

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, JUNE 23, 1975

Acting Chairman William F. Toomey convened the 100th session of the Town Fathers Forum at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed Secretary William G. Flynn, Office of Communities and Development, who would be guest speaker for the evening on the special occasion of the 100th Forum.

Acting Chairman Toomey introduced Fire Chief Josiah Frost, who, in turn introduced Michael Dunne recently appointed as Fire Captain with the Sudbury Fire Department. Acting Chairman Toomey, on behalf of the Board, congratulated Captain Dunne on his appointment.

Acting Chairman Toomey introduced past Selectmen Francis McGettigan, who served as Selectman from 1942-1947, and Willard H. Foster, who had suggested the idea of the Forum nine years ago as a means to improve cooperation and liaison among boards.

MR. BABIGIAN - BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mr. Babigian reported that the Assessors had received a communication dated June 6, 1975, from the Department of Corporations and Taxation which requested additional information from the Sudbury Board of Assessors concerning that Board's plans to implement full value and uniform assessments.

Mr. Babigian stated that he would speak with Town Counsel before responding to the June 6 letter.

MRS. BAUDER, MR. HOOVER, MR. HAYES - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Hoover reviewed the past history of the Sudbury Housing Authority which began with passage of an article to establish a study committee in 1970 and an article in 1971 of an article to establish the Sudbury Housing Authority.

Mrs. Bauder displayed sketches of the elderly housing development which is presently under construction on a portion of the so-called Oliver land.

The Chapter 705 program, which provides for the purchase and lease of homes for people of low income, was also reviewed.

Mr. Hayes reviewed the history of the Sudbury Nonprofit Housing Corporation which formed in September following the 1973 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Hayes reported that the fifteen-member Corporation has developed a housing plan to best fulfill the needs for the Town of Sudbury and has been involved in looking for sites upon which to build. Mr. Hayes stated that three sites are presently under consideration at this time and that the Corporation hopes to have its final decision within 4 - 5 months.

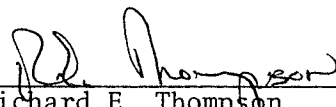
At the conclusion of the presentation by the Sudbury Housing Authority, Acting Chairman Toomey requested that the representatives of the Town boards, committees, and departments introduce themselves to Mr. Flynn.

Acting Chairman Toomey then introduced Secretary Flynn, who presented the Board with a citation, dated June 23, 1975, from Governor Michael S. Dukakis, which acknowledged the occasion of the 100th Town Fathers Forum.

Secretary Flynn addressed the Forum on the subject of equalized valuation, the need for more effective ways in which to spend the money available to the Commonwealth, the Administration's wish to work with local communities on a Statewide plan, and the importance of continual contact between towns and their local representatives.

At the conclusion of his address, Secretary Flynn accepted individual questions from the audience.

Acting Chairman Toomey presented Secretary Flynn with a copy of Sumner Chilton Powell's Puritan Village in appreciation of his appearance at tonight's Forum and recessed the meeting until 9:30 p.m. for coffee and informal conversation at the Bicentennial Center in the Grange Hall.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk