

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 1975

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was called to order by Chairman John C. Powers.

Organizational Meeting

Chairman Powers 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.

Following the nomination of Selectman Taft by Selectman Toomey and the seconding of the nomination by Chairman Powers, it was on motion

VOTED: To elect John E. Taft Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Selectman Taft assumed the chairmanship.

Following the nomination of Richard E. Thompson by Selectman Toomey and the seconding of the nomination by Selectman Powers, it was on motion unanimously

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

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen continue to be held on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the lower Town Hall.

Jurors

The Board drew the names of Lillian M. Wright, 333 Maynard Road, and Frederick A. Long, 11 Hampshire Street, to serve as jurors at Cambridge Court, and Ruth D. Wells, 22 Indian Ridge Road, and Robert C. Distler, 34 Kay Street, to serve as jurors at Lowell Court, all commencing May 5, 1975.

Proposed 1975 Annual Town Meeting Budget Article Amendments

Present: Fire Chief Josiah Frost

Chairman Taft reported that the Board had received a communication dated March 28, 1975, from the Executive Secretary relative to proposed amendments to the 1975 Annual Town Meeting budget articles.

The Executive Secretary stated that he had discussed the proposed amendments with the Chairman of the Finance Committee, who will meet with the Board on April 2 for further discussion.

Account 310-62 - Fire Alarm Maintenance - The Executive Secretary stated that he proposed an increase of \$8,000 to Account 310-62 to replace the central fire alarm, which had been the subject of a Reserve Fund transfer on January 24, but was withdrawn due to shortage of funds in the Reserve Fund account.

Fire Chief Josiah Frost stated that he now proposes an increase of \$9,000 for the installation of a new five-circuit unit rather than \$8,000 for the installation of a particular used eight-circuit unit, as the one he had hoped to purchase has already been sold and he has been unable to locate another used unit.

It was the consensus of the Board to support the \$9,000 increase amendment figure, and Chairman Taft stated that further discussion of the matter will be held on April 2 with the Finance Committee.

Account 310-51 - Equipment Purchase - The Executive Secretary reported that a proposed increase of \$3,000 to Account 310-51 would provide for a new gas storage tank for unleaded gas. Mr. Thompson stated that, following discussions of alternatives, it is the Fire Chief's, as well as his, recommendation to proceed to install a new tank at the fire station on Route 20.

Chief Frost stated that a used, guaranteed tank would cost between \$2,000-\$3,000 and would reduce the present per-gallon cost of unleaded fuel by \$.11 per gallon, and the Executive Secretary reported that the tank would result in an annual saving of approximately \$1,200.

Chief Frost stated that the cost would be amortized in two years with the present vehicles and that any future vehicles would provide additional savings.

The Executive Secretary was directed to draft a memorandum on the tank showing cost savings on all fire and other Town vehicles.

Health Department - Account 800-15 - Animal Inspector - The Executive Secretary stated that the proposed increase would restore the funds cut by the Finance Committee before the Personnel Board's positive recommendation on the position was known.

Chairman Taft stated that the Board would discuss the matter of the Personnel Board's recommendation with the Finance Committee on April 2.

Conservation Commission: Account 360-11 - Land Management Aide - The Executive Secretary reported that the Conservation Commission had, last year, recommended \$3.00 per hour for a Land Management Aide and that his own recommendation was that \$3,500 be requested to provide better supervision and control over conservation lands.

Selectman Powers stated that this new position, not yet provided for in the budget, was not in keeping with the Board's present policy of no new hire or new programs.

Selectman Toomey stated that the Board must be consistent in its policy and that he would make this statement to the Finance Committee, but suggested that the position might be funded by the C.E.T.A. or E.E.A. programs.

The Executive Secretary was requested to review the available funding in this regard and to contact the Conservation Commission relative to their problems and recommendations in the area of land management.

It was the consensus of the Selectmen not to support this proposed amendment.

Ambulance - The Executive Secretary reported that the Town had recently made application to the Office of Emergency Medical Services, Massachusetts Department of Public Health, for an ambulance to be funded under the OEMS-GHSB program and that the Town has received an indication that Sudbury will be put on a priority list.

