

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FEBRUARY 25, 1974

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.

Local Rail Service

Present: Polly Russell, representative from the Wayland Board of Selectmen; Malcolm Beers of the Regional Concerns Committee; Paul Buxbaum, Sudbury's designee to the MBTA Advisory Board; Bruce Langmuir; Representative Ann Gannett.

Mrs. Polly Russell, representing the Wayland Board of Selectmen, met with the Board to discuss possible resumption of rail service on the Sudbury line.

Mrs. Russell stated that it is Wayland's belief that the State bureaucracy does not believe that the South Sudbury rail corridor should have a high priority in relation to other commuter rail lines. Mrs. Russell also stated that it is Wayland's contention that the growing need for public transportation for this corridor should be considered because of the expanded building program which has been taking place in Marlboro and other western suburbs during the last few years and the possibility of development of a mini-city on the U. S. Military Reservation land.

Mrs. Russell stated that the Ritchie Bus Line, presently the only method of public transportation, has recently reduced its service and questioned, in view of the past history of bus companies, whether a private bus company could ever make this route a profitable enterprise. Mrs. Russell commented that the Metropolitan Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA), which already assesses both Wayland and Sudbury but provides these towns with no service, could subsidize the Ritchie Bus Company, but that such a course would increase the Towns' assessment to a considerable degree.

Mrs. Russell stated that help with bus service from the MBTA would put Wayland and Sudbury under local service assessment rates and that rail service would put the Towns under express service rates which would be less expensive. Mrs. Russell further stated that this area needs a commitment from the Commonwealth for a fixed transportation facility and a share of the \$1,500,000,000 coming to Massachusetts from the Federal Government as subsidy for public transportation.

The opinion was expressed that Sudbury should disassociate from the MBTA and that perhaps plans for bus service on a charter basis should be considered; however, this direction could not be pursued unless we get a firm commitment to get out of the MBTA.

Mrs. Russell stated that Wayland and Weston will meet with Secretary Altshuler and Mr. John Doolittle of the MBTA in the near future and requested that Sudbury also be represented.

Mr. Bruce Langmuir stated that a transportation questionnaire had been mailed to 8,000-10,000 employees in the Burlington Mall, Arlington, and Route 128 areas, and if a need is confirmed, the MBTA plans to run busses to these areas. Mr. Langmuir also stated that if we make an effort in this direction, it might improve our chances of subsidized bus service.

Mr. Langmuir also stated that the Massachusetts Executive Office of Transportation and Construction will soon launch a substantial Statewide program for carpooling, which will have partial Federal funding until December 31, 1974 through the Federal Highway Administration under Public Law 93-239.

Representative Ann Gannett urged Sudbury to join with Wayland and Weston in their meeting with Secretary Altshuler.

Chairman Toomey thanked Mrs. Russell and Mr. Langmuir for their reports, agreed to have a select committee attend the forthcoming meeting, and suggested that the Executive Secretary, the Selectmen, Mrs. Russell, Mr. Langmuir, and Mr. Buxbaum be in communication.

Mrs. Russell was requested to notify the Executive Secretary of the date of the meeting as soon as it is scheduled. Later in the evening, following further discussion, Chairman Toomey stated that, in his opinion, the select committee to attend the meeting with Secretary Altshuler should include the Selectmen.

Chairman Toomey requested that the Executive Secretary research and report back, as soon as possible, his recommendations on the transportation issues discussed this evening.

In addition, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to request, through the Regional Concerns Committee, that a survey be taken by a random sampling by telephone to determine the approximate number of Sudbury commuters, their present method of transportation, and whether or not the commuters would use the bus if service were improved.

Town Fathers' Forum

The transcript of the 90th session of the Town Fathers' Forum attached hereto is a part of these minutes.

Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of February 19, 1974, the former as amended.

Selectmen's Area Meeting - Wayland

Chairman Toomey reported on the Selectmen's area meeting held in Wayland on February 21st and stated that topics discussed for the purpose of exchanging information were transportation, sanitary landfill, sludge facility proposal, precincting, Sudbury's revaluation suit, and collective bargaining.

Hearing - Storage of Gasoline - Liberty Ledge Trust

The Board received a communication dated February 22, 1974, from Charles E. Orcutt, Jr., attorney representing Liberty Ledge Trust, which provided fuel usage figures requested of Mrs. Alba Taylor by the Board at the hearing held on February 19th on the application of Liberty Ledge Trust to store underground one 3000 gallon tank of gasoline at Camp Sewataro.

The communication also indicated that the distance from the proposed tank location to the nearest property line on Mossman Road is approximately 650 feet and to the nearest property line on North Road, approximately 970 feet.

The Board had previously received a report dated February 7, 1974, from the Building Inspector, which recommended that if the presently unpopulated area is developed in the future, the permit allow for reconsideration and that proper security (fencing) be considered for the pump itself.

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To grant a license to Liberty Ledge Trust, Liberty Ledge, Sudbury, to store underground one (1) 500 gallon tank of gasoline, subject to the following conditions:

1. the above-mentioned recommendation as set forth in the communication of the Building Inspector, dated February 7, 1974;
2. that the gasoline be for private use only (not for public sale) and to be dispensed from a single pump;
3. that the gasoline be used for equipment on the premises only;
4. that there be no use of the gasoline for fueling private vehicles which travel on the public way;
5. that installation be made under the supervision of the Building Inspector;

and it was further

VOTED: To authorize the Executive Secretary to sign the license.

Heritage Park Plan

The Board received a communication, dated February 6, 1974, from the Permanent Landscape Committee, which approved the final concept plan of Heritage Park, as designed by Ron Boucher Associates, Landscape Architects.

The Executive Secretary reported that the revised plan presently under consideration had deleted the parking area, the children's active play area, and the barn which now exists on the property. The Executive Secretary explained that the path systems had been laid out so that if the Hadley property is at some time acquired by the Town, the system could easily be tied in.

Discussion followed concerning cost of the basic walkway system, drainage, pond, fencing, and representative planting. Selectman Taft asked that a cost estimate for the same be requested from the architect.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the concept plan for Heritage Park, subject to receipt of a set of phased cost estimates from the architect;

and it was further

VOTED: To proceed with submission of the Heritage Park Plan to the Historic Districts Commission in connection with its approval for removal of the barn and the construction of fencing.

Appointment - Special Policemen

At the request of Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi, as set forth in his communication dated February 15, 1974, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint David E. Finan, 69 Taylor Street, Littleton (Lincoln Juvenile Officer) and Joseph T. Fratto, 6 Orchard Street, Watertown (Lincoln Safety Officer) as Special Policemen (non-paid) for the Town of Sudbury, for work on programs with the Sudbury Juvenile Officer at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Change of Manager - DuRobtrater, Inc., d/b/a The Bottle Shop,
513 Boston Post Road

As requested by Edward L. Morrill, President, DuRobtrater, Inc., in a petition dated February 20, 1974, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a change in management of DuRobtrater, Inc., d/b/a The Bottle Shop, 513 Boston Post Road, from Walter Dermon, Jr., to Edward L. Morrill, and to sign the form authorizing the same.

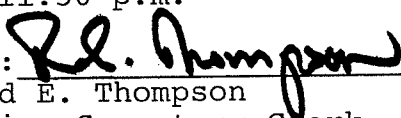
Executive Session

At 11:25 p.m., it was on motion unanimously

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

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:50 p.m.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk