

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1974

Present: Chairman John C. Powers and John E. Taft.

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.

Fire/Police Headquarters Building

Present: Craig Parkhill and William Bell of the Permanent Building Committee.

Messrs. Parkhill and Bell of the Permanent Building Committee met with the Board to discuss the vote taken by the Board at its regular meeting on May 29th, relative to additional space and facility requirements for the Fire/Police Headquarters project.

On the subject of Item 1 of the vote (that the total cost of the project not exceed \$746,000, as outlined at the January 1973 Town Meeting), the Permanent Building Committee estimated that the total project cost would be within \$15,000 of the \$746,000 figure - that confirmation of the amount must await public bidding.

On the subject of Item 2 (alternate add/delete bids for fourth vehicle bay, some portions of the site development work, and furnishings for the firing range), Mr. Parkhill stated that the Permanent Building Committee has agreed to obtain bids for the foregoing alternatives.

Chairman Powers asked that the Permanent Building Committee confirm his understanding that the Committee furnish the Board with a specific list of equipment for the Fire/Police Headquarters so that the Selectmen may review the same for cut-backs prior to advertising.

The Executive Secretary stated that he was in the process of reviewing, with the Fire and Police Chiefs, an inventory of all movable furnishings and equipment.

Chairman Powers stated that the Sudbury Housing Authority would meet this week to take a vote concerning the access road following their hearing on the matter on June 12th. Chairman Powers asked the Permanent Building Committee if the driveways for the proposed headquarters building and the housing for the elderly development could be compatible and, if so, whether or not it would be advantageous cost-wise, by coordination of water mains and utility lines, to build a common driveway.

Mr. Parkhill responded that, in their opinion, it would be advantageous to share a common access, but that such an access would be a roadway rather than a driveway, and therefore, wider.

The Board stated that if a common roadway were developed, there should be some cost sharing and perhaps the Housing Authority would assume the road costs.

Mr. Bell asked that the Housing Authority architect be requested to work up a cost estimate on the same.

Chairman Powers requested that both architects meet to decide upon the final boundaries and, following Mr. Parkhill's request that the Committee be forwarded copies of both Town and State Board of Health regulations on the subject of septic systems, suggested that the Sudbury Board of Health be included in the boundary determination meeting to assist in working out a common agreement.

Selectman Taft stated the Board's concern that the cost of furnishings be included in the total project cost figure and that it is not necessary to have particular furnishings specified by the architects.

The Executive Secretary stated that he is now putting together an inventory of movable equipment.

Also discussed was the location of the antenna towers, which has not yet been resolved. Mr. Thompson stated that Civil Defense may require that an antenna be located on the Oliver land. It was suggested that when the present facilities are relocated to the new headquarters building, they could continue to operate remotely from the present location until the permanent installations are made.

On the subject of Item 3 (minimizing of construction and future maintenance), Mr. Parkhill stated that it was the consensus of the Permanent Building Committee that costs for alternate design requests would more than offset the dollars saved by the alternate construction and for aesthetic reasons the change was not warranted. Mr. Parkhill continue that because the Historic Districts Commission has approved this scheme, the Permanent Building Committee considers it an unwise decision to request further design changes from the architect and that if design changes were made, they would have to go back to Town Meeting for approval.

Selectman Taft stated that the request in Item 3 had been suggested to the Committee several times before and had been disposed of out of hand with no hearing before the full Committee. Selectman Taft stated that he was of the opinion that design changes should be made for presentation to the Historic Districts Commission with the request for an amendment of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

There followed a discussion of the overall size of the building, and in particular the equipment bays, which Selectmen Taft feels are too large. With a view to the possible reduction in the bay

area, Selectman Taft requested that the Executive Secretary obtain for the Board the dimensions showing the length of the fire vehicles and how they will be situated, plotting their location in the available space so that the remaining area can be determined.

The Executive Secretary stated that the present height and length of the bays is less than the first request by the Fire Chief, although the width is not less.

Selectman Taft stated that the building was enlarged for aesthetic reasons by the Historic Districts Commission and that he was of the opinion that it could be reduced and resubmitted to that Commission.

Chairman Powers commented that if the aesthetics call for a substantial sum of money and that sum of money might jeopardize the total project, we should try to reduce the project.

