

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1974

Present: Acting Chairman 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 by Acting Chairman John E. Taft.

Utility Petition #74-21, Horse Pond Road

Present: Robert Blake of Boston Edison Company

In conformity with the requirements of Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a hearing was held on the below-named utility petition:

UP74-21 - Petition of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for joint or identical locations for the erection or construction of poles to be owned and used in common by them, and for such other fixtures including anchors and guys as may be necessary to sustain or protect the wires of the line upon, along and across the following public way:

HORSE POND ROAD, northwesterly side, approximately 379 feet southwest of Peakham Road, --
One (1) pole.
(One (1) existing JO pole to be removed)

HORSE POND ROAD, northwesterly side, from a point approximately 851 feet southwest of Peakham Road, --
Three (3) poles.
(Three (3) existing JO poles to be removed)

HORSE POND ROAD, northwesterly side, approximately 1511 feet southwest of Peakham Road, --
One (1) pole.
(One (1) existing JO pole to be removed)

The Executive Secretary reported that all abutters and appropriate boards had been notified and that a favorable report, dated December 5, 1974, had been received from the Sudbury Power and Light Committee. The Executive Secretary further reported that on November 11, the Board had voted to authorize the Executive Secretary to grant emergency approval for the relocation of these poles so that construction of the walkway was able to proceed on schedule.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the above-mentioned petition as submitted by

the Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of December 2, 1974, as submitted.

Personnel Board - Police Sergeants

The Board received a communication dated November 26, 1974, from the Chairman of the Personnel Board, which requested authorization from the Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the Police Sergeants to amend the existing contract with the Police Association relative to the change of the Police Sergeants job description and wages.

The Executive Secretary reported on a meeting among the members of the Personnel Board, the Sudbury Police Sergeants, Selectman Taft, and himself on November 13, 1974, at which it was agreed that the Personnel Board should proceed to establish a new job description for Sudbury Police Sergeants and to recommend new salary levels relating to the same. Mr. Thompson stated that the above agreement was set forth in his communication dated November 26, 1974, to the Personnel Board.

It was brought out that while the Selectmen could authorize the Personnel Board to negotiate with the Police Sergeants for the purpose of establishing job descriptions and related recommendations for new salary levels, the Selectmen could not authorize the Personnel Board to negotiate a binding agreement.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request the Personnel Board to continue their discussions with the Sudbury Police Sergeants in order to prepare an appropriate job description for the position of Police Sergeants, to evaluate the position and to recommend the appropriate salary level, and to submit their recommendations to the Selectmen.

Candidate Interview - Personnel Board

Present: Michael R. Cooper

The Board interviewed Michael Cooper relative to his interest in serving on the Personnel Board, and at his request, the Executive Secretary described the functions and charge of that Board.

Dr. Cooper, a one-year resident of Sudbury, is an industrial/organizational psychologist and presently heads his own company, Cooper Associates, which is involved in personnel and marketing research and consultation for industry and government. Dr. Cooper stated that before August 1974 he had been on the staff of General Telephone and Electronics Laboratories, Inc., working in the areas of personnel research and development programs.

Acting Chairman Taft suggested that Dr. Cooper might wish to contact the Chairman of the Personnel Board for additional information and thanked him for his appearance tonight.

Candidate Interview - Town Report Preparation Committee

Present: Susan Abrams

The Board interviewed Susan Abrams relative to her interest in serving on the Town Report Preparation Committee.

Mrs. Abrams, a Sudbury resident for 2½ years, stated that her past activities included editing the League of Women Voters Bulletin and that she is the present editor of the Greater Framingham Mental Health Newsletter.

Mrs. Abrams stated that she had previously spoken with Mrs. Buxbaum, a member of the Committee, and was advised of the Committee's workload and schedule and that she does have available the necessary time commitment.

Later in the evening, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Susan Abrams, 143 Victoria Road, to the 1974 Town Report Preparation Committee, for a term to expire April 30, 1975.

The Executive Secretary was directed to reschedule, for a subsequent meeting, other candidates who have expressed an interest in the Town Report Preparation Committee, but were unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Council on Aging

The Executive Secretary reported that Margaret E. Bennett, a candidate for possible appointment to the Council on Aging, was ill and unable to attend tonight's meeting.

The Executive Secretary was requested to reschedule the interview for a subsequent meeting.

Bicentennial Committee Bussing Transportation Plan - April 19, 1975

It was agreed to defer action on the request of the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee's for the Board's support of that Committee's bussing transportation plan for April 19, 1975, until receipt of further information and a report from the Committee.

Traffic Rules and Orders

The Board received a communication dated December 1, 1974, from Safety Officer William B. Carroll in response to the Board's request for his determination of existing traffic stop signs that are not included in the present Traffic Rules and Orders and confirmation of traffic stop signs presently so included as to whether or not they exist.

Acting Chairman Taft stated that a stop sign located at Puffer Lane at Haynes Road should be included under the second paragraph of the above-mentioned communication and requested that the Executive Secretary inquire if the Town could, for reasons of safety, make a determination of stop sign placement. The Executive Secretary was also directed to ask Safety Officer Carroll and Chief Lombardi for their recommendations on the two stop signs which Safety Officer Carroll feels are illegal as well as for additional signs which they would wish to see in place.

Executive Session

At 8:30 p.m. it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial interest of the Town and the reputation of any person.

Town Engineer - Budget Review

Present: James V. Merloni

James Merloni, Town Engineer, met with the Board for the purpose of reviewing the Engineering Department's budget.

Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m. it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session with Captain Josiah

Frost of the Sudbury Fire Department to discuss departmental matters.

Boston Globe Editorial Response - Equalized Valuation

The Board agreed to defer discussion of the draft letter response relative to a recent Boston Globe editorial on the subject of equalized valuation until the next regular meeting of the Board on December 16, 1974, to enable its discussion before the full Board and Town Counsel.

Appointments

It was agreed to defer consideration of the Board's appointments until the next regular meeting of the Board on December 16, 1974, to enable appointments to be made by the full Board.

1975 Annual Town Meeting - Article for Reseeding and Curbing Town Common

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated November 29, 1974, from the Highway Commission in response to the Board's earlier communication relative to the inclusion in the Commission's budget of funds to cover work requested by the Board. The Highway Commission's communication recommended that the Selectmen submit an article for the reseeded and curbing of the Town Centre Common at the 1975 Annual Town Meeting, rather than to include a budget line item for the same in the Highway Department budget.

P.R.I.D.E. - Boston Post Road

The Board received a communication dated November 26, 1974, from Frederick A. Roth, District Manager, Boston Edison Company, relative to the request made by P.R.I.D.E. to underground utility lines along a section of the Boston Post Road at the time of its reconstruction. Mr. Roth's communication restated Boston Edison's position that conversion of overhead utilities can be accomplished under Chapter 166, Section 22 of the General Laws and suggested that P.R.I.D.E. contact New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Sudbury Fire Department, as they both have overhead plants which would be affected if undergrounding the lines were to proceed.

Extension of Serving Hours - New Year's Eve

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To extend the serving hours on December 31, 1974, New Year's Eve, to 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 1974, to all holders of alcoholic beverages pouring licenses in Sudbury.

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

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

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