

TRANSCRIPT
TOWN FATHERS' FORUM
JUNE 24, 1974

At 8:10 p.m., Chairman Powers called the 93rd session of the Town Fathers' Forum to order.

Chairman Powers announced that a portion of tonight's Forum would be devoted to a presentation by the Planning Board of its findings developed from a recent Town-wide questionnaire relating to development of plans for Sudbury.

Mr. Stevens reported that of the 3680 questionnaires distributed by the Planning Board, 1234, or approximately 33%, had been returned.

Mr. Stevens expressed the thanks of his Board to the volunteers for their help in coding and computerizing the results of the survey and introduced Elizabeth Newton, Ursula Stephens, Elinor Mancini, (not present), and Demusthenes Menegakis to whom he presented plaques in recognition of their service to the Town.

Mr. Stevens stated that the data thus far compiled has been broken down by precinct, age of householder, length of residence, income, service on Town boards or committees, and presence at Town Meetings. Mr. Stevens presented charts which illustrated various data from the survey, and commented that the survey indicated that the longer a householder's period of residence, the less willing he is to have Town money spent on schools, recreation, and conservation land.

Mr. Stevens stated that additional data will become available and will be on file at the Library and at the Planning Board office.

Chairman Powers stated that the Town boards have been concerned about changing attitudes in the Town and that this survey information has become an excellent base for this determination.

Mrs. Gillespie reported that at the hearing recently held by the Department of Public Works relative to the widening of a portion of Route 20, the State had indicated its willingness to build a walkway on both sides of the reconstructed road if the Town could guarantee snow plow maintenance.

Mr. Welch, Chairman of the Highway Commission, responded that the Commission will write a letter to the State in this regard.

REPRESENTATIVE ANN GANNETT

Representative Gannett reported on House Bill 6100, which has been passed by both Houses and is on the Governor's desk and would change the distribution formula process. Mrs. Gannett reported that the bill would cost Sudbury \$225,000 this year and \$89,000 next year, but that possible veto has been rumored as 133 towns are adversely affected by it.

Representative Gannett also reported on a substantial increase in the assessment for the Middlesex County Hospital, which should be complained about by affected towns.

Representative Gannett also reported that House Bill 5864, which is concerned with Chapter 40A subdivision regulations, is still in third reading, but that there is no real opposition to it.

Chairman Powers introduced Genevra Counihan and Wesley Young, from Concord, and Douglas Miranda, from Sudbury, all of whom are running for the seat now held by Ann Gannett, who is running for reelection.

Also introduced by Chairman Powers were past Selectmen Edward F. Moynihan, Edward E. Kreitsek, and Howard W. Emmons.

The Forum was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. and a twenty minute recess was called for coffee.