Mr. Parkhill stated that he was of the opinion that aesthetic changes will cause a problem, and the Board requested that they ask the entire Committee for a consensus. In response to a question relative to construction cost saved versus cost of further plan revision, Mr. Parkhill commented that he did not believe \$10,000 would be saved and that the delay incurred would cost an equivalent amount.

Mr. Parkhill agreed to take the design change request back to the architect one more time and to also contact the Historic Districts Commission in this regard. It was further agreed that the Executive Secretary obtain the dimensions of the fire vehicles as stated earlier, as well as the Fire Chief's original specification request and the revised specifications as shown on the present plan.

Sanitary Landfill Operation

Present: William Cossart, Chairman of the Board of Health;
Arthur Harding, Town Surveyor.

The Executive Secretary reported that Mr. Cossart and Mr. Harding were tonight meeting with the Board relative to authorization of the use, by the Highway Commission, of the Sand Hill site for purposes of operating the sanitary landfill.

The Executive Secretary reviewed the past history of the sanitary landfill and explained that the original authorization was subject to the assignment of the area for such use by the Board of Health under General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 150A and that its operation is under the supervision of the Highway Department.

Mr. Thompson reported that last year, at the request of the Highway Commission, the possibility of having a land use plan for

the landfill approved on a five-ten year basis was discussed, but not acted upon. Mr. Thompson stated that a meeting was convened with the State Board of Health to review this and the State Board of Health gave the Town several suggestions to incorporate into such a plan, but that the 1973 plan had never been approved.

Mr. Thompson stated that the same matter is back before us this year, and that the Town Surveyor is preparing a plan showing elevations, etc., which the Board of Health is willing to approve on a five-ten year basis, if the maps and data are sufficient. Mr. Thompson added that the Engineering Department is of the opinion that it is necessary that a log be kept indicating fill versus volume of waste (Item 24.1 as required by the State Board of Health) to gain data for incorporation into a long range plan.

Mr. Thompson stated that as a result of his meeting today with Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Harding, it was agreed that there is not sufficient information available to the Board of Health at this time to enable them to approve a long range plan.

Mr. Cossart stated that the Board of Health had, in January of 1974, received the plan which covered the fiscal year of June 30, 1973 - July 1, 1974 and that another plan is now due but not yet completed.

The Town Surveyor stated that the current plan will be ready for the Board of Health's July 3rd meeting and will incorporate as many as possible of the State's suggestions.

In response to a question, Mr. Cossart stated that a Board of Health subcommittee, in February of 1973, had indicated a life span of seven-thirteen years for the landfill, that recycling could add 5% - 30% to its life, and that a cover in proportions of one foot of sand to four feet of trash, rather than the present one foot of sand to two feet of trash, could add an additional 60% - 70% to its life.

The Executive Secretary stated that tonight's meeting is for purposes of information to update the Selectmen about the plan. Mr. Thompson also stated that the Board has received a copy of a communication, dated June 3, 1974, to the Board of Health from the Highway Commission, which states that the Highway Commission has assumed that approval of their existing plan has been granted by the Board of Health as no rejection has been received by the Commission.

Mr. Cossart stated that the Board of Health will communicate in writing to the Highway Commission regarding the present and future use of the Town landfill site.

The Executive Secretary stated that Town Counsel had been requested to review the whole matter and that Mr. Turner had submitted

to the Board a draft letter, dated May 29, 1974 to the Highway Commission on the subject of authorization. This draft was reviewed and amended by the Board.

Selectman Taft requested that the Town Surveyor draw a plan defining the boundaries of the Sand Hill site for attachment to the letter of authorization.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the letter of authorization dated May 29, 1974, as drafted by Town Counsel and amended by the Board, with the following addition:

"This authorization includes an authorization to use a portion of the Sand Hill site for a future proposed Wayland/Sudbury sewage disposal facility if such a facility should be approved by both Towns. This authorization shall be subject to renewal on or before July 1, 1975."

Middlesex County Selectmen's Association

The Board received a communication dated June 10, 1974, from the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association relative to the monthly meeting in Chelmsford on June 26, 1974.

