

Chairman Taft convened the 99th session of the Town Fathers' Forum at 8:00 p.m. Chairman Taft reported that the matter of continuing the present format of the Town Fathers' Forum has been discussed by the Board and that it is the Board's suggestion that the statistical data which is presently reported by boards, committees, and departments be compiled and reproduced in advance of the Forum for distribution at that time.

Chairman Taft further reported that it is the Board's suggestion that the future Forums be used by one or two boards or committees for a 15 - 20 minute presentation on subjects of common interest to other Town agencies. Chairman Taft stated that it is the Board's hope that these changes would make the Forum a more effective vehicle by bringing board issues, problems, and concerns to the attention of the Town Fathers. Chairman Taft also stated that changes in the scheduling of the Forum might also be considered.

Mr. Davison of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee suggested that the Selectmen distribute a questionnaire among Town boards and committees which would offer specific guidelines for subject material of interest.

The Executive Secretary stated that he has considered compiling such a questionnaire for distribution.

Mr. Tratnyek, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, suggested that a quarterly meeting of greater dimensions than the present format might be considered.

Mrs. Coe, of the Highway Commission, suggested that the February Forum not conflict with the Annual Meeting of the Sudbury Water District.

Chairman Taft made the following announcements concerning the Selectmen's activities during April and May:

- A Special Town Meeting has been called for June 9, 1975, for appropriating a supplemental budget for the Sudbury public schools.

- The Town held a successful Clean-Up Day on April 12 as well as successful April 19th Bicentennial Patriots Day activities.

- The March 1, 1975 State Census has been completed.

- The Board has approved a small change in the boundary between Precincts 3 and 4 to reestablish equity in numbers in those precincts because of a population shift.

- Selectmen liaison assignments have been completed and are as follows:
Chairman Taft: Executive Secretary, Town Counsel, Personnel Board, Highway Commission, Conservation Commission, Permanent Building Committee, Vocational, Regional, and Sudbury School Committees, Finance Committee, Historic Districts Commission, Board of Appeals, and Talent Search Committee.

Selectman Toomey: Business Advisory Committee; Committee on Town Administration, Industrial Development Commission, Council on Aging, Town Report Committee, Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association, Board of Assessors, Water District, Sign Review Board, and SudBus Committee.

Selectman Powers: Board of Health, Planning Board, Park and Recreation Commission, Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee, Housing Authority, Regional Concerns Committee, Memorial Day Committee, Power and Light Committee, Wayland/Sudbury Septage Disposal Planning Committee, Library Trustees, Ancient Documents Committee, and Historical Commission.

- The Town departments now report directly to the Executive Secretary, as follows: Police Department, Fire Department, Engineering Department, Building Department, Accounting Department, Insurance Advisory Committee, Ambulance Task Force, Equal Employment By-Law Committee, Permanent Landscape Committee, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Veterans Agent, Historic Structures Committee, and Civil Defense.

TOWN COUNSEL DAVID L. TURNER

Mr. Turner reported that he has recently submitted policies on the subjects of Beano and Hawkers and Peddlers and opinions relating to the Taylor Rental Center and the reduction of the Sudbury school budget, specifically with respect to the line item covering bussing. Town Counsel stated that he hopes to have, by June 30, all past opinions indexed and on file with Town Clerk.

SELECTMAN JOHN C. POWERS

Selectman Powers announced that the Memorial Day Committee has been working on a bicentennial presentation for the Memorial Day Parade in which citizens will portray men of the fourteen wars in which Sudbury has been represented. Selectman Powers urged the Townspeople to attend and reported that the parade will assemble at 9:00 a.m. at Marrone's Bakery.

MR. WELCH - HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mr. Welch announced that the County has approved the reconstruction layout of Landham Road, that work has begun on the Hudson Road and Woodside Road walkways and that work is progressing in the Town cemeteries. Mr. Welch reported that John Hare has been elected as Chairman of the Commission, Anthony Galeota as Vice Chairman, and Martha Coe, as Clerk and that they will hold a monthly meeting in July and in August.

TOWN ENGINEER JAMES V. MERLONI

Mr. Merloni appealed to the Townspeople for old newspaper accounts or photographs showing past flood conditions for the purpose of appealing for changes in the HUD flood hazard maps.

Mr. Merloni reported that the assessors maps have been updated and are available at scales of 1" = 100', 1" = 200', and 1" = 400', this last size reduced to 8½ x 11". Mr. Merloni stated that he will try to make the maps available to departments in accordance with his budget for printing and that the 8½ x 11" copies might be used for viewgraphs at Town Meetings.

FIRE CHIEF JOSIAH FROST

Chief Frost reported that progress is being made on all objectives which he established last January.

HEALTH DIRECTOR JOHN V. SULLIVAN

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Board of Health had discontinued the determination of ground water table elevations for new lots as of May 14.

MRS. LEDGER - PERMANENT LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ledger reported that the Permanent Landscape Committee has recently received several gifts of dogwood trees for Heritage Park and that the Committee has had to refuse several offers of trees for the park because of distance and species. Mrs. Ledger also reported that the Committee intends to refuse an offer of sodding for the Town Common because of the defeat of an article at the 1975 Annual Town Meeting for its reconstruction.

Chairman Taft requested Mrs. Ledger not to refuse the offer of sodding as the Common may be reconstructed through other means.

Also discussed was an old water system in the area of the Centre and the possibility of its being used to water the Common and the construction of the stone wall at Heritage Park, which requires additional stones. The Board suggested that the Sudbury Housing Authority be contacted for stones which will be removed in connection with work on the elderly housing development.

Mrs. Ledger requested that Townspeople volunteer with shovels and containers for transplanting ladyslippers from the construction path of the elderly housing development to Heritage Park on Saturday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m.

MRS. BAUDER - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mrs. Bauder reported that the sale of the land by the Town to the Housing Authority has been completed at the price of \$40,700, that bulldozing for the elderly housing development has begun, the buildings staked, and that the Clerk of the Works had been confirmed earlier tonight and will be on the site very soon.

Mrs. Bauder stated that the Housing Authority is seeking applications for occupancy and that groundbreaking ceremonies will be held following the completion of the Memorial Day ceremonies on May 26 at 12:30 p.m. at the site.

Mrs. Bauder reported that, in accordance with the vote of the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, the Housing Authority has purchased housing to be rented to persons of low income, that the State has provided funds for five units and that the Authority has purchased four units at this time.

REPRESENTATIVE GENEVRA COUNIHAN - PRECINCT 1

Representative Counihan reported on the State's \$450,000,000 deficiency budget and the Governor's proposal to raise revenue to pay for a bond issue through increases in the cigarette, gasoline, and alcoholic beverages tax. Representative Counihan reported on a welfare tax bill which was filed on May 16 and would freeze hospital rates until July 1976 and also prevent an employable person under the age of forty from receiving general relief. She also reported on a taxation bill relative to assessment of land according to use, which proposes four new categories in addition to agriculture and forestry land.

REPRESENTATIVE ANN GANNETT - PRECINCTS 2, 3, and 4

Representative Gannett stated that she would applaud the Selectmen and members of the other Town boards who have been in the forefront of pursuing government from the local level to the county and state level, as well as Town Counsel for his work in the equalized valuation case.

Selectman Powers had reported at an earlier meeting that Senator Atkins and Representative Coughlin and Gannett had voted against a bill filed by the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association which would allow town meetings by a four/fifths vote to delete additional programs or increases in existing programs. Representative Gannett reported that her negative vote against the bill was cast because 80% of the school budget costs are imposed by collective bargaining, leaving only 20% of any budget which could be cut.

MRS. HARDING - TALENT SEARCH COMMITTEE

Mrs. Harding reported that the Talent Search Committee's files have been separated by categories and that individual categories will soon become available to boards and committees.

MR. JEWELL - GOODNOW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Mr. Jewell reported that he had recently met with representatives from the libraries of Bedford, Concord and Wayland and that they have agreed to cooperatively purchase large print books which will be circulated among the four libraries. Mr. Jewell also reported that requests have been made for a book drop in North Sudbury and that, following a suggestion, he had contacted Mr. Buxbaum of the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee concerning the transport of the books to the library, but that they are in need of a container of some sort for this purpose.

MR. TRATNYEK - CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Tratnyek reported that the community garden is in full operation under the direction of Joan Irish and that the Highway and Engineering departments have been of assistance in this regard. Mr. Tratnyek reported that fifty-six 30' x 30' non-organic and twenty organic plots have been laid out and that nineteen of the organic plots and thirty-eight of the non-organic plots have been taken.

Mr. Tratnyek also reported that the Commission had recently held two Wetland Protection Act Hearings and that three more are to be scheduled in the future.

MR. GOGOLIN - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Gogolin reported that the Finance Committee will hold hearings on warrant articles for the June 9 Special Town Meeting on May 22.

The Executive Secretary announced that four warrant articles have been submitted on the following subjects: appropriation of funds to supplement the 1974-75 Sudbury school budget, rezoning of a portion of Codjer Lane from industrial to residential, water line easement to the Sudbury Water District; and adjustment to the salary schedule for 1975-76.

MR. DAVISON - LINCOLN - SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Davison reported that during last January and February, the Regional Committee had decided that following completion of the Annual Town Meeting, it would begin a series of programs concerning problems within and outside of the High School. Mr. Davison stated that these programs are announced regularly in the Regional Newsletter and the press and urged Townspeople to attend. Mr. Davison announced that graduation will be held on June 5.

MR. WHITE - BUILDING/WIRING INSPECTOR

Mr. White reported that recent adoption of the State building code has placed homesellers under obligation to notify the Building Inspector of their intent to sell and that he can choose to reinspect the house at that time to locate any hazardous conditions.

Mr. White reported that during the past eight weeks he has made eighty-eight such reinspections and collected \$1300 in fees, and that he had located and caused correction of a number of hazardous conditions.

Mr. White reported that the Sudbury Housing Authority has applied for and received a building permit for their elderly housing complex.

MR. SHERMAN - MODERATOR

Mr. Sherman announced that he has made the following appointments:

Robert Stocking, and Forrest Bradshaw to the Committee for the Preservation of Ancient Documents; Robert Desjardin to the Historic Structures Commission; Edward Glaser to the Committee on Town Administration; and Elizabeth Byars, Karl Clough, Donald Bishop, Ira Potell, and Sheila MacKinnon to the Finance Committee.

MR. COE - SUDBURY BUS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Coe reported that the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee plans to change the SudBus schedule, so that it will run fewer hours of the day but more frequently during the periods of heavier usage. Mr. Coe stated the Committee may also change the routes and that the Committee has asked Mr. Tiliakos to conduct a survey to find out what changes would be most useful to the Town.

MR. CRON - MINUTEMAN REGIONAL-VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Cron reported that the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee has accepted the resignation of its Superintendent/Director, and that they are now involved in a search for his replacement and that the position has temporarily been assumed by the Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. Cron reported that the Committee has recently reorganized and that he had been elected as its Chairman. Mr. Cron also reported that the school will be dedicated on June 3 at 10:00 a.m. and that an open house would follow.

MR. CRON - SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Cron reported that the Sudbury School Committee has requested a Special Town Meeting to ask the Town to consider correcting the deficit in the School Committee's budget.

Selectman Powers asked Mr. Cron whether or not, if the Town should vote "no" on their article at the June 9 Special Town Meeting to supplement the School Committee's 1975 fiscal year budget, the Committee could live within the budget appropriated at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Cron stated that the School Committee will conform to Chapter 44 and not expend funds in excess of appropriation.

MR. ADOLPH - BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Adolph questioned his Board's hearing the Weir property case, now before the Board of Appeals (May 20) as it might be in conflict with the rezoning petition article submitted for the June 9th Special Town Meeting. The Selectmen suggested Mr. Adolph discuss the matter with Town Counsel after the Forum.

TOWN CLERK BETSEY M. POWERS

Mrs. Powers reported that Mr. Bertram Weinstein is the new chairman of the Board of Registrars and that a special registration session will be held on May 23, between 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m., in advance of the June 9 Special Town Meeting.

MRS. MAURER - MBTA DESIGNEE, ADVISORY BOARD

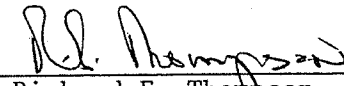
Mr. Maurer reported that he has been attending all meetings of the MBTA Advisory Board, but that there was little he could do as Sudbury has no control over the MBTA. The Executive Secretary reported on the Millis case to be heard in Superior Court on the withdrawal of a member town from the MBTA.

Selectman Powers suggested that Mr. Maurer continue to attend the meetings and that he be alert for any budgetary discrepancies which the Town might want to take further action on, or bring to the attention of the general public.

Representative Gannett reported that Representative Nickinello of Natick has filed a bill to put several towns into a subregion of the MBTA, which might provide some relief, and stated that, in her opinion, the bill has a chance for passage.

Chairman Taft again stated that the Board would distribute among Town boards and committees a letter suggesting modifications to the Forum, and adjourned the 99th session at 9:25 p.m. for informal discussions and coffee.

Attest:


Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk