

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, APRIL 26, 1976

107th SESSION

At 8:30 p.m. Chairman Toomey convened the 107th session of the Town Fathers Forum and announced the following recent actions of the Board:

- A site plan for Union Carbide Company, Linde Division, has been approved and site plans for the Village Green Shopping Center, 29 Hudson Road, and the Fotomat, proposed for location at the First National Shopping Center parking lot, have been considered by the Board and referred to the Board of Appeals.

- The Board has proclaimed April 25 - May 1 as Earth Week, with Clean Up Day scheduled for Saturday, May 1, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

- An Order of Taking for the Haynes Garrison Site has been signed and recorded, as voted by an earlier Town Meeting.

- Letters of Commendation have been issued to the Police Chief and the Fire Chief with regard to departmental response to an emergency situation where a man was crushed by a piece of heavy equipment at the storage yard of C. R. Wood, which resulted in the saving of a human life. These letters acknowledged the actions of the Departments and, in particular, those of Parolman Wayne M. Shurling, Firefighter Michael J. Callahan, and Firefighter Daniel N. Nardini.

- An award has been made for construction of walkway and finish grading in Heritage Park, which is now under way.

Chairman Toomey announced that the new list of committee and board chairman will be issued to all Town agencies as soon as all individual notices of reorganizations have been received and the list compiled.

Selectman Powers reported that the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee had observed, on April 18, the 300th anniversary of the King Philip War and that the Committee has issued a commemorative cachet for April 19, 1976, the proceeds from which will go to the Town.

Selectman Powers further reported that he had received a call from the Mayor of Sudbury, Suffolk, England, who will be coming to Sudbury for two weeks in July to join in the Fourth of July celebration in response to the Committee's invitation.

The Executive Secretary announced that the Selectmen have scheduled consideration of 1976 appointments on the agenda for their May 3 meeting. Mr. Thompson reported that the Selectmen have asked all boards, commissions, and committees for their recommendations for candidates for possible appointment to any vacancies which may exist on their respective committees, and he requested that recommendations be received in advance of the May 3 meeting.

REPRESENTATIVE COUNIHAN - PRECINCT 1

Representative Counihan announced that all bills must be reported out by April 28, that two informational sessions are to be held this week, and that next week the legislature will take up initiative petitions relating to handguns, bott' etc. Representative Counihan further reported that perfecting legislation for the revision of the Zoning Enabling Act is in third reading.

Representative Counihan reported that she had brought a copy of the State budget with her tonight which she would leave for review by those interested.

MR. TRATNYEK - CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Tratnyek reported that he has resigned from the Conservation Commission, that John Cutting has been elected as the new chairman, and Margaret Langmuir as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Tratnyek reported that Olga Reed and Eric Lind will not seek reappointment to the Commission.

Mr. Tratnyek reported that most of the Commission's work has recently been concerned with the Wetland Protection Act.

Chairman Toomey commented that John Cutting had recommended to the Selectmen that vacancies on the Commission be filled, if possible, with Townspeople who would be available during the day.

MR. SHERMAN - MODERATOR

Mr. Sherman commented on the uneventful Annual Town Meeting and expressed his unhappiness with the inability of maintaining a quorum and the subsequent conclusion of the Meeting before all articles could be acted upon. Mr. Sherman commented that some towns have done away with the quorum requirement, and he suggested that this matter might be considered.

Mr. Sherman reported that the Finance Committee has lost the services of Lawrence Gogolin, Elizabeth Byars, and Monte Basbas, and he announced the following appointments made to date:

Sheila MacKinnon (reappointment), Alan Grathwohl, Linda Glass, and Philip Felleman to the Finance Committee;

Lorelei Snyder (reappointment) and Charlotte Goss to the Committee on Town Administration; and

Richard Hill to the Committee for Preservation of Ancient Documents.

MR. COE - SUDBURY BUS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Coe reported that the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee has completed its mission and will go out of existence on April 30.

Mr. Coe expressed his regret that the 1976 Annual Town Meeting was adjourned before he had had the opportunity to report the reasons why SudbuS was taken off the road and the balance of the money which was mandated by a previous Town Meeting was not spent. Mr. Coe stated that this money has gone back to Free Cash.

MR. CRON - SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Cron reported that the Sudbury School Committee has reorganized, that he is the new chairman, and that the Committee has been discussing future programs.

MR. CRON - MINUTEMAN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Cron reported that he has been elected as the new chairman of the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical District Committee, that a new Superintendent had been appointed in January 1976, and that there currently exists a problem with the busses at the School.

MRS. SCHROEDER - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Schroeder reported that the League of Women Voters hopes to have its revised publication, This is Sudbury, available within a month and she expressed the League's appreciation to everyone who helped with this project.

Chairman Toomey announced that the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee is proceeding with this year's plans for the Ball, which will be held on Saturday, July 3. Chairman Toomey reported that a suggestion box, in connection with the Ball, has been placed at the Sudbury Drug Store and that volunteers are also being requested to work on preparations.

Selectman Powers commented that the Methodist Church will be used for this year's Ball in addition to the churches and Town buildings used last year.

Selectman Toomey announced that the Board of Selectmen and their staff have challenged the Park and Recreation Commission and their staff in activities during the Fourth of July celebration.

Mr. Cron advised the Board that the Sudbury School Committee will be discussing the closing of one school, and he suggested that the Board might be interested in considering using this additional space.

Chairman Toomey adjourned the 107th session of the Town Fathers Forum at 8:55 p.m. for coffee and informal conversation.