

TRANSCRIPT
TOWN FATHERS' FORUM
NOVEMBER 26, 1973

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Toomey called the 88th session of the Town Fathers' Forum to order.

Chairman Toomey announced that Town Counsel, David L. Turner, had recently been hospitalized, and since released, but was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Chairman Toomey made the following announcements concerning the Selectmen's activities during the last month:

Sudbury had initiated, at the Wayside Inn on November 8th, a series of meetings with Middlesex Area Selectmen, during which discussion had included the topics of transportation and regionalized disposal plants, etc. Chairman Toomey stated that the area meetings of the Selectmen would be held approximately every three months and that the next meeting would be hosted by Wayland.

The revaluation suit has been signed as another step toward its filing in Supreme Judicial Court.

The Executive Secretary has drafted a ten-point proposal plan dealing with the energy crisis which is to be more fully discussed later in the evening.

Plans are progressing for both the police/fire headquarters building and Town Hall renovations.

The firm of Murphy, Lamere, and Murphy, of Braintree, has been retained to act as the Board of Selectmen's agent in conducting the 1974-75 collective bargaining work for the Town.

The regular meeting and Town Fathers' Forum scheduled for December 24th have been canceled, with the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 2, 1974.

Selectman Powers made the following announcements:

Contributions for the Heritage Park Fund are continuing to come in and now total almost \$20,000.

The Police Association plans to donate the entire proceeds of their Annual Ball to the Heritage Park Fund.

The Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee will have their first bicentennial program on January 3, 1974, with the trustees of the First Parish and the Sudbury Minute companies.

Chairman Toomey announced that neither Representative Ann Gannett nor Senator Chester Atkins would be in attendance at tonight's Forum as they were still at the State House, but that Representative Gannett had reported that the MBTA package had been voted, with amendments, by both houses, which would result in a smaller MBTA assessment to the Town.

The Executive Secretary reported that Town Counsel has sent a letter to all departments, boards, and committees, which indicates the time he will be available for warrant article discussion.

Selectman Taft stated that the House and Senate have passed an amended version of H.1086 for local and State employees.

ARTHUR E. HARDING - TOWN SURVEYOR

Mr. Harding reported that the Engineering Department has recently completed a topographical survey for the Highway Garage, preliminary and alternate plans for the Butler Road walkway, and cross-sections of Peakham and Old Lancaster Roads construction. Mr. Harding further reported that the Department is continuing with overall plans of Sudbury Centre and the new property maps and have begun a survey of the Training Field and a program to locate dead or diseased existing trees in connection with their relativity to the street line.

ALBERT ST. GERMAIN - FIRE CHIEF

Fire Chief St. Germain reported on a fire which occurred several weeks ago in the Plympton Road area, burning over eighteen acres of wooded land.

Fire Chief St. Germain warned of the illegality of home storage of more than one quart of gasoline and commented on the importance of cleaning chimneys, particularly those that have long been in disuse. He also reported that the two firemen taking emergency medical technician courses at Emerson Hospital will have completed their 81 hours of instruction in mid-December, in connection with legislation to upgrade community ambulance service.

FRANCIS E. WHITE - BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. White reported that building permits for new construction in 1973 numbered 63, as compared with 121 within the same time period in 1972.

Mr. White also reported that he had been working with the Sudbury School Department in relation to the program which will lead to inclusion of all public buildings to be in his charge by 1975.

Mr. White also reported that the utility cables would be removed from the overhead lines in the Centre within the next two weeks and that the 10,000 gallon oil storage tank located behind the Town Hall is full and is being topped off once a week.

JOHN V. SULLIVAN - DIRECTOR, BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Sullivan reported that soil examinations of the proposed site for the Housing for the Elderly have been made and that on the first of December, the County consultant will make additional percolation tests.

ROBERT E. COOPER - PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Cooper reported that the Planning Board is working on articles and budgets and have recently had printed a questionnaire to be distributed by the census takers in January, relative to proposed transportation, including a proposal for minibus service within the Town.

JUNE MARGOLIN - TALENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Margolin reported that the Talent Search Committee had almost completed its project to contact all people listed in their files relative to their continued interest in serving the Town. Mrs. Margolin further reported that they are beginning to divide the names by neighborhoods within precincts and hope to have this list ready by the first of the year.

JOHN H. WILSON - TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Mr. Wilson reported that the Town Treasurer had invested \$211,000 in Revenue Sharing funds and plans to invest two more forthcoming Revenue Sharing checks in the approximate amounts of \$40,000 and \$43,000 during the winter and spring. Mr. Wilson stated that interest from the first investment should net \$7,000 by the time it is withdrawn for payroll use beginning in March.

RONALD P. ESPINOLA - HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mr. Espinola reported that paving, following completion of trenches for the undergrounding of wires, has been completed at Sudbury Centre and that they are currently involved with final budget and article preparation and a program to remove dead and diseased trees within the street rights-of-way. In this regard, Mr. Espinola also reported that the trees which are being removed will be brought to the landfill, with the exception of the diseased elms, and that Townspeople are invited to take the wood.

Mr. Espinola also reported that the Highway Department has been currently working on miscellaneous drainage repair projects and that there has been a significant rise in the cost of bituminous concrete.

FRANK LEBART - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. LeBart reported that all budgets are due on December 1st and that the Finance Committee has scheduled 22 dates during December and January for hearings on the 1974-75 budgets and articles for the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, to be held in the Finance Committee room in the White Building.

ANN D. BIGELOW - COMMITTEE ON TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Bigelow reported that the Committee on Town Administration had received an approximate one-third return on their recently distributed questionnaire, which was due on November 16th, and requested prompt return of the remainder of the forms.

RICHARD C. HILL - HISTORIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE

Mr. Hill reported that a new roof had recently been put on the Loring Parsonage and that the Committee hoped to be able to arrange for repair of the bulkhead in the Hosmer House.

Mr. Hill introduced Mr. Jerome McGonagle, who was recently appointed to the Historic Structures Committee.

JOHN R. FLATHER, JR. - LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Flather reported that the Regional Committee had met last week with the Finance Committees of both towns for the purpose of reviewing proposed budgets, and that the Finance Committees had asked for reductions, but as yet no reductions have been voted by the Regional Committee. Mr. Flather also stated that they were still in the process of negotiating with teachers.

Mr. Flather also reported that contingency plans relating to the fuel shortage have been under discussion, but that no major announcements would be made as yet. He commented that if contingency plans were adopted, the night programs would be terminated first, to be followed by the late afternoon programs, and lastly, possible changes in the daily schedule.

JUNE ALLEN - 1973 TOWN REPORT PREPARATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Allen reported that all the elected officials and Town boards and committees should be thinking of writing their annual reports and that the Town Report Preparation Committee hoped to receive them by Christmas. Mrs. Allen reported that the Committee is presently working on the submittal of art work for the 1973 Town Report.

DOUGLAS MIRANDA - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Miranda reported that the Sudbury Housing Authority has been working with its architect relating to an alternate design plan which is presently under consideration. Mr. Miranda also reported that arrangements have been made for further soil testing in the area of the police/fire headquarters and the elderly housing sites. He stated that once the testing is completed, the Sudbury Housing Authority will request a meeting with the Board concerning the property bounds for the elderly housing site, as their application cannot be acted upon until the boundary and leaching field problem has been solved.

ALFRED C. CRON - MINUTEMAN REGIONAL TECHNICAL-VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COM.

Mr. Cron stated that contractors of the Minuteman Regional Technical Vocational High School have reported difficulty in obtaining materials related to petrol products, such as tar paper, but that they are still hoping to open as scheduled in the fall of 1974.

Mr. Cron reported that the Regional Committee has formed a budget and has held a hearing on November 20th with representatives of the finance committees of the twelve towns involved, but have voted not to make the budget final by December 1st, taking advantage of the recent legislation which provides for a later budget submittal deadline for regionalized schools.

Mr. Cron reported that Sudbury's share of the budget will be approximately \$210,000.

The Executive Secretary requested that the Minuteman Regional Committee submit a letter to the Board before December 31st in this regard. Mr. Cron was in agreement and stated that he would include a copy of the budget as well.

ALFRED C. CRON - SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Cron reported that the Sudbury School Committee is still negotiating with teachers and is also working on reduction of the school budget. Mr. Cron stated that contingency plans relating to the fuel shortage are along the same line as those of the Regional High School.

CARROLL R. BROWNLEE - EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Brownlee introduced himself and the two other members of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, Stephen Bankuti and Nancy Blecher, and stated that his Committee had been charged to advise the Selectmen regarding implementation of the equal employment bylaw as it concerns Town employees and Town contracts.

Mr. Brownlee reported that his Committee has compiled a questionnaire to research the Town employment practice and the process by which the Town lets contracts of all types and asked that they be returned by December 3rd.

Col. Paul Leahy commented that the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee would do well to proceed slowly in view of the recent Supreme Court decision involving the University of Oregon and to stress the opportunity for employment rather than the actual employment.

JOAN MACGILVRA - PERMANENT LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Mrs. MacGilvra reported that the Permanent Landscape Committee is presently working on the Heritage Park plan project.

Chairman Toomey announced the appointments that had been made by the Board during the month and introduced the following new appointees:

Park and Recreation Commission	John Murray (elected)
Historical Commission	Donald Devoe Robert Oram
Town Historian	George (Don) Max
Town Agent, Industrial Accident Board	Richard E. Thompson
Regional Concerns Committee	Arthur W. Grellier Alfred Bown
Veterans Advisory Committee	William A. Burns Col. Paul J. Leahy Alfred Bonazzoli, Sr. Thomas McDonough Catherine Greene
Council on Aging	Marion Letteney Elinor Bentley Paul J. Leahy Clifford Card
Revolutionary War Bicentennial	John V. Sullivan
Town Report Preparation Committee	Alan L. Erskine Linda Buxbaum
Sudbury Representative of Trinity Mental Health - Advisory Board	Dr. William L. Carleton
Ambulance Task Force	Dr. Israel Hurwitz Dr. Norman Pollock Richard Thompson (E.S.) John Wilson (T.A.) Gloria Stoccardo (SPHNA) Albert St. Germain (F.C.) Nicholas Lombardi (P.C.)

Historic Districts Commission

Robert Caldwell

Youth Commission Study Committee

Stewart Dickson
Richard Brooks
Stanley Russell
Clifford Card
Jean Alley
Cynthia Harvey
Stephen Miller

Council on Aging - Ex Officio
members

Gloria Stoccardo,
Director (SPHNA)
Lorraine Bauder, Chairman
Sudbury Housing Authority
John O'Neill, Superintendent
of Schools
John V. Sullivan, Director
of Public Health

The Executive Secretary reported that relative to the Council on Aging bylaw, the majority of the appointees to the Council must be over sixty, and that as there has been some difficulty fulfilling this requirement, it is not as yet a full committee and has been complemented by ex officio members. Mr. Thompson also requested all new committees to convene as soon as possible, elect their chairpersons, and proceed with their business; and if necessary to call upon the Selectmen's office for guidance or direction.