

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 1974

Present: Chairman John C. Powers and William F. Toomey.

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman John C. Powers.

Planning Board - Regionalized Transportation, Citizens Task Force

Present: Eben Stevens, Paul McNally, Robert Cooper, and Edward Connors of the Planning Board.

As a follow-up to a communication dated July 31, 1974, from Malcolm M. Beers, Sudbury's designee to the West Sub-Region Transportation Steering Committee, the Board met with members of the Planning Board relative to a proposal for upcoming studies of transportation media to be used in the west sub-region to fill the transportation needs of this area.

In this regard Chairman Powers requested that the Planning Board compile data for input into the transportation studies proposal and report back to the Selectmen.

Mr. McNally stated that Mr. Beers was scheduled to meet with the Planning Board within the next two weeks, and that following discussion of the subject with him at that time, the Planning Board would contact the Selectmen with recommendations.

Chairman Powers requested that the Executive Secretary be informed as to when the Planning Board's meeting with Mr. Beers will take place and, if in the interim, they had any preliminary thoughts as a Board, that they contact the Executive Secretary.

In addition, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to forward copies of Mr. Beers' above-referenced communication to the Business Advisory Committee and the Industrial Development Commission for possible input.

On the subject of the Citizens Task Force, the Board requested that the Planning Board review their recently completed survey for the purpose of identifying areas which would be fitting for study by a Citizens Task Force Committee.

Mr. McNally stated that the Planning Board presently has eight or nine people who are interested in such work and will be working in specific areas of the survey results.

Chairman Powers stated that the Board is also interested in a general over-all look by both the Conservation Commission and the Finance Committee for recommendations relative to the general direction in which a possible Town Citizens Task Force should go.

Mrs. Olga Reed of the Conservation Commission and Mr. John Hennessy of the Finance Committee, who were present as observers, stated that they would take this request back to their respective committees.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of September 9, 1974, the former as amended.

Sudbury Telephone Calling Area

The Board received a communication dated September 9, 1974, from Robert M. Simon, 27 Surrey Lane, which enclosed a petition relative to a request for a hearing before the Department of Public Utilities for extended services in the Sudbury toll-free calling area.

The Executive Secretary reviewed the past action of the Board relating to this subject, including the Board's action of September 9, which requested Town Counsel to review the New England Telephone Company's rate structure and report his recommendations back to the Board early in October.

The Executive Secretary was directed to contact Mr. Simon, stating that the Board has recently been meeting on the matter and expects to hold another such meeting some time in October to hear Town Counsel's report, at which time, the Board will consider the petition and decide upon further action. The Board requested that the Executive Secretary invite Mr. Simon to the October meeting.

Traffic Hazards - Moore Road/Stearns Lane

The Board received a communication on September 9, 1974, from Dr. Leo C. Driscoll relative to alleged traffic hazards in the vicinity of Moore Road and Stearns Lane.

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To refer the above-referenced communication to the Safety Officer, through the Police Chief, and to advise Dr. Driscoll of said action.

One-Day Beer and Wine License - Our Lady of Fatima Parish

In response to a request, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To issue a one-day license for the sale of wines and malt beverages to H. Stewart Dickson, on behalf of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, on the occasion of a Parish Picnic on September 22, 1974, between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., to be held at Chapel/Picnic Grounds on Mossman Road. This license shall be subject to the condition that no loud speakers, amplifiers, or any other noise-producing devices are used.

Hearing - Application of duRobtrater, Inc., d/b/a The Colonial Spirits

Present: Edward L. Morrill, President/Manager, Stephen Steinberg, Treasurer, duRobtrater, Inc.; Alan Alford, attorney for duRobtrater, Inc.

Under the provisions of Chapter 138 of the General Laws, as amended, the Board held a public hearing on the application of duRobtrater, Inc., d/b/a The Colonial Spirits, 513 Boston Post Road, for permission to increase the floor area of said premises, for a total of 630 square feet, for the purpose of providing more sales and storage space.

The Executive Secretary stated that notice of said application had been advertised, that all abutters had been notified, and notification return receipts received.

