

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1974

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman John C. Powers.

Hulbert Land - Funding

Present: Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers; Town Treasurer William E. Downing; Margaret Langmuir of the Conservation Commission

In response to a request from the Conservation Commission to provide the funds to acquire the Hulbert Land in accordance with Article 13 of the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, the Board received a communication dated November 27, 1974, from the Town Treasurer, which requested the Board's approval to borrow \$225,000 on Registered State House Notes.

The Treasurer stated that the borrowing is in anticipation of the receipt, on or before December 5, 1975, of \$142,500 from the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources through the Self-Help Program, as obligated in a communication dated November 19, 1974, from Commissioner Arthur Brownell. The Treasurer also stated that the balance of \$82,500 will be raised by the tax payers in fiscal 1976-1977.

Town Counsel, the Executive Secretary, and the Town Accountant agreed to the appropriateness of the funding proposal as being in accordance with the vote under Article 13 of the 1974 Annual Town Meeting.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve and sign the Treasurer's awarding of bids, to the low bidder, for the Town of Sudbury on \$225,000 for the Conservation Commission purchase of the Hulbert Land, authorized by the 1974 Annual Town Meeting on April 9, 1974, by placing \$142,500 on a one-year note and \$82,500 on a two-year note as follows:

Community National Bank	4.84% - one year \$142,500
Community National Bank	4.94% - two years \$82,500

It was mutually agreed by the Board and the Treasurer that future requests for borrowing will precede the actual borrowing of the money.

Site Plan #74-140 - Swanson & Duckett, 656 Boston Post Road

Present: Francis E. White, Zoning Enforcement Agent; John V. Sullivan, Director of the Board of Health; William R. Duckett, applicant; D. Barry Hill, attorney for Mr. Duckett; and John Rankin, representing the property owner.

In accordance with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph A of the Sudbury Bylaws, Chairman Powers convened a hearing for consideration of the site plan for Swanson and Duckett, for property located at 656 Boston Post Road for use as a funeral home.

The Executive Secretary stated that the site plan under consideration had been properly advertised and that the appropriate Town agencies and abutters had been notified of tonight's hearing.

The Executive Secretary read reports from the Zoning Enforcement Agent, the Board of Health, and the Planning Board, dated November 5, 1975, November 25, 1975, and November 18, 1975, respectively.

Mr. Sullivan reported that following his report to the Selectmen, the Board of Health had found that the existing sewage system is inadequate but that the applicant has agreed to submit an engineering report with the proper size for both the dwelling and the operation of a funeral parlor, and that he, as Director of the Board of Health, foresaw no further problem.

The Zoning Enforcement Agent stated that he was in disagreement with the Planning Board on the subject of removal or relocation of the light standards, as they are exempted under the provision of Article IX, Section IV, C, 3, c, of the Sudbury Bylaws. The Zoning Enforcement Agent recommended that the question of setback and size of the proposed sign be referred to the Sign Review Board. Mr. White also stated that no building permit would be issued until a permit from the Board of Health has been issued.

The Executive Secretary read into the record the motion relative to the variance to conduct a funeral home business at 656 Boston Post Road granted to Messrs. Swanson and Duckett

and the reasons for the same, as voted by the Board of Appeals on September 10, 1974.

Mr. Hill stated that Mr. Swanson had since moved to Cape Cod and that papers would be passed on December 3, 1974, to indicate that Mr. Duckett will be sole owner of the property.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the site plan dated July 8, 1974, for the proposed funeral home of Mr. and Mrs. William R. Duckett, for property located at 656 Boston Post Road, subject to the review and approval of the proposed sign size and location by the Sign Review Board.

Invitation to President and Mrs. Ford to Attend Bicentennial Celebration

Present: Marie Taylor, Leader of Cadette Girl Scout Troop 958

Mrs. Taylor met with the Board relative to her request dated November 11, 1974, to discuss the possibility of hand-carrying an invitation from the Board of Selectmen to President and Mrs. Ford which would invite them to attend Sudbury's Bicentennial Celebration.

The Board advised Mrs. Taylor that it had, on September 30, 1974, extended a similar invitation to President and Mrs. Ford.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to accept Mrs. Taylor's request and to ask that she contact Mr. Thompson, the Executive Secretary, in regard to a follow-up letter of invitation.

Mrs. Taylor informed the Board that she hoped to meet with one of the Senators from Massachusetts, from whom she would request that a flag, previously flown over the White House, be given to her Troop, which she, in turn, would present to the Board.

Continued Hearing - Site Plan #74-139, Havencraft of New England, Inc. 75 Union Avenue

Present: Francis E. White, Zoning Enforcement Agent

The Board, on November 11, 1974, had scheduled a hearing for consideration of the site plan application #74-139 for Havencraft of New England, Inc., for location at 75 Union Avenue.

