injured people.

In response to a question concerning actual costs to other towns, Mr. Goldberg, a representative of Parker Ambulance Service located in Lexington, stated that \$100,000 should provide coverage of men, equipment and service and that the greater portion of this cost is paid by medicare, medicaid, and Blue Cross insurance and welfare. Mr. Goldberg stated that the cost of ambulance service for the Town of Concord is \$85,000 and for a regional service for Malden and Medfield, \$40,000 each.

Dr. Hurwitz commented on the mutual agreement for ambulance service between Hudson and Marlboro, which bills individuals for service calls at \$25 per call, and Dr. Pollock stated that in addition the ambulance service company is guaranteed a subsidy of \$12,500 per year.

Chairman Toomey requested that Dr. Hurwitz and Dr. Pollock serve on a committee with the Police and Fire Chief, the Executive Secretary, the Town Accountant and the Director of the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association to study and resolve the problem of ambulance service, and both men were in agreement.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To establish an Ambulance Task Force Committee and to make the following appointments thereto:

Richard E. Thompson, Executive Secretary
John Wilson, Town Accountant
Nicholas Lombardi, Police Chief
Albert St. Germain, Fire Chief
Gloria Stoccardo, Director, Sudbury Public Health Nursing Assoc.
Israel Hurwitz, M. D.
Norman Pollock, M. D.

Labor Relations Counsel Work

Chairman Toomey announced that Mr. Thomas Hourihan scheduled for discussion relating to labor relations counsel work at 9:45 p.m. would be unable to appear.

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 and the reputation of a person.

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

VOTED: To adjourn at 11:10 p.m.

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