The Executive Secretary also stated that a report, dated September 3, 1974, had been received from the Zoning Enforcement Agent, which stated that the area proposed for additional storage had been included in a site plan previously submitted by the Pacific Gate Restaurant and approved by the Board on December 16, 1971.

Mr. Alford submitted to the Board a copy of the previously approved site plan for its review.

No abutters appeared in opposition to the proposal.

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the request of duRobtrater, Inc., d/b/a The Colonial Spirits, to increase the area of floor space by thirty feet in length and twenty-one feet in width for a total of six hundred thirty square feet, to conform to the site plan as approved by the Board on December 16, 1971, said increase of floor space to provide more sales and storage space. Approval of this application is also subject to approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission.

Board of Selectmen - 1974 Fall, Christmas, New Year's Schedule

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the holiday schedule as set forth in a draft prepared by the Executive Secretary dated September 1974, subject to approval by the Personnel Board;

and it was further

VOTED: To adopt the tentative Selectmen's meetings dates as set forth in a draft prepared by the Executive Secretary dated September 1974.

Special Town Meeting - Warrant Schedule

Following its reading and a brief discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the October 22, 1974 Special Town Meeting Warrant Schedule, as drafted by the Executive Secretary.

Access Road - Housing for the Elderly Project

Present: Douglas Miranda, Chairman of the Sudbury Housing Authority;  
William Mead, architect for the Elderly Housing Project.

The Board received a communication dated September 13, 1974, from the Town Surveyor, relative to recommendations for a separate access road to the Sudbury Housing Authority's Housing for the Elderly Project, which were made following his joint meeting with the architects for both that project and the police/fire headquarters building.

The Board questioned Mr. Miranda and Mr. Mead relative to item #3 of the communication, which stated that there would be considerable construction costs to provide an adequate storm drainage system for the Elderly Housing Project access road beyond its intersection with the combined access road and that any attempt to connect that system to the proposed police/fire headquarters storm drainage system could result in extra work orders (a change in the size of the drainage pipe) and could also have a detrimental effect on the foundation drain system.

Mr. Mead stated that the drainage connection would necessitate a change in the size of the presently proposed drainage pipe and would, therefore, be an extra work order. Mr. Mead also stated that there was no way to assess how a connection might affect the system and that a backup problem might be created.

Chairman Powers stated that until resolution of the access road layout, the Board wished assurance that the wording of the Sudbury Housing Authority's easement article be such that within the four corners of the article any or all alternatives for a separate or combined access road be covered.

Also discussed was correspondence earlier received by the Board, a communication dated August 28, 1974 to Mr. William Mead from John T. Hughes, architect for the police/fire headquarters building, relative to the proposed joint access road, in which Mr. Hughes stated that although he agreed with the road location proposed by Mr. Mead's firm, proposed grades could not be complied with as it raised the elevation of his road by four feet which would create a road grade in excess of 6% and entail substantially more fill than had been budgeted.

Chairman Powers stated that the Board has walked the area and is of the opinion that by relocating the northerly end of the road onto the land of the Sudbury Housing Authority, there would be no grade which would exceed 6% and that the four-foot differential may not exist.

Mr. Mead stated that there was need for additional survey work for securing drawings to resolve a possible discrepancy in present topographical figures.

Selectman Toomey stated that abutters should be contacted relative to possible repositioning of the Sudbury Housing Authority access road along the easterly property line.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that possibly further survey work should be done to resolve possible contour figure discrepancies and possible relocation of the northerly end of the access road in order to maintain road grade at or below 6%.

It was also agreed that the Sudbury Housing Authority's article would contain wording to provide for any or all alternatives for a separate or combined access road, and that final resolution of the same will be decided upon following possible further survey work.

#### Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee

Present: Paul Buxbaum and Robert Coe of the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee. Also present were Bruce Langmuir and Fritz Steudel.

At the request of Paul Buxbaum, Chairman of the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee, in a communication to the Board dated September 7, 1974, the Board met with members of that Committee to discuss budgetary questions, routes and schedule plans, and plans for publicity and public relations.

Mr. Buxbaum stated that the Committee also wished the Board's comments on the bus bid specifications, which had earlier been distributed to the Selectmen.

Chairman Powers replied that until such time as the bid specifications have been reviewed by Town Counsel, the Town Accountant, the Insurance Advisory Committee, and the Board, comments would be withheld.

Mr. Coe presented to the Board tentative scheduling of seven intra-town routes which will originate and terminate at the Star Market Plaza. Mr. Coe stated that bus stops have not as yet been determined, but that some areas will be so designated and additional stops made if passengers are waiting.

It was the opinion of the Board that the Chief of Police should review the routes and the Committee was requested to make copies of the routes and suggested bus stops available to the Police Chief.

It was also the opinion of the Board that, in some instances, particular intersections be specifically designated as non-stops for reasons of safety.

The Board suggested that the school bus director meet with the Safety Officer of the subject of routes for time correlation to prevent a public bus travelling in the opposite direction meeting and having to pass a school bus on the narrow roads.

Mention was also made that bus route approval is necessary from the Department of Public Utilities as well as the Board.

The Bus Transportation Committee was in accord with the Board's suggestions and stated that they will also check with the utility companies relative to use of their poles to designate bus stops.

It was agreed that approval of the street lists would be a subject for a future agenda.

Mr. Steudel made a presentation to the Board concerning passenger statistics and operating costs.

Members of the Committee made the following statements concerning the bus service proposal:

A fare of .25¢ has been decided upon.

The sum of \$3,500 has been set aside for clerical salary, printing, and advertising.

Two busses on separate routes would be scheduled to leave from and return to the Star Plaza simultaneously to permit transfer from one route to another.

A dispatching office has not as yet been established.

Inquiry will be made to the bus company, when chosen, relative to having the busses garaged in the Town in order to collect the excise taxes.

A telephone number to be called relative to bus service will be posted in all busses.

The Board requested that the Committee consider that a ticket system rather than a coin system be used, and this matter will be further discussed following the Town Accountant's review of the bid specifications.

The Board also requested that the routes be reviewed with the Highway Department relative to that Department's snowplowing capabilities.

It was agreed to meet again with the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee as soon as the staff reports on the bid specifications are received, the meeting to be held, if possible, on September 23rd. Also to be discussed at this meeting will be the Committee's appointment of its ex officio members.

School for Special Learning

Present: Elizabeth Verrill, Co-Director, Jane Jakuc, and Brad Watters of A School for Special Learning.

At the request of Mrs. Elizabeth Verrill in a communication dated September 6, 1974, the Board held an informational meeting with Mrs. Verrill, Jane Jakuc, and Brad Watters, who presented a proposal for a School for Special Learning to be located in Sudbury.

Mrs. Verrill stated that she had been in contact with Carl E. Ellery, Assistant Superintendent of Sudbury Schools, concerning the proposal, and the Executive Secretary noted receipt of a letter dated September 16, 1974, from Mr. Ellery in this regard.

Mrs. Verrill stated that the school is currently serving thirty-four children from seventeen Massachusetts communities and is presently housed in a Wayland church.

The Board recommended that Mrs. Verrill contact the Zoning Enforcement Agent as the first step in site plan approval.

Executive Session 9:55 p.m.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter briefly into executive session for the purpose of discussing matters which if made public might adversely affect the financial interests of the Town.

Special Town Meeting - October 22, 1974

Chairman Powers announced that the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, to be held on October 22, 1974, would contain five articles as listed below.

Chairman explained that the Warrant has not yet been ordered, that the articles are presently numbered for the purpose of convenience only.

1. Police/Fire Headquarters - Permanent Building Committee.
2. Easement for Housing Authority Access Road - Housing Authority.
3. Bylaw Revision (Annual Town Meeting Starting Date ) - Selectmen.

4. Data Processing Appropriation - Town Accountant.
5. Bylaw Revision ( Flood Plain District ) - Conservation Commission.

Executive Session 10:15 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 Town, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Attest: Richard E. Thompson  
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Executive Secretary-Clerk