

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
105th SESSION  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1976

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Taft convened the 105th session of the Town Fathers Forum and announced that tonight, as part of the Forum presentation, the Harvard Route Study Group, which has recently been working in conjunction with the Planning Board, would make a presentation concerning the existing problems along Route 20 in Sudbury and offer their recommendations for alternative solutions to these problems.

Chairman Taft reported the following Board activities for the preceding month:

- Recent appointments to the Board include those of Judith Mack to the Housing Authority to fill a vacancy, Ronald Adolph to the Board of Appeals for a five-year term, Myron Fox as an Alternate to the Board of Appeals for a one-year term, Carlton Ellms to the Historic Districts Commission for a five-year term, and Carol Hull to the Memorial Day Committee for a three-year term.

- The Growth Policy Committee was appointed and is composed of the chairmen of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning Board, the Housing Authority, the Board of Health, and the Conservation Commission, the Town Planner, and citizens Eben Stevens, Deborah Warner, Richard Brooks, John Bartlett, and William Reed.

- The Board approved site plans for Union Carbide Corporation, Mill Village, and Camp Sewataro.

- The Town borrowed \$1,000,000 in short-term tax anticipation notes at interest rates ranging from 3.15% to 3.48%.

- Chairman Taft attended the budget meeting of the Minuteman Vocational Technical Regional School District.

- A collective bargaining agreement was signed with the Firefighters union, and approval of the resulting appropriation for salary adjustments will be required by a Special Town Meeting.

TOWN REPORT PREPARATION COMMITTEE

The Executive Secretary stated that the Board had received a communication dated February 23, 1976, from the Town Report Preparation Committee, who were tonight putting the final touches on the 1975 Annual Town Report. The letter, which was read by the Executive Secretary, expressed the Committee's confidence that the Town Report would be within the budget limits voted by Town Meeting.

MR. COOPER - PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Cooper reported that, on February 19, Mr. McNally had stepped down as Chairman of the Planning Board, that the Board had then reorganized, and that he had been elected to succeed Mr. McNally.

Mr. Cooper also reported that the Planning Board has been working on Town Meeting articles and on Chapter 808, which alters Chapter 40A (Zoning) of the General Laws by requiring cities and towns, by Spring of 1978, to conform with this new Act.

Mr. Malonson asked whether the Planning Board could inquire of Mr. Robert Quirk his plans for his area on Route 117, which is zoned for a shopping center.

Chairman Taft reported that the site plan for this area had expired, and it was agreed that both the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen would make such inquiry.

MRS. LEDGER - PERMANENT LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ledger reported that the Permanent Landscape Committee had recently received gifts of plantings and benches for Heritage Park from Mr. and Mrs. William Downing, the Sudbury Women's Group, and the Rotary Club.

MR. WHITE - BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. White reported that his department had issued four new building permits and that there is one new active area in Sudbury, the Prindiville property on Bowditch Road, which will open up fifteen, five-acre lots.

MRS. SCHROEDER - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Schroeder reported that the League of Women Voters' Candidates' Night would be held on March 18, at 8:00 p.m. in the Curtis Junior High and that the League will also schedule a Warrant Review during the last week in March.

MR. POTELL - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Potell reported that the Finance Committee is looking for ways to hold the Town's spending down.

MR. CARTER - PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Mr. Carter reported that this year's Independence Day Parade would be held on Monday, July 5.

REPRESENTATIVE ANN GANNETT - PRECINCTS 2, 3, and 4

Mrs. Gannett expressed her interest in tonight's forthcoming presentation by the Harvard Route 20 Study Group, and she reported that the Legislature has been holding hearings on all types of controversial subjects from Blue Laws to women's contact sports, but that nothing of any importance has yet been passed.

MR. MALONSON - EARTH REMOVAL BOARD

Mr. Malonson reported that the Earth Removal Board has had no recent activity, but that a hearing might be held in the future, involving Melgrove Realty Trust.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Stubelis reported that the Conservation Commission has been very busy with Wetland Protection Act hearings.

HARVARD ROUTE 20 STUDY GROUP - ALTERNATIVES FOR ROUTE 20

Mr. McNally introduced Mr. Thomas Flynn of the Harvard Route 20 Study Group, which had been requested to consider alternatives for the "downtown" area of Sudbury, along Route 20.

Mr. Flynn reported that he had worked on the study with Jay Stansburg who was also present, and with Thomas Cavanaugh and John Livingston, unfortunately, who were not able to be present this evening. He then proceeded with the group's presentation concerning the future of Route 20 and its relationship with the growth of the Town, which was illustrated by a series of slides and drawings indicating their recommendations for alternative solutions to the Route 20 problem.

Following completion of the presentation, Mr. Flynn accepted questions from the audience.

Chairman Taft adjourned the Forum at 9:00 p.m. for coffee and informal conversation.