Discussion of a cost to Sudbury of \$7,500 followed, and it was agreed that provision for the cost can be delayed until a future Town Meeting.

Selectmen Toomey requested that the total cost of the ambulance be reviewed, including the manning, for future reference.

Accounting: Account 521-61 - Payroll Processing and Account 521-13 - Clerical
The Executive Secretary stated that the proposed amendments of \$2,800 and \$600 would provide for weekly payment of Town wages in accordance with G.L.c 148 and 149, unless ruled otherwise by Town Counsel.

Town Counsel was directed to review G.L.c 148 and 149 with a view to determining whether or not the requests meet the statute requirements, in which case the Board will schedule a meeting with the petitioners.

Access Road - Sudbury Housing Authority, Permanent Building Committee

Present: Town Engineer James Merloni, Emmanuel Tiliakos and John Morgan, planners; Lorraine Bauder, Willie Hoover, and Robert Williams of the Sudbury Housing Authority; and Craig Parkhill and William Bell of the Permanent Building Committee

Chairman Taft stated that when the Board agreed to sell an easement right-of-way across the police/fire headquarters land to provide access to the elderly housing development from Hudson Road, it was the Board's position that the easement be so located as to allow the original layout of the roadway to the police/fire facility. Chairman Taft stated that the Board's vote on March 2 also included the provision that the Town Engineer examine the elevations to determine that those shown on the Housing Authority's plan would not preclude the future construction of a police/fire headquarters as previously designed and sited by Hughes and MacCarthy.

The Board received a communication dated March 31, 1975, from the Town Engineer on the matter, and Mr. Merloni now displayed a plan and profile of the proposed access and service road and indicated a common point where the Sudbury Housing Authority's plan is shown to be approximately 5½ feet higher than that shown on the police/fire plan. Mr. Merloni stated that this discrepancy could create some future difficulty for the police/fire project and recommended, as shown on the plan, that the Housing Authority access road be lowered and the police/fire road be raised at this common point in a compromise which would not adversely affect either project and which would require less fill than indicated on the Housing Authority's plan. Mr. Merloni stated that the compromise will result in a 7% grade in the access road, which, in his opinion, is acceptable.

Mr. Williams stated that the plan from Mr. Merloni represents a good compromise.

Mr. Parkhill also found the compromise acceptable and suggested that the area of the future fork to the police/fire headquarters be checked for site visibility.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To direct Town Counsel to prepare an amendment to the Board's easement vote of March 3, 1975, for their acceptance at the Board's special meeting on April 2, 1975.

Mr. Williams requested that the Board supply the Authority with a letter of intent for the Authority's submittal to the Department of Community Affairs to the effect that the Selectmen have agreed to the land purchase price of \$37,500 and the easement purchase price of \$3,200, so that the contract can be awarded.

Town Counsel stated that he will hold the land and easement deeds in escrow until such time as the total purchase price is received.

Outstanding Bill - Hughes and MacCarthy

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

Recent correspondence on the subject of the outstanding bill for services for the design of the police/fire headquarters was reviewed and discussed, which included the following communications: Town Counsel's opinion to the Board, dated February 28, 1975, relating to a review of the contract and the schedule of payment of the architect's fee; a communication to the Board dated March 17, 1975, from the Town Accountant concerning payment to Hughes and MacCarthy for architectural services rendered; a communication to the Board, dated March 27, 1975, from the Town Accountant and Town Counsel, which reported the submittal of a final bill from Hughes and MacCarthy for services for the design of the combined police/fire headquarters and which showed a reduction from \$6,201.00 to \$6,001.00; and a communication to the Town Accountant, dated March 27, 1975, to the Town Accountant from Craig Parkhill, which explained the reduction.

Chairman Taft reported that Town Counsel had ruled that the bill under discussion should not be included with those under Article 3, as it was billed in the current fiscal year, although the Board is of the opinion that it could remain in the article.

