

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 24, 1976

Present: Acting Chairman John C. Powers and Ira M. Potell

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman John C. Powers.

Immediately prior to the convening of the meeting the Executive Secretary updated the Board on the subject of the present status of collective bargaining negotiations for fiscal 1977.

Appointments

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To delete Item 5, question of considering the remaining 1976 Board appointments, from tonight's agenda.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To delete Item 10, question of approving a transfer from the Reserve Fund to Account No. 310-11, Fire Department Salaries, from tonight's agenda.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 17, 1976.

Sudbury's Equalized Valuation

The Board, at its meeting on May 17, 1976 voted to defer until tonight's meeting the matter of possible appeal to the State Tax Commission relative to Sudbury's assessed valuation to allow the submission of additional information from Town Counsel and the Board of Assessors.

The Executive Secretary reported that, after further discussion during the past week, the recommendation of Town Counsel and the Board of Assessors at the May 17, 1976 meeting remained the same--that, rather than to file an appeal with the Appellate Tax Board relative to the proposed 1976 equalized valuation set by the State Tax Commission, the Town should join with other cities and towns in reviewing critical appeals and work to see that these valuations remain at the levels set by the State and not lowered.

Selectman Powers reported that, as the Board, at its April 26 meeting, had voted to authorize Town Counsel to proceed, in accordance with the request of the Board of Assessors, to file a formal appeal with the Appellate Tax Board, if that were considered necessary, no further action on the matter was necessary.

License - One Day Antiques Show and Sale - Wayside Inn

Present: Leslie Hudson, applicant

The Board received a communication dated April 29, 1976, which requested a permit for a one-day Antiques Show and Sale on the grounds of the Wayside Inn on September 4, 1976 (rain date September 5, 1976). The Board also received copies of related communications dated July 28 and July 30, 1975 from Assistant Town Counsel.

Mr. Hudson stated that he was present tonight to answer any questions which might arise in connection with his application.

The Executive Secretary reported that he had contacted Innkeeper Francis Koppeis, who had indicated no objection to the proposal as long as it conforms to the Town's health and safety regulations.

Acting Chairman Powers suggested that Mr. Hudson contact the Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Agent with regard to his proposed portable sign, and Mr. Hudson was requested to make a separate application for the September 5 proposed rain date.

After further discussion, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion by Selectman Potell unanimously

VOTED: In accordance with Chapter 140, Section 181 of the General Laws, to grant a license to Leslie Hudson, 482 East Main Street, Milford, Massachusetts, of the Suburban Antiques Dealers Association of Eastern Massachusetts for a one-day Antiques Show and Sale on the grounds of The Wayside Inn, Boston Post Road, on Saturday, September 4, 1976, subject to the approval of the appropriate Town officials; and it was further

VOTED: In accordance with Chapter 136, Section 4 of the General Laws, to grant a license to Leslie Hudson, 484 East Main Street, Milford, of The Suburban Antiques Dealers Association of Eastern Massachusetts for a one-day Antiques Show and Sale on the grounds of The Wayside Inn, Boston Post Road, on Sunday, September 5, 1976, subject to the approval of the appropriate Town officials. It is understood that this license for September 5, 1976 is valid only upon the condition that the license granted for September 4, 1976 is not used.

Economic Development Plan

The Board received an informational communication dated April 27, 1976 from the Town Planner relative to the Economic Development Administration and the MAPC's workshop held in Sudbury on April 13, 1976 concerning the development of a set of economic objectives for incorporation into the District Overall Economic Development Plan in anticipation of future availability of Federal funds.

Following a report by the Executive Secretary on the procedure involved in the request for funding, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To thank the Town Planner for his April 27, 1976 communication and to request that the Executive Secretary keep the Board advised on the matter.

Peakham Road/Old Lancaster Road Intersection

The Board, at its March 1, 1976 meeting voted to refer to the Safety Officer and the Town Engineer for their reports, a communication dated February 23, 1976 from Carol H. Thurston, 22 DeMarco Road, relative to the hazardous intersection

at Peakham and Old Lancaster Roads.

The Executive Secretary reported that the Board had since received a report dated March 23, 1976 from the Safety Officer, who recommended that the bankings on either side of Peakham Road be cut down and some of the trees and scrub brush removed to improve the visibility at the intersection, and a report dated May 10, 1976 from the Town Engineer, who recommended that a four-way stop control be considered for this intersection.

The Executive Secretary also reported that Acting Chairman Powers had at the earlier meeting suggested the possible use of mirrors at this intersection and that the Safety Officer had recommended that, if mirrors were to be used, they be made of stainless steel.

Selectman Potell requested that the Board forward the above-referenced reports to the Police Chief for his recommendation regarding the four-way stop signs and a clarification of the accident figures for this intersection, as the numbers differed in the two reports.

Acting Chairman Powers asked the Executive Secretary to obtain from the Town Engineer an estimate of the effort required to develop a detailed engineering study as mentioned in his report.

Selectman Potell further requested that the Town Engineer be asked not to proceed with preliminary field survey work in this regard, until a cost estimate, as requested by Acting Chairman Powers, is received and the Board's authorization given.

Acting Chairman Powers stated it would be his suggestion, in an effort to alleviate the hazard, that that portion of Old Lancaster Road that lies between Peakham and Concord Roads be made one-way in a westerly direction in accordance with a petition signed by all but one of the residents of that section of the Road.

Colonel Leahy, who was present in advance of the Town Fathers Forum, agreed as one of the petitioners, and he suggested that the large brush which obscures the view at the site be removed.

It was pointed out that the view was obscured by the banking as well as the brush and that removal of the brush alone would not cure the problem.

Mr. Peirce, who was also present in advance of the Forum, asked that the Town Engineer be requested to calculate the sight distances from all four approaches.

The Board was in agreement and directed the Executive Secretary to act on their requests set forth above.

Highway Easement - Hudson Road -- Special Town Meeting, December 15, 1975

It was on motion by Selectman Potell unanimously

VOTED: To execute the Order of Taking and the Highway Easement relative to land located on Hudson Road in accordance with the vote under Article 1 of the December 15, 1975 Special Town Meeting.

Release of Chapter 198 Funds

In response to a communication dated May 14, 1976 from the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize an expenditure of \$500.00 from the Chapter 198 Fund, as established by General Laws Chapter 198 of the Acts of 1975, to the Executive Secretary to cover expenses during the expected visit of the Mayor of Sudbury, England, in late June and early July.

Bicentennial Grants Program - Application for Matching Funds

Acting Chairman Powers reported on the possible receipt of Federal funds for the Heritage Park project under the Bicentennial Grants Program, and he stated that, at his request, the Executive Secretary had prepared an application for matching funds in the amount of \$2,500 for a total cost of \$5,000 for the purchase of historic markers for Heritage Park.

After further discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Potell unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Acting Chairman of the Board of Selectmen to execute the above-referenced application for matching funds in the amount of \$2,500 under the Bicentennial Grants Program.

Town Fathers Forum - 108th Session

At 8:00 p.m. Acting Chairman Powers convened the 108th session of the Town Fathers Forum, a summary of which is attached hereto and is a part of these minutes.

Extension of Normandy Drive

Present: Edward Connors, Chairman, Albert St. Germain, and Richard Brooks of the Planning Board; Emmanuel Tiliakos, Town Planner, and Emilio Spagnuolo, developer

Members of the Planning Board met with the Selectmen relative to that Board's letter dated May 4, 1976 concerning the extension of Normandy Drive, which had been earlier received by the Selectmen. The Board had also received copies of related correspondence dated April 14, 1976 from the Planning Board to Emilio V. Spagnuolo and from Town Counsel to the Planning Board dated March 17, 1976.

Mr. Connors reported that an easement for highway purposes exists at the end of Normandy Drive, and he stated that Mr. Spagnuolo proposes to continue the road and to construct a cul de sac at the end of the present easement.

Town Counsel stated that the Town does have an easement over the piece of property, but as the easement was not included in the layout of Normandy Drive at the time of its acceptance at the 1974 Annual Town Meeting, it would be necessary to obtain the permission of the Board of Selectmen to lay out the way and a two-thirds vote of a Town Meeting to accept the layout before an extension could be permitted.

Mr. Brooks expressed his opinion that the layout of the way would be provided for under the Subdivision Control Law.

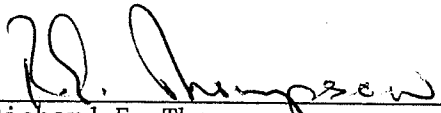
The Executive Secretary reported that the Assistant Town Counsel had also reviewed the situation and had concurred with Town Counsel's opinion.

After further discussion, the Executive Secretary was requested to obtain a copy of the layout of Normandy Drive as accepted by the Town and a copy of the vote of acceptance under the article and to report back to the Board.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Attest:


Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary/Clerk