

TRANSCRIPT
TOWN FATHERS' FORUM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1974

Chairman Powers convened the 96th session of the Town Fathers' Forum at 8:00 p.m. and made the following announcements:

We welcome members of the Wayland Board of Selectmen and other Wayland Town officials who will join with us in tonight's Town Fathers' Forum.

Members of the 1974 Town Report Preparation Committee have been appointed as follows: Linda Z. Buxbaum, Alan L. Erskine, Nancy C. Hansen, Burt B. Mader, Victor L. Neumeier, and Nancy K. Schwartzman.

Clifford Card has resigned from the Council on Aging and George Seale has been appointed to fill that vacancy.

Dr. Stuart E. Wiles has resigned as Inspector of Animals for the Town, but will continue in that capacity until another appointment is made.

The Massachusetts Selectmen's Association held its Annual Meeting October 25-28th, at which Selectman Taft was re-elected Second Vice President of the Association and articles were passed to petition the General Court for authorization to delete any new expenditure or item increase in a school budget over the budget for the preceding year by a four-fifths vote of a town meeting and authorization to compel all cities and towns in the Commonwealth to assess at full and fair value.

A Special Town Meeting was held on October 22, 1974, at which an article to appropriate money for the construction of a police/fire headquarters was defeated.

The Warrant for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting closes on Tuesday, December 31, at 5:00 p.m., which includes all warrant reports, with the exception of those from the Finance Committee and the Planning Board.

A collective bargaining agreement has been reached with the Police Association which provides for a 7.5% salary increase, retroactive to July 1, 1974, an additional ½% for Longevity, three hours minimum call back time, four hours minimum court time, and Master Medical.

The Town's Revaluation Suit was heard before the Supreme Judicial Court on November 7, 1974; the Court has not rendered a decision as yet.

The Selectmen have been meeting with the Housing

Authority concerning the access road to the development of Housing for the Elderly and with the Committee on Town Administration in connection with a Town Meeting Bylaw change.

The Board is in the process of filing a formal application for acquisition of surplus military reservation land.

The Board approved a site plan for a new school - "A School for Special Learning" - to be located on Haynes Road.

The yearly budgets are to be submitted to the Town Accountant by December 1st.

The Selectmen signed a resolution honoring Sudbury businesswoman Marian Hall upon her retirement.

The Sudbury Rod and Gun Club has donated a \$5,000 power rescue tool - the Hurst "Jaws of Life" - to the Fire Department.

A work day at Heritage Park was held on November 16, 1974.

Chairman Powers again welcomed Catherine W. Seiler, John R. McEnroy, John B. Wilson, Herbert N. Odell, Jr., and L. Thomas Linden, members of the Wayland Board of Selectmen, and other Wayland Town officials, who had been invited to join with their Sudbury counterparts on the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of the November 18, 1774, meeting of several of the Sudbury Companies of Militia to choose their company officers, who led their men against the British Army at Concord on April 19, 1775.

MR. COOPER - SUDBURY PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Cooper reported that the Planning Board had been formulating articles for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting, and registered, on behalf of the Planning Board, a protest with the Board of Selectmen relating to a plan to use Colonial Road as a permanent access road to the Housing for the Elderly development.

The Board stated that a decision as to the access road layout has not yet been made, and Mr. Cooper withdrew the Planning Board's protest.

MR. LEAUPOLD - WAYLAND PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Leupold reported that Wayland had recently held a Special Town Meeting, at which the Planning Board had re-submitted a condominium bylaw because of the Attorney General's

refusal to approve the bylaw passed at their 1974 Annual Town Meeting.

DR. NEUMEYER - WAYLAND BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Neumeyer reported that his Board had recently completed restaurant inspections and that the Parmenter Health Center had recently held a breast cancer detection clinic.

MR. WELCH - SUDBURY HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mr. Welch reported that the Highway Department has been working on road repairs and railway crossings. Mr. Welch also reported on the current status of the walkway program, identifying those in the planning, construction, and recently completed stages. Mr. Welch indicated that once the paper receptacle is filled at the sanitary land fill, paper will no longer be collected for recycling.

MRS. CASALE - WAYLAND ROAD COMMISSIONER

Mrs. Casale reported that Wayland will join with Sudbury in projects in the Sherman Bridge and the Sand Hill area.

MR. CUTTING - SUDBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Cutting reported that the Conservation Commission had been working on the repair of a dam in the Hop Brook marsh area, had held a Wetland Protection Act Hearing, and on the acquisition of the Davis and Hulbert properties.

MR. HART - WAYLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Hart stated that the Wayland Conservation Commission had also been involved in the repair of a dam and in Wetland Protection Act hearings. Mr. Hart also reported that Wayland's recent Special Town Meeting had voted to acquire twenty-seven acres of land for conservation purposes, located opposite the North Cemetery on Old Sudbury Road and was part of the pasture of the original settlement.