In response to a question from Chairman Taft relative to the agreement with the architect on the cost of the contemporary/colonial design (discussed in Town Accountant's March 17 communication), Mr. Parkhill responded that he could not off hand remember the exact figure, but that it did exceed \$3,000. Chairman Taft requested that the Permanent Building Committee verify the \$3,927.27 figure mentioned in Town Accountant's March 17 letter.

Chairman Taft suggested that, in view of the low balance in the Reserve Fund, it might make more sense to vote payment as an unpaid bill at Town Meeting rather than to request a transfer, even though such a request has been approved by the Finance Committee.

Selectman Powers stated that the Board has not yet received information from Town Counsel on the subject of inclusion of the civil defense operations center in the original contract, and the Board agreed to defer further consideration of the outstanding bill until receipt of a final memorandum on the matter from Town Counsel.

Proclamation

The Board signed a proclamation which designated April 12 - 18, 1975, as Sudbury Earth Week urging all residents of the Town to join groups that will assemble at the Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 20, 1975, to participate in picking up litter from the Sudbury roadsides, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Big W Trans

Chairman Taft reported that at the request of Attorney Joseph Vrabel on behalf of Robert P. Winterhalter, Big W Trans, their appearance before the Board at 8:00 p.m., for the purpose of requesting the issuance of an unrestricted license for the carriage of passengers for hire to Robert P. Winterhalter of Big W Trans in Ashland, had been canceled.

Application for Incorporation

Following a review by the Board of the below-named application for incorporation, it was on motion

VOTED: To send a favorable report to the Secretary of the Commonwealth on the application of John E. Murray, 19 Hawthorne Drive, Peter E. Pietz, 520 Concord Road, Richard M. Bradley, 91 Witherell Drive, Maurice J. Fitzgerald, 200 Concord Road, John C. Powers, 489 Peakham Road, Paul F. Hill, 289 Concord Road, Pasquale Piscitelli, 21 Churchill Street, and Robert MacMillan, 48 Harness Lane, under the name of Sudbury Youth Football, Inc., to be located in the Town of Sudbury at 367 Boston Post Road.

New England Telephone/Boston Edison Co. Petition - Boston Post Road

The Executive Secretary reported that some time ago the Board had requested the Highway Department and the Safety Officer to take measures to help reduce the traffic hazard existing at the curve on the Boston Post Road near the junction of Station Road.

Mr. Thompson stated that the utility petition before the Board tonight is a request from the New England Telephone and Boston Edison Companies to remove a utility pole in this connection.

The Board received the Wiring Inspector's report of April 1, 1975, which reported that a substitute pole has been moved to a location on private property and no longer needs a permit from the Selectmen.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To express the Board's gratitude for the cooperation of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone Company in helping to reduce the traffic hazard on Boston Post Road and to grant the petition of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone Company.

Town of Concord - Bicentennial Posters and Directional Signs

The Executive Secretary read into the record a communication dated March 24, 1975, from Paul J. Flynn, Town Manager, Town of Concord, which requested Sudbury's assistance by instructing its Town employees to remove all unauthorized posters and directional signs focusing on North Bridge activities, which may be posted on Sudbury utility poles and trees.

The Executive Secretary was directed to forward copies of the above-referenced communication to the Highway and Police Department with the request that each department help to implement Mr. Flynn's request.

April 19 Shuttle Bus

Present: Frank Duca, General Manager, Wellesley Motor Coach

The Executive Secretary reported that at the request of the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee, he had appeared before the Finance Committee to request funds for operation of a shuttle bus for April 19. Mr. Thompson reported that the Finance Committee was favorable to the request, but will hold the money until the actual cost figure is known.

The Executive Secretary reported that he had received quotes from two companies, Big W Trans and Wellesley Motor Coach, both of which exceeded \$2,000 and that the shuttle bus contract had gone out to bid on March 20. Mr. Thompson stated that a bid was received and opened on March 27 in the Loring Parsonage from Big W Trans in the amount of \$2,744 - \$9.80 per bus per hour.

Mr. Thompson reported that Mr. Duca of Wellesley Motor Coach failed to submit a bid on March 27, as he was under the impression that the bids would be opened on March 28, and that Mr. Duca has indicated that he believes his earlier quote might serve as a bid. Mr. Thompson stated that he had informed Mr. Duca that this might not be the case.

The Executive Secretary further reported that he and Town Counsel had reviewed the bid and that he had contacted Mr. Winterhalter for clarification of Item 4 of the bid form (minimum charge per bus).

Chairman Taft reported that a letter had been received from a citizen of the Town, which expressed opposition to the expenditure of Town funds for the purpose of the shuttle bus operation.

The question of charging fares or use of a donation system was agreed to, assuming that the special DPU permit is received by Big W Trans.

Town Counsel recommended that further clarification of Section 4 of the bid form be requested of Big W Trans before further consideration was given to awarding the bid.

The Board requested that Town Counsel and the Executive Secretary take the matter up with Mr. Winterhalter and that the matter be scheduled on the agenda for their special meeting on April 2.

Chairman Taft requested that each Selectman receive a copy of the shuttle bus bid specifications for review.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To postpone further consideration of the matter until April 2, 1975.

1975 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles - Planning

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

Members of the Planning Board met with the Selectmen to discuss the following warrant articles:

Article 8 - Rebuild Walkways/Curbing - Town Centre and

Article 40 - Sudbury Centre Walkways - Mr. McNally reported that the Planning Board had voted to delete section "a" of Article 40 (walkways on Town Common/Presbyterian Church/Grange Hall) as funds for these walkways have been included under Article 8.

There followed a discussion of the best route for the Sudbury Centre walkway, and it was agreed that the walkway should continue from the existing walkway on the easterly side of Concord Road along the westerly of the Common and then to proceed in an easterly direction between the Presbyterian Church and the Grange Hall, joining the existing walkway to the rear of the Grange Hall.

An estimate of \$3,150 for the construction of this route was given and it was agreed that the walkway should be constructed of stone dust and could be put out to contract or done, in part, by the Highway Department.

Mr. Stevens suggested that the Town Engineer be contacted concerning the possible use of a lower grade granite curbing for that proposed for the Common under Article 8.

Article 37-40 - School Walkway Articles - The Planning Board reported to the Selectmen that they had recently been informed by Mr. Sullivan of the School Department that there exist no funds under Chapter 70 for state school aid for school walkways and that this fact is contrary to the walkway presentations at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Connors stated that the matter of no reimbursement funds should be made clear to the 1975 Annual Town Meeting.

Discussion followed on the subject of walkway priorities and possible transfer to other walkways of money previously authorized by Town Meeting for construction of the Landham Road walkway, which must be delayed because of County reconstruction of Landham Road.

The Planning Board reported that they will meet with the Finance Committee on April 3 to discuss walkway articles.

Chairman Taft reported the receipt of a communication dated March 27, 1975, from Sudbury School Superintendent O'Neill in response to the Executive Secretary's inquiry dated March 12, 1975, for information relating to the walkway program and suggested that before the Planning Board's meeting with the Finance Committee they request a clarification of Item 1 in Mr. O'Neill's letter (impact of walkway program on busses).

Application for Entertainment License - Pizza alla Pietra

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the application of Anthony Giovane, Pizza alla Pietra, 447 Boston Post Road, for a weekday entertainment license for use of a juke box between the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., to expire December 31, 1975.

Rules and Regulations for Hawkers and Peddlers

Following review and discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adopt the Rules and Regulations for Hawkers and Peddlers as drafted by Town Counsel and dated March 28, 1975.

Archaeological Excavation - Wayside Inn

The Board received an application dated March 28, 1975, from the Superintendent of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District, which requested the Selectmen's support in the school's request to the Bicentennial Commission for \$500 in matching funds to implement an archaeological excavation at the Wayside Inn.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To refer the above-referenced communication to the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee for their report and further consideration at a later meeting.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of March 24, 1975, the former as corrected.

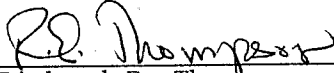
Executive Session

At 10:45 p.m., it was on motion unanimously

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

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk