

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1976

Present: Chairman William F. Toomey, John C. Powers, and Ira M. Potell

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman William F. Toomey.

Organization of the Board

Acting Chairman Toomey opened the meeting for the business of electing a Chairman and a Clerk of the Board and to set a time and a place for meetings.

Following the nomination of Acting Chairman Toomey by Selectman Powers and the seconding of the nomination by Selectman Potell, it was on motion

VOTED: To elect William F. Toomey Chairman of the Board for the ensuing year.

Acting Chairman Toomey assumed the chairmanship.

Following the nomination of Richard E. Thompson by Selectman Powers and the seconding of the nomination by Selectman Potell, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To elect Richard E. Thompson Clerk to the Board of Selectmen for the ensuing year.

Following discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen continue to be held on Monday nights at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall.

Highway Department Employee - Back Pay

The Board reviewed a communication dated February 13, 1976 from Michael J. Norris, an attorney representing Wayne Hadley in his claim for back pay as a Highway Department employee, to the Highway Commission, and related correspondence on the subject from Town Counsel to the Town Accountant dated January 16, 1976 and to the Highway Commissioners dated March 17, 1976, and from Assistant to Town Counsel to the Highway Commission dated March 25, 1976.

The Executive Secretary reported that the Accounting Department had since received a voucher signed by the Highway Commission which will be processed with the next payroll and that no action by the Selectmen on this matter would be required.

Article 14 - Ambulance Purchase - 1976 Annual Town Meeting

The Board received and reviewed a communication dated March 25, 1976 from the Executive Secretary relative to the Ambulance Task Force Committee's position on Article 14 - Ambulance Purchase for the 1976 Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Potell expressed his personal reservation in accepting the first two items (1. After July 1, 1977, prime responsibility for providing emergency Town ambulance service should be vested in the Fire Department, and 2. The training of Emergency Medical Technicians should continue in both the Police and Fire Departments, with the greater emphasis for training geared toward fire personnel), but did indicate his support for presentation of the article.

Utility Petition #76-43 - Easy Street

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To confirm the existence, upon property accepted by the Town as a public way, of Boston Edison and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company poles at the following location:

EASY STREET, northeasterly side, approximately 280 feet
southeast of Uplook Drive, --
One (1) pole

EASY STREET, southwesterly side, approximately 140 feet
southeast of Uplook Drive, --
One (1) pole

EASY STREET, opposite Uplook Drive, --
One (1) pole

EASY STREET, southerly side, from a point approximately 115 feet
west of Uplook Drive, --
Two (2) poles

EASY STREET, northerly side, from a point approximately 385 feet
west of Uplook Drive --
Two (2) poles
(Anchors and guy on first pole)

EASY STREET, southwesterly side, from a point approximately 512 feet northwest
of Uplook Drive, --
Two (2) poles
(Anchor and Guy on second pole)

Application - One Day Beer License Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee

In response to a request dated March 18, 1976, it was on motion

VOTED: To grant a license for the sale of Wines and Malt Beverages for the period 8:00 p.m., Saturday, July 3, 1976, to 1:00 a.m., Sunday, July 4, 1976 during the Bicentennial Ball to the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee, John C. Powers, Chairman.

(Selectman Powers abstained)

MBTA - Melrose Board of Aldermen

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated March 9, 1976, from the Melrose Board of Aldermen, soliciting support of its resolutions relative to a) limitation of costs and better control over salaries of the MBTA and b) a request of its elected representatives to support legislation providing for State funding of one-half the annual deficit of the MBTA.

The Board indicated its support of the concept of the resolutions and directed the Executive Secretary to send an appropriate letter to the Melrose Board of Aldermen.

Memorial Day Parade

The Board received a communication dated March 18, 1976 from the Memorial Day Committee, inviting the Board to participate in Memorial Day observances on Monday, May 31, 1976.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to thank the Committee for its invitation and to indicate their acceptance of the same.

SUASCO Watershed Association, Inc.

The Board received a copy of a communication dated March 18, 1976 from the SUASCO Watershed Association, Inc., requesting Lael M. Meixsell as SUASCO's representative to the Growth Policy Committee.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that he had spoken with the Chairman of the Growth Policy Committee, who had invited Mr. Meixsell to attend all their meetings.

Highway Commission

The Board received a copy of a communication dated March 29, 1976 from the Highway Commission, relative to conveyance of all its offices, properties, equipment, and records to its successor.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to send a copy of the communication referenced above to the newly elected Highway Surveyor, Robert A. Noyes.

1976 Annual Town Meeting - April 7, 1976 Special Town Meeting - Selectmen's Positions

The Board reviewed the warrant for the 1976 Annual Town Meeting and the April 7, 1976 Special Town Meeting, and the following positions or actions were taken:

Article 1 - To Hear Reports - It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request former Selectman John E. Taft to present the motion under Article 1.

Article 2 - Temporary Borrowing - Proposed for the Consent Calendar.

Article 3 - Salary Plan - The Executive Secretary was directed to contact the Chairman of the Personnel Board, calling his attention to the Board's position on the Highway Budget and amending title of Highway Superintendent, Operations Assistant, and to strike temporary laborers.

Article 4 - Employee Benefits - to propose Indefinite Postponement.

Article 5 - Personnel Administration Plan, Article XI - Support.

Article 6 - Budget - Selectmen to speak as individuals on all school budgets; 200 Debt Service - Support; 300 Protection, Fire - No position of the Board, but two of the three members are in conflict with the budget as printed in the warrant; 400 Highway - Position to be taken at a later time; 500 General Government - Support; 600 Goodnow Library - Support; 700 Park and Recreation - Support; 800 Health - Support; 900 Veterans - Support; and 950 Unclassified - Support.

Article 7 - Garage Sale Signs, Article IX - Support.

Article 8 - Raymond Road Well Site - Proposed for Consent Calendar.

Article 9 - Professional Planning Services - Support.

Article 10 - Intensity Schedule, Article IX - Proposed for Consent Calendar.

Article 11 - Intensity Modifications, Article IX - Proposed for Consent Calendar.

Article 12 - Industrial District #2, Article IX - Executive Secretary to get Planning Board's latest position on this article.

Article 13 - Walkways - Support.

Article 14 - Ambulance Purchase - Support - Selectmen indicate their unanimous support of the ambulance purchase only. This support does not indicate the Selectmen's position relating to the mechanics or procedures of operating the ambulance.

Article 15 - Unsolicited Advertising, Article V - Consent Calendar.

Article 16 - Special Act - Town Clerk Fees - Consent Calendar.

Article 17 - Town Clerk Fees - Article III - Consent Calendar.

Article 18 - Auxiliary Police Bylaw - To offer Indefinite Postponement with concurrence of the petitioners.

Article 19 - Door Replacement - Schools - Withdrawn.

Article 20 - Roof Repair - Schools - No position.

Article 21 - Recreation Facilities - Haskell Land - Support.

Article 22 - Electronic Data Processing - Majority support.

Article 23 - Street Acceptances - Consent Calendar.

Article 24 - Public Safety, Article V, 10 - Consent Calendar.

Article 25 - Public Safety, Article V, 11 and 12 - Consent Calendar.

Article 26 - Burial Lots, Article XIV - Withdrawn.

Article 27 - Cemetery Comm. Rules & Regs - Withdrawn.

Article 28 - Drawings/Specifications - Drainage - Support a \$10,000 appropriation for the work to be done in-house by the Engineering Dept.

Article 29 - Construct Surface Drains: Beechwood, Pinewood, Oakwood, Great Lake, Crystal Lake, Basswood - Support the Finance Committee's position.

Article 30 - Construct Surface Drains: Basswood, Willis Lake, Pinewood, Oakwood - Support the Finance Committee's position.

Article 31 - Relocation/Reconstruction Portion Route 117 - Support.

Article 32 - Relocation/Reconstruction Portion Hudson Road - Support the Finance Committee's position.

Article 33 - Landham Road Reconstruction - Oppose.

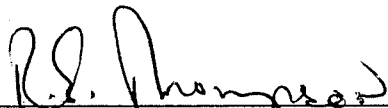
Article 34 - Purchase Walkway Plow - Oppose.

Article 35 - Continue Bus Transportation Committee - Oppose.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Attest:


Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk