

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MARCH 30, 1974

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the special meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman William F. Toomey.

Organizational Meeting

Chairman Toomey opened the meeting for the business of electing a Chairman and a Clerk of the Board and to set a time and a place for meetings.

Selectman Taft nominated Selectman Powers, seconded by Selectman Toomey. It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To elect John C. Powers Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Chairman Powers asked for nominations for Clerk of the Board. Selectman Taft nominated Richard E. Thompson, seconded by Selectman Toomey. It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To elect Richard E. Thompson Clerk to the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Chairman Powers asked for a motion for the regular meeting time and place. It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen will be held on Monday nights starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall.

Proclamation - Sudbury Earth Week

A proclamation was signed by the Selectmen, which designated April 20 - April 27, 1974, as Sudbury Earth Week, and which urged all residents of the Town to join groups that will assemble at the Town Hall at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 1974, to participate in picking up litter from the Sudbury roadsides, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Charity Fund (Executive Session)

On recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Executive Secretary to expend a sum not exceeding \$700.00 from the Charity Fund for the purpose of relieving the severe hardship of Roland and Mary Freeman, 68 Butler Road, in accordance with the request of the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association, dated March 27, 1974.

Minutes

The Board agreed to defer the question of approving the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of March 25, 1974, and the Town Fathers' Forum (Warrant Review) of March 27, 1974, until a later date.

Statement of the Board of Selectmen - 1974 Annual Town Meeting

After discussion of the Selectmen's draft statement under Article 1 of the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, it was agreed that Chairman Powers would revise the draft and prepare an oral statement for the Board for delivery under Article 1, with no handout to be made at Town Meeting. In addition, it was agreed that the Executive Secretary would prepare and have printed a handout for the 1974 Annual Town Meeting relative to the Selectmen's positions on individual articles, excluding those articles on the consent calendar, articles to be indefinitely postponed, and articles that the Board would speak on as individuals.

1974/75 Fire Department Budget

After consideration, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the Selectmen would not support the hiring of an additional permanent firefighter as proposed by the Fire Chief and presented to the Finance Committee without further justification and clarification from the Executive Secretary.

Permanent Building Committee - Fire/Police Headquarters Building

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

Chairman Powers opened the discussion by stating that the purpose of the meeting with the Permanent Building Committee is to arrive at a common figure for construction of the new fire/police headquarters to present to Town Meeting, indicating that to do otherwise would only jeopardize the whole project.

The Board discussed at length with the Permanent Building Committee Selectman Taft's letter dated March 23, 1974, relative to the architect's estimates on the fire/police headquarters. The Board acknowledged receipt of a copy of a communication dated March 22, 1974, from William A. Bell and a copy of a communication dated March 25, 1974, from John T. Hughes, relative to cost estimates and to their architect doing any further work on the construction documents for the fire/police headquarters.

After considerable discussion on the inclusion and exclusion of certain dollar amounts relative to the overall costs of the proposed fire/police headquarters, the Selectmen agreed that a figure of \$660,000 should be requested at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting.

The Board expressed that it was its intention, in proposing the \$660,000 figure, to meet its commitment to the Town for a fire/police building project that does not exceed approximately \$750,000, including \$80,000 for acquisition of land.

A summary breakdown of the Board's analysis of cost figures for the fire/police headquarters, as currently proposed, is listed below.

Recommended Appropriation	\$681,000
Less Free Cash	<u>-21,000</u>
Recommendation for Bonding	\$660,000
Total Above Appropriation	\$681,000
Prior Appropriations: Land	80,000
Architect	<u>51,000</u>
Total Project Cost	\$812,000
Less Civil Defense	<u>-71,000</u>
Project Cost	\$741,000

At the conclusion of the meeting the Permanent Building Committee agreed to meet and review the Selectmen's proposal as presented at this meeting and to report back as soon as possible.

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