

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 25, 1974

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman William F. Toomey.

Utility Petition 74-2 - Marlboro Road

Present: Robert Blake, Boston Edison Company.

In conformity with the requirements of Sections 21 and 22 of Chapter 166 of the General Laws, a hearing was held on the following utility petition.

UP74-2 - Petition of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for erection of guy wire and anchor on the following public way:

MARLBORO ROAD, southeasterly side, approximately 695 feet
northeast of Willis Road, --
One (1) guy wire and anchor

The Executive Secretary reported that the Board had received a report, dated March 19, 1974, from the Wiring Inspector and a report, dated March 22, 1974, from the Power and Light Committee, both of which recommended approval.

Following discussion, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the above-mentioned petition as submitted by the Boston Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

Sudbury Housing Authority

Present: Myron Fox of the Sudbury Housing Authority.

Mr. Fox, Treasurer of the Sudbury Housing Authority, presented to the Board three checks totaling \$2,500.00, the amount requested of and voted by a Special Town Meeting, on November 1, 1971, for use by the Sudbury Housing Authority for general operating expenses and options to purchase land. Mr. Fox stated that the reimbursement was made from a portion of the \$1,408,012.00 recently received by the Authority from the Department of Community Affairs in connection with plans for the Housing for the Elderly.

Extension of Hours - Alcoholic Beverages

Upon receipt of a communication dated March 20, 1974, from Francis Koppeis, Innkeeper, Wayside Inn, it was on motion unanimously:

VOTED: To extend the hour of beverage service at the Wayside Inn on Friday, March 29, 1974, until 1:00 a.m., Saturday, March 30, 1974, in order to accommodate the annual St. Hubert's Benefit Dance.

Smoking Clinic

The Board received a communication dated March 13, 1974, from the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association relative to a smoking clinic being offered by the SPHNA during the week of April 15th.

After consideration, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To proclaim the week of April 15th Smoking Clinic Week, in accordance with the request of the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association.

Town Moderator

Present: Frank Sherman, Town Moderator, Frank LeBart, Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Chairman Toomey stated that it was the Board's understanding that several vacancies would soon occur on the Finance Committee and expressed the Board's concern with the lack of continuity and resulting ramifications of one of the most important Town committees dealing with departmental operating budgets and capital improvement projects. The Board offered to the Moderator, as appointer of Finance Committee members, the use of the files recently compiled by the Talent Search Committee, which would indicate persons interested in this area.

Discussion followed with Town Moderator Mr. Sherman and Mr. LeBart, Chairman of the Finance Committee, in regard to measures which might be taken to ease the work load of Town Meeting preparation, and the following suggestions were made:

- 1) rescheduling of Annual Town Meeting to a later date;
- 2) receipt of Finance Committee article approval or disapproval at an earlier date;
- 3) receipt of all final backup data and more refined articles to the Finance Committee at an earlier date;
- 4) earlier submission deadline of articles relating to changes in the organization of the Town, zoning, land purchases, and capital items;
- 5) establishment of committee liaison assignments to members of the Finance Committee or its subcommittee; and

6) establishment of an agreed-upon Townwide list of priorities, which is the collected work of all boards, commissions and committees.

It was the consensus of those present that each board, committee, and commission be requested to develop its individual plan and that it be submitted to the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee, or another special committee, for coordination, if possible over the summer months, into a Townwide list of priorities.

Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the special meeting of March 2, 1974, as submitted, the regular meeting and executive session of March 11, 1974, as submitted, and the regular meeting and the executive session of March 18, 1974, as amended.

Hearing - Department of Public Utilities - Ritchie Bus Lines

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated March 21, 1974, from the Executive Secretary to Mr. Joseph P. McAllister relative to a local hearing to be held by the Department of Public Utilities at the Sudbury Town Hall on Friday, April 26, 1974, at 10:00 a.m., on the subject of reduction of local bus service by Ritchie Bus Lines.

Local Transportation

The Board received a communication from the Wayland Board of Selectmen to Mr. John A. Doolittle, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, relative to future plans for local transportation. It is the request of the Wayland Board of Selectmen that the Towns of Sudbury and Weston co-sign the communication.

The Board also received a communication dated March 14, 1974, from the Regional Concerns Committee relative to the result of a pilot survey on commuter transportation.

It was agreed to contact the Wayland Board of Selectmen, requesting that the communication be redrafted to incorporate information from the Regional Concerns Committee's survey and that a transportation meeting, as suggested in the letter from Wayland, be scheduled with discussion on an agenda agreed upon in advance. It was also agreed that further thought be given to ensure inclusion of all persons who should be present at such a meeting.

Acquisition of Lands for Public Use

The Board reviewed a communication, which had been received on March 7, 1974, from the U. S. District Court relative to acquisition of lands for public use situated within boundaries of the National Wildlife Refuge.

Town Counsel reported that the communication gives notice that the Federal Government is preparing to acquire 9.9 acres of land for public use, which will, if no objection is filed, be taken by eminent domain.

Town of Swampscott - Municipal Electric Plant Study Committee

The Board received a communication, dated March 18, 1974, from the Chairman of the Municipal Electric Plant Study Committee from the Town of Swampscott, which requested the Board's support relative to that Town's refiled bill, S.19, relative to amendment of Chapter 164, Section 43, (procedure for municipal acquisition and operation of an electric distribution plant). The Board directed the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of the communication to the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association for its consideration.

Article 32 - School Walkways

The Board received a communication, dated March 21, 1974, from the Planning Board, which set forth a vote of that Board to support a motion under Article 32 to include sections "HF" and "CC-CG" only.

Executive Session

At 9:00 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 impact of the Town.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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