On that date the Board voted to continue consideration of the site plan until December 2, 1974, at the request of Havencraft, Inc., as they were not yet prepared to appear before the Selectmen.

The Executive Secretary now stated that he had recently received a telephone call for the Havencraft Company, which had indicated that they are not able to continue with the site plan as they will not be purchasing the property at 75 Union Avenue at this time.

The Board requested that Town Counsel and the Zoning Enforcement Agent continue their efforts to eliminate existing zoning violations at Havencraft's present location.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To deny, without prejudice, site plan #74-139 for Havencraft of New England, Inc.

Candidate Interviews - MBTA Designee

Present: Alfred J. Bown and Neil Maurer, candidates

The Board interviewed Alfred J. Bown and Neil Maurer in connection with their interest in serving as Sudbury's representative to the MBTA Advisory Board.

Mr. Bown, who is presently employed as Chairman of the Mathematics Department at Framingham State College, an area resident for five years, and a Sudbury resident for two years, expressed his long-term interest in transportation and stated, in regard to his specific interest in the MBTA, that he had some general knowledge of the Authority and that he had obtained some of their planning documents.

Mr. Maurer, a civil engineer, who presently owns a marketing company, stated that his concern with the MBTA is the "mess" that it is presently in and commented that, in his opinion, some major changes must be made over the next few years and that he would like to be instrumental in making these changes.

Mr. Maurer stated that his attendance at meetings during the day would present no problem, and Mr. Bown stated that he would be able to attend most of the meetings.

On the subject of Sudbury's attempts to get out of the MBTA, Mr. Maurer stated that he would approach other towns which are assessed by the MBTA but receive only minimal services,

as is the case with Sudbury. Mr. Maurer also indicated that he would be willing to serve as Sudbury's representative to SILC.

Candidate Interviews - Personnel Board

Present: Helen Priest Deck and Daniel McLean, candidates

The Board interviewed Helen P. Deck and Daniel McLean in connection with their interest in serving on the Personnel Board.

Mrs. Deck stated that she had recently retired and returned to Sudbury where she had lived until 1951, and that she wished to do something for the Town and that, in her opinion, personnel work is the only area in which she is presently qualified. Mrs. Deck stated that for the past fifteen years she had been involved in selection, training, and supervision of personnel within the Central Intelligence Agency.

Mr. McLean stated that he was relatively new to Sudbury, but that he was interested in becoming involved in Town government and that following his indication of interest to the Talent Search Committee, his name had been suggested as a candidate for appointment to the Personnel Board.

Selectman Taft noted that Mr. McLean's previous employment experience had included a position as senior safety representative with Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

Selectman Taft outlined the charge and the functions of the Personnel Board for the benefit of the candidates, and the Board thanked them for their appearance tonight.

Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee - Status Report

Present: John C. Powers, Chairman, Royal E. Haynes, Roger A. Bump, Samuel Reed, Philip Ahlin, Lorelei Snyder, Victor G. Walsh of the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee; Elinor Bentley of the Cultural Events Subcommittee

Members of the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee met with the Board to present a status report on past and future Committee activities. Chairman Powers, also Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee, began by stating that the Committee's most pressing planning problems were the matters of logistics and public safety in connection with the April 19, 1975, celebration in Concord. Mr. Powers stated that his subsequent

comments had been considered following meetings with Police Chief Lombardi, Safety Officer Carroll, Acting Highway Superintendent Lindgren, the Executive Secretary and the Director of Civil Defense for the Town of Concord.

Mr. Powers stated that estimates from the Department of Public Works and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council anticipated 225,000 people in Concord on April 19th, a figure which some Sudbury Town officials believe to be very conservative.

Mr. Powers stated that Concord hopes to be able to provide 25,000 parking spaces which will include the use of a runway at Hanscom Field.

On adjoining maps of Concord and Sudbury, Mr. Powers described the Concord parade route, roads specified within that Town for parking and non-parking, and proposed bus routes. Mr. Powers stated that Budliner railroad cars will run from Boston and from Ayer every fifteen minutes, and that the Towns of Lincoln and Wayland have requested that a bus pickup route be established over Route 126.

Mr. Powers reported that present plans indicate that 10,000 marchers and followers will come from Acton, 10,000 from Carlisle, 1,000 from Lincoln, but, hopefully, only the Minute Company will march from Sudbury.

Mr. Powers stated that his Committee, with the aid of the Building Inspector, has made a survey of parking lots in Sudbury, which has indicated 3,944 available parking spaces. Mr. Powers further stated that it is the recommendation of the Sudbury Route Subcommittee, whose membership includes the Safety Officer, that, in an effort to minimize the problem, the Town establish bus routes to meet those proposed by Concord and to organize church, school, industrial, and other parking lots in this connection. In this regard, Mr. Powers requested a sense of direction from the Board.

Mr. Powers also stated that the Committee place with the Executive Secretary an overall structure of the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee and its subcommittees to facilitate identification of those who are associated with the same.

Mr. Powers named the members of the Committee and each Committee member, in turn, briefly stated the purpose of his subcommittee and named individual members.

Selectman Toomey requested that a complete written listing of all Committee and Subcommittee members be submitted to the Executive Secretary for the Board's records, and that the Board

regularly receive copies of the Committee's meeting minutes, and Mr. Powers stated that these items would be forwarded to the Board.

Mr. Powers reported that the Memorial Day parade would depict Sudbury's participation in each of the fourteen wars with which the Town has been involved and that initial planning had begun for a July 5, 1975, ball to be held at the Town Centre. Mr. Powers stated that the Committee intends to issue a publication listing Town Bicentennial events planned for 1975 and 1976.

On the subject of the Committee's budget for fiscal 1975-76, Mr. Powers stated that a draft budget has been prepared on which he wished the Committee's consensus before its submittal and that he had been in contact with the Town Accountant on the matter.

Selectman Toomey stated that neither members of the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee nor other Town officials should become involved in selling, producing or manufacturing items relating to the upcoming Bicentennial celebration, which by virtue of their office would create a conflict of interest or indicate taking advantage of their office.

Selectman Powers responded that it was his opinion that the Bicentennial Committee would not endorse products or the selling of items relating to the Bicentennial celebration, which would in any way jeopardize the integrity of any member of the Committee.

Discussion followed relative to involvement of additional Town officials to enable a broader knowledge of the workings and plans of the Committee, following which it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To make the following additional appointments to the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee for the duration of Bicentennial planning:

Selectman John E. Taft, Selectman William F. Toomey, Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi, Fire Chief Albert St. Germain, and Town Accountant John H. Wilson.

Sudbury Housing Authority - Easement for Housing for Elderly Development

Present: Douglas Miranda and Lorraine Bauder of the Sudbury Housing Authority; Roland Smith, a Public Administrative student at Bentley College, who is working as a part-time Executive Director for the Sudbury Housing Authority

Members of the Sudbury Housing Authority met with the Board to further discuss the easement for access to the Elderly Housing development, which is to be granted by the Town to the Housing Authority.

The Board submitted copies of an easement, dated December 2, 1974, as prepared by Town Counsel, to the members of the Authority for their consideration and requested that they review it with their remaining members, following which they would again meet with the Board.

Selectman Taft stated that the map to which reference is made in the easement shows the same easement earlier proposed for joint access to the Police/Fire headquarters and the Elderly Housing development as it was the opinion of the Board that it did not know, at this time, of a better location and that this location was the least damaging way of crossing over the Town's property. The Board also stated that the proximity of the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mack, abutters, was a consideration in its decision.

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated November 29, 1974, from the Chairman of the Highway Commission on the matter of the access road.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of November 25, 1974, as corrected.

Sudbury Nonprofit Housing Corporation - Military Reservation Land

The Board received a communication dated November 22, 1974, from the Sudbury Nonprofit Housing Corporation relative to its interest in developing housing on the surplus Military Reservation land.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To refer the above-mentioned communication to the Executive Secretary for further information and to request that he report back after learning the status of the present application for the land made by the State Department of Natural Resources and the Town of Sudbury.

Resignation - Equal Employment Opportunity Bylaw Committee - Nancy Blecher

The Board received a communication, dated November 25, 1974,

from Nancy Blecher, who tendered her resignation from the Equal Employment Opportunity Bylaw Committee, effective immediately.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept Mrs. Blecher's resignation with regret and to direct the Executive Secretary to acknowledge Mrs. Blecher's communication, expressing the Board's appreciation for her service on that Committee.

Police Chief - Salary Increase

In accordance with the Contract between the Town and the Sudbury Police Local 315, International Brotherhood of Police Officers, signed November 18, 1974, which increased salaries by 7.5% retroactive to July 1, 1974, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the salary of Nicholas Lombardi, Police Chief, be set at the ratio of 1.8 of the compensation of the highest paid patrolman, or \$20,091, such increase to be retroactive to July 1, 1974.

Town Report Preparation Committee

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated November 20, 1974, from Burt B. Mader, Jr., relative to his non-acceptance of appointment to the 1974 Town Report Preparation Committee.

Selectmen Budget Reviews

The Executive Secretary stated that the Board has not yet completed its review of the 1975-76 fiscal year budgets and will be making further reductions and modifications of the same.

It was agreed to schedule the final budget review for the Board's regular meeting on December 9, 1974.

Executive Session

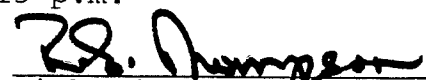
At 10:45 p.m., it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and personnel matters.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:15 p.m.

Attest:



Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk