

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, MARCH 15, 1976

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

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The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting and the executive session of March 8, 1976, the former as corrected.

Sudbury Housing Authority - Confirmatory Deed

The Board, at its March 8 meeting, voted to postpone further consideration of the question of signing a confirmatory deed for certain premises to the Sudbury Housing Authority until March 15 to allow receipt of a report from Town Counsel.

Selectman Powers questioned whether the wording of the confirmatory deed was exactly that of the original deed, with the exception of the word, "confirmatory".

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table further consideration of this item until later in the evening, following a review of both deeds by Town Counsel.

Later in the evening, Town Counsel reported that he had made several amendments to the confirmatory deed and that with these amendments the wording was the same, with the exception of several insignificant, appropriate changes.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the confirmatory deed for a portion of the so-called Oliver Land on Hudson Road to the Sudbury Housing Authority, originally signed by the Board on May 12, 1975, as reviewed and recommended by Town Counsel.

Goodnow Library Trustees - Library Funds

Following the Board's review and discussion of a request set forth in a letter dated March 8, 1976 from the Chairman of the Goodnow Library Board of Trustees, it was on motion by Selectman Powers unanimously

VOTED: That the Board, under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1911, sitting as co-trustees of Town donations, make the sum of \$1,400 from the interest of the Goodnow Library Fund, available to the Goodnow Library Trustees for the purpose of continuing their program for preservation of the historical materials in the possession of the Goodnow Library, subject to the concurrence of the Town Treasurer, as co-trustee;

and it was further

VOTED: That the Board, under the provisions of Chapter 180 of the Acts of 1911, sitting as co-trustees of Town donations, transfer from the Goodnow Library Fund interest account the sum of \$5,000 into the Goodnow Library Fund account to increase the principal sum of the Goodnow Library Trust Fund, subject to the concurrence of the Town Treasurer, as co-trustee.

The Board expressed its willingness to reconsider the above votes if the Town Treasurer and the Library Trustees indicate that they are not in accord with the same.

1975-76 Firefighters Collective Bargaining Agreement - Signed

Present: Firefighter George Moore, Vice President, Local 2023

It was on motion by Selectman Toomey unanimously

VOTED: To sign the agreement, effective January 26, 1976, between the Town of Sudbury and the Sudbury Permanent Firefighters Association, Local 2023, International Association of Firefighters, AFL-CIO, in conjunction with Firefighter George Moore, Vice President, Local 2023.

Edward A. Sokoloff v. Board of Selectmen, et Al.

Town Counsel reported that he was in Court last week relative to the case of Edward A. Sokoloff v. Board of Selectmen, et al., and that, following the Court's review, Mr. Sokoloff's request for preliminary injunction was denied.

Town Counsel reported that his pleadings will be completed by March 28 and that his motion to dismiss will be filed before that date.

New England Telephone - Proposal for Telephone System

Present: John Wilson, Town Accountant

The Town Accountant met with the Board to discuss the communications proposal for the Town, dated February 1976, as prepared by Christopher Kenney of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Also discussed was the Town Accountant's March 12, 1976 response to Mr. Kenney's proposal, which included a breakdown of the monthly costs of the present and proposed systems.

Mr. Wilson stated that the primary advantage of the proposal will be the increase in service by tying in with the School Department's switchboard, which would allow the future expansion at minimal costs, and the anticipated savings in long distance costs by sharing their Newton F X lines for the Boston Metropolitan area.

In response to Selectman Powers' question relative to changes in the inter-office communication system, the Executive Secretary stated that the Town offices will be able to direct dial the Highway Department and the Police Department.

Mr. Wilson reported that under the new system, there would be no limit on internal calls as exists under the present system.

Costs of implementing the proposed system were discussed, and the Executive Secretary stated that a request would have to be made at the Annual Town Meeting for funds for this purpose, with the changeover to be scheduled for July.

The Board requested that the Town Accountant and the Executive Secretary submit an updated proposal and recommendations relative to the total costs of the proposal including the tie-in with the Highway and Police Departments and to reschedule the item for further discussion on March 22.

The Executive Secretary stated that he would prepare a memorandum for the Board for the agenda of March 22.

#### EMT Training - Uniform Policy for Reimbursement

The Board received a report dated March 12, 1976 from the Executive Secretary on the subject of a uniform policy for reimbursement for the Town police and fire employees for Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) training, as requested by the Board at their March 8 meeting.

Following review and discussion of the report referenced above, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the report dated March 12, 1976 from the Executive Secretary on the subject of a uniform policy for reimbursement for EMT training and to request him to work for its implementation by discussing the matter with the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, the Labor Relations Counsel, and the Personnel Board.

#### League of Women Voters - Equal Employment Opportunity Bylaw Committee

The Board received a letter dated March 6, 1976, from the League of Women Voters of Sudbury, relative to the Equal Employment Opportunity Bylaw Committee and the appointment of the same.

Chairman Taft stated that, in his opinion, it might be worthwhile to consider appointing Mr. Carroll Brownlee, the Chairman of that Committee, as a special advisor in the matter of implementation of the Equal Employment Opportunity Bylaw.

Selectman Toomey stated that, in his opinion, the Committee had done an excellent job, but that with the Board's present workload, the Selectmen should postpone review of the needs in this area until after the Annual Town Meeting, when more time would be available.

After further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to arrange a meeting with the League of Women Voters sometime after the Annual Town Meeting for discussion of the Equal Employment Opportunity Bylaw Committee.

New England Telephone Co. - Invitation to Open House

The Board received a letter, dated March 5, 1976, from Rita M. Murphy, Commercial Manager, New England Telephone Co., Framingham office, inviting the Board and the Townspeople of Sudbury to attend an open house at their building at 825 Waverly Street, on Thursday, March 25, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to thank Miss Murphy for the invitation.

Heritage Park - Award Bid

The Board received a letter dated March 9, 1976 from the Town Engineer relative to awarding a bid for walkway construction and finish grading in Heritage Park.

Mr. Merloni reported that five bids had been received and that Dingley Contracting Co., Inc., had been the low bidder.

Selectman Powers reported that the work proposed in this bid would increase the walkway area of the park by 50 per cent.

Noting that the address of the Dingley Contracting Co., Inc., was listed as Northboro and that they also have a location on the Post Road in Sudbury, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to confirm that excise taxes are received by the Town for those vehicles owned by the Dingley Contracting Co. and garaged in Sudbury.

After further discussion, on the recommendations of the Executive Secretary and the Town Engineer, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To award the bid for walkway construction and finish grading in Heritage Park, Sudbury, in the amount of \$5,889.00 to Dingley Contracting Co., Inc., Northboro, Massachusetts.

The Selectmen directed the Executive Secretary to notify the Permanent Landscape Committee of the above award and the fact that the balance in the Heritage Park Fund, at the time of payment for the contract, would show a shortage of monies earmarked for plantings and shrubs.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request - Board of Selectmen

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request a transfer (#0665) from the Reserve Fund to Account 501-13, Selectmen Clerical, in the amount of \$1,000.00, for the purpose of continuing to provide a part-time clerk to the Fire Department from April 2, 1976 through June 30, 1976, due to the unforeseen termination of the CETA employee who was serving in this capacity.

April 7 Special Town Meeting

Chairman Taft reported that the Board, at its March 8 meeting, voted to sign the warrant for the April 7 Special Town Meeting, consisting of three articles, with the understanding that, upon receipt of the written request from the Highway Commission of March 9, 1976, Articles 4 and 5 will be deleted.

Chairman Taft reported that a letter, dated March 8, 1976, to this effect had been received by the Selectmen on March 9.

March 29, 1976 Annual Town Election - Highway Surveyor - Superintendent of Streets

Chairman Taft, reported that the Board, at its March 8 meeting, had requested Town Counsel to submit a memorandum on the subject of the swearing in of a Highway Surveyor if one is elected at the Annual Town Election, if, at the same time, the Town votes that the Selectmen should appoint a Superintendent of Streets.

Chairman Taft reported that the Board had received Town Counsel's response, dated March 10, 1976, which confirmed his earlier oral opinion, stating that, in the event the Town votes to have the Selectmen appoint a Superintendent of Streets, the position of Highway Surveyor, which appears on the ballot for the Annual Town Election, will never exist, and, therefore, it would be improper for someone to attempt to assume that office, or for the Moderator to swear someone in for that office.

Special Meeting of the Selectmen - March 29, 1976

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To schedule a special meeting to convene at 9:00 p.m., Monday, March 29, 1976, at the Noyes School, which will recess until the answer to the question on the ballot of the March 29 Annual Town Election relative to appointment of a Superintendent of Streets by the Board of Selectmen can be determined by the Town Clerk; said meeting called for the purpose of appointing a Superintendent of Streets, if necessary.

Town of Sudbury v. Morris

Town Counsel reported that the Court, on March 11, 1976, had allowed his motion which gives the Town the authority to clean up the debris at the Morris home on July Road and to charge the property owner for the expenses incurred in so doing.

Executive Session

At 9:50 p.m., following an unanimous roll call vote, it was on motion further unanimously

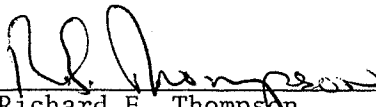
VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing current litigation and collective bargaining negotiations.

Chairman Taft announced that the public session would not reconvene following the executive session.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Attest:

  
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary/Clerk