REPRESENTATIVE ANN GANNETT

Representative Gannett commented briefly on the recent State election and on a law regarding an Advisory Board for Town officials of Middlesex County which will enable them to review the Middlesex County town budgets.

Representative Gannett stated that any personal legislation must be filed by December 4, 1974.

Chairman Powers read a letter which the Board has approved for mailing to Representative George Keverian relative to his support in making Sudbury a one-representative voting district in the next redistricting plan of the House of Representatives.

MR. WEINSTEIN - BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Mr. Weinstein reported that the recount of Precinct 1 votes in Sudbury remained the same and that recount results in the remaining 40th District have yet to be completed.

MR. BLECHER - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Blecher stated that the Finance Committee was soliciting the Town boards' and committees' help and support for the upcoming Town Meeting by early budget submittal and that any budget received after December 1st will not be printed in the warrant.

Mr. Blecher requested that petitioners of the articles attend the pertinent Finance Committee article hearings.

MR. DAVISON - LINCOLN-SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Davison announced the presentation at the Regional High School of a concert, "Camina Burana" by Carl Orff, on November 22, 1974, and the scheduling of a Christmas concert next month.

MRS. HARDING - TALENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Harding reported that the Talent Search Committee has received fifteen new names of citizens interested in working within Town government and will forward the same to the Selectmen.

COLONEL LEAHY - COUNCIL ON AGING

Colonel Leahy announced the resignation of Mr. Robert Rand from the Council on Aging and submitted the name of Mrs. Margaret Bennett to the Selectmen for their consideration as Mr. Rand's replacement.

Colonel Leahy also announced that the Council plans a Christmas party at their Drop-In Center at the Memorial Congregational Church.

MRS. LEDGER - PERMANENT LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ledger reported that the Permanent Landscape

Committee had completed its work at the library and has recently been working with plans for Heritage Park.

MR. CRON - MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Cron reported that the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School should be ready for classes by the end of December.

MR. LINDEN - WAYLAND/SUDBURY SEPTAGE DISPOSAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

Mr. Linden reported that the recent Wayland Town Meeting had voted authorization and funding for a joint septage disposal facility and that the Wayland half of the Committee was ready to meet with its Sudbury counterpart on the matter.

WAYLAND REVOLUTIONARY WAR BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Storkerson reported that the Wayland Bicentennial Committee is planning a small farm museum for location on Old Sudbury Road in the conservation area opposite the North cemetery.

Mrs. Robertson reported that their subcommittee has been working with groups on bicentennial research and that they are planning for tours of the Town.

SUDBURY REVOLUTIONARY WAR BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Powers reported on planning for traffic problems relative to the Bicentennial celebration and on proposed bus and rail programs.

Mr. Reed reported that he has volunteered for work at the information center to be located at Sudbury Centre, and that he is working on an informational pamphlet which will contain material on automobile, walking, and bicycling tours.

Miss Bentley, a member of the cultural events subcommittee, has been working with the schools and civic groups to coordinate the scheduling of cultural events for the purpose of making up a calendar of Bicentennial programs.

Mrs. Snyder reported on the availability of Bicentennial grants for related projects and that the Sudbury schools will, wherever possible, introduce into their curriculum subjects

associated with the Bicentennial. Mrs. Snyder reported that an original Bicentennial concert will be presented at the High School on April 20th - Aaron Copeland's "Portrait of Lincoln".

Chairman Powers reported that planning has begun for a Bicentennial Ball to be held on July 5, 1975, hopefully, in the Town Centre.

SUDBURY COMPANIES OF MILITIA AND MINUTE

Two hundred years ago tonight, on the recommendation of the Provincial Congress, the several Sudbury Companies of Militia from both sides of the river met, as directed by the Town Meeting, to choose their company officers, who, on April 19, 1775, led their men against the British Army at Concord.

The reactivated Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute had earlier met, this date, at the Red Horse Tavern, now named the Wayside Inn, to recreate this event.

Russell Kirby, a member of the reactivated company, now presented and read to the Selectmen of the Towns of Sudbury and Wayland, together assembled, a communication dated November 18, 1974, which related the recreation and announced the selection of the following Company officers:

Aaron Hayne's North Militia Co. West Side - Newt Hinckley

Joseph Smith's East Militia Co. East Side - Frank Kennedy

Moses Stone's South Militia Co. Both Sides - Robert Pecaut

Isaac Loker's Troop of Horse. Both Sides - Gerald Cicciu

John Nixon's Minute Co. West Side - Peter Albee

Nathaniel Cudworth's Minute Co. East Side - Spencer Amesbury

Chairman Powers adjourned the Forum at 9:15 p.m., inviting those present to join in informal discussions and coffee.