

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JULY 22, 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 complied with, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman John C. Powers.

Minutes

It was on motion

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of July 15, 1974.

Truck Exclusion - Wayland

The Board received a communication from the Highway Commission, dated July 16, 1974, relative to a request of the Town of Wayland to the Department of Public Works for a 24-hour truck exclusion on Routes 27, 30, and 126 in the Town of Wayland.

The Board noted that this letter was received after action was taken on this subject at the Selectmen's meeting of July 15, 1974. Since the Highway Commission's letter, by seven points of opposition, supported the Selectmen's action of July 15, 1974, not to support the Town of Wayland's efforts to exclude "thru trucking" on the above-named routes, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To forward the letter of the Highway Commission, dated July 16, 1974, to the Town of Wayland Board of Selectmen along with a copy of the minutes on this subject of July 15, 1974.

Executive Session

At 7:45 p.m. it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of meeting with the Personnel Board to discuss matters pertaining to department head salaries.

Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee - Interview Candidates

Present: Paul Buxbaum, Paul F. Wishengrad, Robert K. Coe,
D. Bruce Langmuir, Felix Bosshard, Lawrence L. Blacker,
and Fritz Steudel.

The Selectmen conducted an interview of several candidates for appointment to the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee, a committee established by vote of Article 29 of the 1974 Annual Town Meeting. The candidates, most of whom were selected from the Talent Search Committee files, were welcomed by Chairman Powers.

Mr. Paul Buxbaum, who has headed the Citizen's Committee responsible for introducing the above mentioned Annual Town Meeting article, explained that they have been, with the cooperation of an area bus company, preparing a potential set of routes for a local public transportation system as well as doing an extensive study on the financial aspects of such a system. Mr. Buxbaum pointed out the transportation needs of the community at all age levels and stated that this committee should try to maximize the benefit to the community within the constraint of the article.

Selectman Taft read the text of the vote on Article 29 and stated that the vote represents a very broad charter, leaving it up to this committee to study and report to the Selectmen. Mr. Taft suggested that each candidate address himself to the question of his own qualifications for participation and what should be the goals of this committee.

Selectman Toomey pointed out that this article passed by only twenty votes and stated that he would oppose future subsidizing of transportation by the Town. At Mr. Toomey's suggestion, a "Letter of Instructions", dated July 18, 1974, prepared by the Board, was distributed to the candidates, and Chairman Powers called particular attention to the importance of the section pertaining to accounting, insurance, collections, etc., and the Selectmen's overall responsibility to the Town of such an undertaking.

Executive Secretary, Mr. Thompson, reiterated Chairman Powers' comments by stating that this complex undertaking will require a close working relationship between the committee and the Board of Selectmen.

Following a brief presentation of qualifications and discussion with each candidate, the Board agreed to appoint the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee at their regular meeting on July 29th.

Business Advisory Committee

Present: Chairman William Hall, William Genna and Edmund Brown.

The Selectmen met with members of the Business Advisory Committee to discuss the activity and participation of this committee since its establishment in October of 1972.

Mr. Hall stated that he felt this Committee has offered a good opportunity for an open line of communication between local business and Town government. He stated that, although meetings have only been called for specific purposes, work has been done by subcommittees when needed, and that reports were made to the Selectmen on zoning articles for the town meetings.

Mr. Genna stated that the Committee is only an advisory committee,

to which Selectman Taft replied that the Committee does not have to wait to be asked for advice, but may offer recommendations at any time.

Mr. Brown stated that he felt the Committee is too spread out and should be made into smaller groups with monthly meetings to keep active. Mr. Hall disagreed with Mr. Brown's suggestion, saying that the Committee's membership should be made up of all the business people.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that the Business Advisory Committee had contributed much to the creation of a sign bylaw, and gas station owners had been very cooperative during the fuel crisis.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Business Advisory Committee would arrange a meeting of the full membership to discuss the size and future of the Committee, and notify the Selectmen of the time and place of the meeting.

Conservation Commission - Interview Candidates

Present: Chairman Joseph Tratnyek and Olga Reed of the Conservation Commission; Member Candidates Margaret Langmuir and Marion Harris; Non-member Candidates Winthrop Fairbank and John Cutting.

The Selectmen conducted an interview of several candidates for appointment to the Conservation Commission. The candidates included three incumbents and three non-members.

Chairman Powers said that one of the non-member candidates, Mr. Donald Peirce, had been delayed due to a work commitment and would be unable to attend.

Chairman Powers then recognized the wife of one of the incumbent candidates, Mrs. Lael Meixsell, who said her husband would not be in attendance due to a prior commitment and requested permission to have his statement of qualifications read at the meeting. The Board agreed that this would be permitted following the interviews.

Mr. Tratnyek requested permission to question the candidates and also requested an opportunity to meet in executive session with the Board, following interviews and prior to appointments, for the purpose of clarification of points and amplification of input relative to the appointment process, and the appointment of Mrs. Harris.

Chairman Powers stated that the Conservation Commission appointments are before the Board tonight, that the Board has an agenda to follow, and that Mr. Tratnyek's request for executive session can be honored next week.

Following a presentation of qualifications and discussion with

the candidates, Chairman Powers thanked them for attending and announced that appointments would be considered by the Board at the next meeting on July 29th.

Industrial Development Commission

Present: Chairman Martin Doyle, Robert Pike of the Industrial Development Commission.

The Selectmen met with Messrs. Doyle and Pike to discuss the activity and participation of the Industrial Development Commission during the past couple of years.

Mr. Doyle and Mr. Pike both stated that a committee of fifteen (members) may be too large to be workable. Mr. Doyle stated that little interest has been expressed in an Industrial Development Commission over the past few years, and that there have been only a few inquiries for their assistance. Mr. Pike stated that the only attraction for local industries is the existence of the railroads. Mr. Doyle also stated that he has not called a meeting for a long time for the reason that there have been so few inquiries.

Chairman Powers pointed out that economy is a probable major factor in the lack of industrial inquiries.

Chairman Powers pointed out the Board's concern for the lack of interest in industry and requested that Mr. Doyle call a meeting of the Industrial Development Commission to discuss this and take a realistic look at the facts of continuing his Commission and report back to the Board by September 15th.

Executive Session

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of the yearly review of department heads.

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
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk