

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1974

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

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman John C. Powers.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request

Following consideration, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request for a transfer (#0602) in the amount of \$381.00, from the Reserve Fund to Account 502-51 - Engineering Equipment Purchase, to purchase a "Wild Theodolite" (precise survey instrument) inasmuch as the estimate quoted at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting was low.

Wastewater Management Planning - Wayland-Sudbury Septage Disposal Planning Committee

At the Selectmen's regular meeting on December 16, 1974, the Board voted to table consideration of a proposal that the Town adopt a resolution of intent relating to participation in a plan for wastewater management planning until December 18th, to enable Chairman Powers to report back to the Board following his presentation of the proposal to the Wayland-Sudbury Septage Disposal Planning Committee on December 17th.

Chairman Powers now reported that he had met with Dr. Cooper and Mr. McNally, two Sudbury members of the Wayland-Sudbury Disposal Planning Committee, who had requested that the Selectmen defer action on the matter for approximately a week to allow review of the proposal by the Wayland members of the Committee for the purpose of determining possible conflict with the joint Committee's plans.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to contact Wayland for its official reaction and to reschedule discussion of the subject on the agenda for the Board's regular meeting on December 30th.

New England Telephone and Telegraph Company - Local Calling Area - Public Hearing

The Executive Secretary reported to the Board that Mrs. Sampson, the Administrative Secretary had confirmed with Mr. Joseph P. McAllister of the Department of Public Utilities, use of the Sudbury Town Hall for a DPU hearing on Friday, January 10, 1975, at 10:00 a.m. for the

purpose of holding a hearing on a citizens' petition relative to expansion of the Sudbury telephone calling area. The Board requested that the information be referred to Town Counsel for his information.

Council on Aging - Christmas Party

The Executive Secretary relayed an invitation to the Board from the Council on Aging's Christmas party at their Drop-In center, on Friday, December 20th, at 11:30 a.m. The Board requested the Executive Secretary to contact Colonel Leahy thanking the Council for its invitation and expressing Selectman Taft's hope that he would be able to attend and Chairman Powers' and Selectman Toomey's regrets that they would be unable to attend.

Warrant Articles - 1975 Annual Town Meeting

The Board reviewed the following articles for possible inclusion in the warrant for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting:

A. Hear Reports - Approved

B. Personnel Bylaw: Salary Plan - Approved - possible proposal for increase in salary of Inspector of Animals to \$800.

C. Personnel Bylaw: Employee Benefits - Approved - possible proposal for addition of Martin Luther King Day to Holidays with Pay.

D. Budgets - Approved

E. Temporary Borrowing - Selectman Taft requested that an additional sentence be added to Selectmen's report, to read, "This article provides for borrowing in anticipation of revenue sharing receipts."

F. Unpaid Bills - Approved

G. Acceptance of General Laws Chapter 48, Section 42A - Approved.

Selectman Taft requested that Section 1 and Section 2 be reversed and that the sentence in present Section 1 which states, "The Fire Department of the Town of Sudbury shall be established and governed by the provisions of G.L. c48, §42A.", be deleted. Selectman Taft stated that the most important distinction between Sections 42 and 42A is the manner of appointment of members of the Fire Department other than the Chief; 42A being quite similar to G.L.c41, §97A, which has been adopted by the Town and relates to the operation of the Police Department, and which provides for a closer working arrangement between the Selectmen and the Chief, which, in his opinion, is more beneficial for the Town.

Selectmen Taft and Toomey were of the opinion that the change in the governing statute can be made more easily at the time a new Chief is appointed following the retirement of Chief St. Germain on December 31, 1974.

Chairman Powers stated that a further difference between Section 42 and 42A is that the rule making authority for the Department under the existing statute lies in the hands of the Chief under Section 42, and under 42A, in the hands of the Selectmen. Chairman Powers stated that, in his opinion, a new Chief should not be brought in with less authority than the retiring Chief and that he would prefer that an incoming Chief be reviewed after a year's performance and then consideration given to adoption of the new statute.

Discussion followed on the question of a single or yearly appointment of the Police and Fire Chiefs, and it was agreed to refer the matter to Town Counsel.

H. Adoption of General Laws, Chapter 129, Section 15 - (Inspector of Animals nomination by Board of Health) - Approved. The Board requested that a copy of the article be forwarded to the Board of Health for cosponsorship.

I. Reseeding and Curbing of Town Centre Common - Rebuilding of Walkways and Sidewalks in Town Centre Area - Approved. The Board requested that the Executive Secretary contact the Town Engineer for cost figures.

J. Continue Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee - Approved. Town Counsel requested that the Committee be sent a copy of the article and it was agreed that the Sudbury Transportation Committee should sponsor this article.

K. Protection of Tidal and Non-Tidal Rivers and Streams, Etc.- Approved. The Executive Secretary stated this article referred to the Sudbury River and Willis Pond and that the cost would be approximately \$1,500. Town Counsel will have a report on the article at the Board's meeting on December 30th. The Executive Secretary was requested to obtain for the Board's review minutes of a previous Selectmen's meeting on the subject of improvement of Willis Pond.

L. Addition to Flood Plain District Use Provisions - Approved.

M. Earth Removal Board - Manner of Appointment Change - Approved. To be jointly sponsored by Moderator and Selectmen.

N. Abolishment of Historical Commission - Remove from warrant.

O. Sewage Disposal Facility - Approved.

P. Police-Fire Headquarters - The Selectmen directed the Executive Secretary to prepare an article for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting relative to the proposed police and fire headquarters in the amount of approximately \$5,000 to provide funds to enable the Board of Selectmen and the Permanent Building Committee to continue study and presentation of an eventual article on the construction of new police and fire facilities.

Q. Acceptance of General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8G - "Middlesex Police Aid Programs: Agreements - The Executive Secretary was directed to prepare an article for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting for the acceptance of G.L. c40, §8G.

Intra-Town SudBus Routes

Following the Board's review and discussion of proposed route maps and street listings, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the Board of Selectmen issue a license to Robert P. Winterhalter of Ashland, Massachusetts, operating as Big W Trans, for the carriage of passengers for hire over the public ways in the Town of Sudbury as set forth on the "initial Sudbus Map", dated December 16, 1974, with the approved routes outlined in red, as set forth in "exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, on a restricted basis, namely: that the license issued hereunder shall remain in effect only as long as a contract to provide carriage of passengers for hire over said ways shall exist between the Town of Sudbury and the license holder.

It was further

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to take the necessary steps to have the endorsement of the School Department and the Safety Officer, which has already been obtained by the Sudbus Committee, attached and affixed to the initial exhibit sheet;

and it was further

VOTED: To send the communication dated December 18, 1974, to the Board of Selectmen from the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee and attached map, dated December 18, 1974, and road listing to the School Department and the Safety Officer, for comments and recommendations.

Labor Relations Counsel

Following consideration by the Board of Selectmen, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To retain the firm of Murphy, Lamere, and Murphy to act as

the Board's agent in conducting 1975-76 collective bargaining work for the Town of Sudbury, subject to the Memorandum of Agreement relative to the work to be performed and the costs related thereto being executed.

The Board of Selectmen directed the Executive Secretary to schedule, as soon as possible, a meeting between department heads, the Personnel Board, and Mr. Murphy to discuss future 1975-76 collective bargaining matters.

Budget Reviews

The Board reviewed the following budgets for 1975-76 fiscal year: Police Department, Building Department, Dog Officer, and Selectmen

Charity Fund

The Board reviewed and approved a list of persons to receive gifts from the Charity Fund relative to the upcoming holiday season.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Attest:



Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk