

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 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 8:00 p.m. by Chairman William F. Toomey.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting and executive session of March 22, the special meeting of March 24 (partial), the special meeting of March 27, and the special meeting of March 29, 1976, as corrected.

Petition - Sudbury Highway Department Employees for Weekly Payment of Wages

Present: Town Accountant John Wilson; Town Treasurer William Downing;
and Finance Committee Chairman Lawrence Gogolin

The Executive Secretary reported that the Board had earlier received a petition dated February 10, 1976 from eleven Highway Department employees which requested that they receive weekly payment of their wages in accordance with GLc149 §148. The Executive Secretary stated that the petition had been referred, at that time, to the Town Accountant for his comments and recommendations. Mr. Thompson reported that he had requested the petitioners to withdraw their request, but they did not wish to withdraw it.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Board had since received memoranda on the subject from the Town Accountant dated March 8, 1976 and March 26, 1976.

Mr. Thompson stated that his recommendation, if the petition is not withdrawn, is that the Town Accountant be directed to work out provision for weekly payrolls for the Highway employees only and to notify the Finance Committee of any additional funds which might be required.

Mr. Thompson read the Town Accountant's March 26, 1976 memorandum, which indicated that the Police Department also intends to convert to a weekly payroll and, if that is to be the case, additional funds would be necessary in the following accounts for fiscal year 1976-77.

420-11 Highway Salaries	\$5,000
420-11 Highway Extra Hire	500
320-12 Police Overtime	1,000
521-61 Payroll	325

William Downing, Town Treasurer, stated that this was the first indication he had heard of the petition. Mr. Downing expressed his strong opposition to the petition and stated that he would contact the Highway Surveyor in this regard.

John Wilson, Town Accountant, stated that he had nothing to add to his earlier communications, but was in agreement with the recommendation of the Executive Secretary.

After further discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Powers, unanimously VOTED: To table further consideration of the Highway Department employees' February 10, 1976 petition until the Finance Committee has had an opportunity to review the reports on the matter which are referenced above.

Article 7 - Garage Sale Signs - 1976 Annual Town Meeting

The Board received a letter dated March 29, 1976 from the Planning Board relative to Article 7 - Garage Sale Signs of the 1976 Annual Town Meeting.

The Board requested that the Executive Secretary arrange to meet with the Planning Board for discussion of Article 7 at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 6, in the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Library.

Warrant Review

Present: Frank Sherman, Moderator

Chairman Toomey called the 1976 Annual Warrant Review to order and there followed a review of the warrant for the 1976 Annual Town Meeting with the Moderator and members of Town boards, commissions, and committees.

Motions, presentations, and procedures for each article were discussed and agreed upon and articles were proposed for inclusion on the Consent Calendar.

At 9:00 p.m., at the conclusion of the Warrant Review, Chairman Toomey recessed the meeting for a period five minutes.

Highway Surveyor

Present: Robert A. Noyes, Highway Surveyor; Lawrence Gogolin, Chairman, and Donald Bishop of the Finance Committee

Chairman Toomey announced that the newly elected Highway Surveyor had been requested to meet with the Board so that the Selectmen might offer their assistance and that of the Executive Secretary, Town Counsel, and the Town Accountant to Mr. Noyes in his new office.

Mr. Noyes requested that the Selectmen put him in charge of the sanitary landfill and street lighting, and he suggested being named to supervise the position of Tree Warden.

It was pointed out that the position of Tree Warden was an elected office and, as such, the office would not have a supervisor.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of future separation of the Tree Department from the Highway Department for budget purposes. It was stated that the Tree Warden receives no salary for his position, and Town Counsel suggested that a small token salary be established.

The Board requested that Mr. Noyes submit his requests in writing, and that Town Counsel review the requests to make sure all is in order.

Chairman Toomey stated that the Board would act on the matter at its April 5 meeting.

The following articles were discussed:

Article 28 - Drawings/Specifications - Drainage - The Highway Surveyor stated that he was willing to support a motion under Article 28 for an appropriation of \$10,000 for in-house work by the Engineering Department for contract engineering drawings and specifications for drainage system construction.

Article 29 - Construct Surface Drains: Pinewood, Beechwood, Oakwood, Great Lake, Crystal Lake, Basswood - The Highway Surveyor indicated that he will work with the Finance Committee concerning an amendment to a budget line item and if approved, will support a motion for Indefinite Postponement.

Article 32 - Relocation/Reconstruction - Portion Hudson Road - The Highway Surveyor reported that GSA has promised to excess to the Town by the time of the Annual Town Meeting the portion of land which would fall within the relocated way and that this relocation is on the Planning Board's TOPICS list and might be funded. Mr. Noyes agreed to support the Selectmen's recommendation for Indefinite Postponement unless affirmative information is received from GSA and TOPICS by the time the Article is under consideration.

Article 33 - Landham Road Reconstruction - Edward Connors of the Planning Board stated that Chapter 90 funds are available for reconstruction of Landham Road to Patricia Road and that the Planning Board had asked TOPICS for funding for the completion of Landham Road from Patricia Road to the Framingham line. It was agreed that unless affirmative information is received from TOPICS by the time of consideration of Article 33, the Selectmen would recommend Indefinite Postponement, with the support of the Highway Surveyor.

Article 3 - Classification Plan - Discussion was held relative to striking the classifications of Highway Superintendent, Operations Assistant, and Temporary Laborer, and amending of the Classification of Assistant Highway Superintendent to Assistant Highway Surveyor.

Mr. Noyes was in general agreement, but stated that he did need an Operations Assistant, but that he would not have a salary figure until after discussion with the Finance Committee.

In other discussion, the Selectmen and Mr. Noyes were in agreement that the interest from the cemetery account funds should be applied to the cemetery budget line items as an offset to the operation of the cemetery rather than an offset to the bottom line of the highway budget.

The Board further suggested that the cemetery account be reduced by \$1800 by eliminating the proposed access road to the Town Cemetery from Concord Road.

In discussion of Account 420-20 Road Work, particularly the stone seal program, Mr. Noyes stated that he was very much interested in changing the program into one of different types of treatment for different types of streets, and he stated that he is working on a new program, which, in his opinion, will be accepted by the Town.

Chairman Toomey again offered Mr. Noyes the services of the Town Hall, the Executive Secretary, the Town Accountant, and the Town Counsel, and expressed the Board's best wishes for his success.

Fire Department Budget

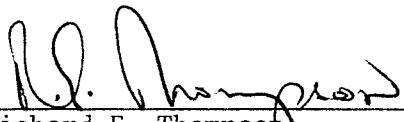
It was on motion by Selectman Potell

VOTED: To recommend to the Finance Committee an increase to Account 310-11, Salaries, of \$13,064 for one Fire Captain to be a Fire Prevention and Training Officer, and a decrease to Account 310-12, Overtime, by \$6,000 to offset the Fire Captain and also a decrease to Account 310-12, Overtime, by \$2,400 earmarked for specially-rated positions.

(Selectmen Powers and Potell in favor; Chairman Toomey opposed)

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary/Clerk