July Fourth Parade

The Board received a communication dated June 7, 1974 from the Park and Recreation Commission which requested that the Board act as Parade Marshals in the July Fourth Parade.

The Board accepted the invitation with pleasure and directed the Executive Secretary to so inform the Commission.

Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of June 10, 1974, as corrected.

It was also unanimously

VOTED: To release the list of appointments made during the executive session.

Dog Officer - Warrant to Kill Dogs

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the signing, by the Chairman of the Board, of the Warrant to Kill Dogs to be issued to the Dog Officer in accordance with General Laws Chapter 149.

Thunder Road - Silver Hill Subdivision

The Board received a communication dated May 30, 1974, from J. P. Gillig, 106 Thunder Road, and a related report from the Planning Board dated June 13, 1974, relative to unfinished conditions on Thunder Road.

The Executive Secretary reported that the Planning Board will be reviewing the Silver Hill subdivision at 9:30 p.m. at its June 24th meeting.

The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for his report and directed that he advise Mr. Gillig of the Planning Board's June 24th meeting.

Alcoholic Beverages Licenses: Ye Olde 117 House - Tracy's Package Store

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To issue a restaurant license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, under General Laws, Chapter 138, to Roger S. Murray, Manager, Ye Olde 117 House, Inc., as a transfer of the license formerly held by Armando S. Troisi, d/b/a Ye Olde 117 House, 470 North Road.

Following a review of Board of Appeals action on Tuesday, May 7, 1974, which granted to Victoria Miceli and Robert J. McCabe a variance to allow the continuation of the use of the premises at 466 North Road and the continued operation of a retail package store within a residential district, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To issue a package store license for the sale of wine and malt beverages, under General Laws Chapter 138, to Robert J. McCabe, d/b/a The Package Store, as a transfer of the license formerly held by Victoria Miceli d/b/a Tracy's Package Store, 466 North Road.

Contract - Drainage Construction of Heritage Park

The Executive Secretary reported that the contract relative to drainage construction of Heritage Park was not yet ready for the Board's signatures.

Article 26 - Transportation Corridor on Official Map

The Board asked Town Counsel for guidelines relative to taking a position on Article 26 - Add Transportation Corridors to Official Map, following its hearing on the subject on June 10, 1974.

Town Counsel stated that the Board could adopt the article as a whole or in a lesser form and that the vote of Town Meeting could be overturned by the Board if that was their decision.

Town Counsel stated that there is no precedent for this particular action and he could only compare it to procedures in an order of taking.

Chairman Powers stated that no discussion relative to payment of damages under Chapter 79 of the General Laws had taken place before Town Meeting and that he was compelled by the statements of the abutters on the matter.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table further discussion of the subject until a meeting of the full Board on June 24, 1974.

Resignation - Highway Commission

The Board received a communication dated June 13, 1974, from Ronald P. Espinola, relative to his resignation as of that date from the Highway Commission because of a business transfer.

Mr. Thompson reported that later this afternoon the Board had received a communication dated June 17, 1974, from Frederick W. Welch, Chairman of the Highway Commission, enclosing a copy of Mr. Espinola's letter of resignation, which suggested that the Highway Commission meet with the Selectmen to interview prospective candidates to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Espinola's resignation.

Labor Relations Counsel

Chairman Powers reported that Richard Murphy, Labor Relations Counsel for the Town, who had been scheduled to meet with the Board at 9:30 p.m. to discuss pending collective bargaining matters had been unable to attend tonight's meeting because of a prior commitment.

Chairman Powers stated that the Board has requested that he meet with the Selectmen next Monday night relative to the action taken by the International Brotherhood of Police Officers in instigating administrative procedure before the Labor Relations Commission, which will be heard on Friday, June 28th. Chairman Powers stated that the Board will answer their allegations in the proper forum and at the proper time. Chairman Powers further stated that the Board does not believe that a collective bargaining agreement can be negotiated on the front page of a newspaper and that the Board will not negotiate through a newspaper but only in the proper forum.

Revaluation Suit

Town Counsel submitted to the Board draft copies of the Master's Report in the Town's Revaluation Suit and reported that a hearing on the same would be held on June 20th.

Executive Session

At 10:20 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.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:05 p.m.

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