

TOWN FATHERS FORUM -- INDUSTRY NIGHT
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1975

Chairman John E. Taft convened the 102nd session of the Town Fathers Forum at 8:00 p.m. and welcomed Mr. Howard N. Smith, Secretary, Executive Office of Economic Affairs, who would be guest speaker for the evening, and the industrial citizens of Sudbury, who had been invited as guests to tonight's forum, which had been designated as Industry Night.

Chairman Taft introduced Mr. Leon Zola, Chairman of the Industrial Development Commission, and the other Town officials and local representatives who were present.

Mr. Zola next introduced the members of his Commission and the guests who who represented various industries in Town.

Mr. Zola spoke briefly on present industrial activity within the Town, reporting that the industrial contribution to the tax valuation of the Town was \$9,297,100. He reported the State statistic that 85% of new Massachusetts industry is coming from within the State. Mr. Zola expressed the Commission's opinion that Sudbury offers an excellent opportunity for industrial development.

Chairman Taft announced that this year was the twentieth anniversary of the formation of the Industrial Development Commission in Sudbury.

Chairman Taft introduced Secretary Smith, who addressed the Forum on the State's program for economic revitalization of Massachusetts, and he outlined the prerequisite for and the objectives and emphasis of the program.

Secretary Smith stated that the objective of the program was to close the gap between the State and national unemployment rate by creating, over a five-year period, 50,000 jobs which will indirectly create another 25,000.

As a prerequisite of the program, Secretary Smith stated that the State government must get its own house in order by balancing its budget, controlling its spending, and being more responsive to the requirements of a growing economy, a process which he believes is already under way.

Secretary Smith stated that their emphasis was not to woo and win new industry from outside the State, but to help existing Massachusetts companies grow and prosper, particularly manufacturing companies. He commented with interest on Mr. Zola's statement concerning 85% of the new Massachusetts industry coming from within the State.

Secretary Smith stated that their plan was to call on existing manufacturers to learn their problems and to try to expedite solutions, and he mentioned a plan for possible State aid for expansion. He also reported that his Department had held regional meetings and would continue to do so in an effort to develop better communication between public and private sectors as well as between the State and local levels of government.

At the conclusion of his address, Secretary Smith commended the Town officials for their interest in and communication with the industries within the Town and accepted individual questions from the audience.

Chairman Taft presented Secretary Smith 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.

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1975

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

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

Executive Session

At 7:30 p.m., it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing department head merit reviews.

Sudbury School Committee

Present: Chairman Phyllis Prager, Mary D'Andrea, N. Cornell Gray, and Lawrence O'vian of the Sudbury School Committee; John J. O'Neill, School Superintendent; and John H. Wilson, Town Accountant.

In joint session with the Sudbury School Committee concerning the upcoming December 15 Special Town Meeting, Chairman Taft informed those present of the events leading to the calling of a town meeting and the articles to be included therein by the Board, naming particularly the articles dealing with collective bargaining and an article to revoke Chapter 577 of the Acts of 1963 dealing with the Highway Commission.

The following Sudbury School Committee articles were then discussed, and the listing below indicates the preference by the School Committee for their ordering in the Warrant.

A. Peter Noyes Elementary School Emergency Roofing: \$16,500

B. Supplemental Budgetary Appropriation: \$100,000

(This figure may change to \$80,000, recognizing that it includes bills for Chapter 766 program from 1974-75).

C. Unpaid Bills, Chapter 766: Approximately \$20,000

The Selectmen reviewed with the School Committee and approved the warrant schedule for the December 15 Special Town Meeting prepared by the Executive Secretary's office and dated October 29, 1975.

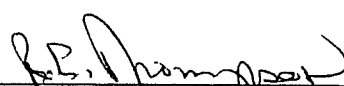
Firefighter Appointment

On the subject of filling the existing Firefighter vacancy in the Sudbury Fire Department, the Executive Secretary informed the Board that he had participated in the oral interviews of the final three candidates and subsequent to that meeting, he was informed by the Fire Chief that Mr. George Place of Sudbury had been selected for appointment on a six-month probationary basis, subject, in addition, to certain medical conditions.

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

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

Attest:


Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk

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