

TOWN FATHERS FORUM 112th Session
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1976

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Toomey convened the 112th session of the Town Fathers Forum, and he made the following announcements concerning the Board's activities during the month of November:

- Appointment of Tayno V. Hyden, Jr., of Stow, as Provisional Patrolman with the Sudbury Police Department; appointment of Donnilea Marshall to the Historic Districts Commission, and appointment of Benjamin Goodwin, Gregory Malkasian, and E. James Mulcahy to the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee.

- Approval of site plans for Peter Cam Trust, at One Union Avenue, and J.R. Sousa & Son, 475 Boston Post Road.

- The Board attended the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns Annual Meeting on October 29 and 30.

- The Board hosted the South Middlesex Area Selectmen's meeting at the Wayside Inn on November 17, 1976.

Chairman Toomey commented on the importance of these area meetings and stated that, as the result of the most recent, a meeting had been scheduled in January with the area senators and representatives for the purpose of communicating the town officials' opinions on upcoming legislation concerning the MBTA, sanitary landfills, and sewerage problems.

Selectman Powers reported that the Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns, the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association, and the Mayors Associations were in favor of repeal of the binding arbitration section of the collective bargaining law, increase in local aid, and return of the lottery funds to the cities and towns.

SELECTMAN JOHN POWERS - REVOLUTIONARY WAR BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Selectman Powers stated that the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee has been very pleased with the cooperation of the Sudbury School Committee in scheduling an exhibition of Victor Neumeier's Bicentennial photographs for December 10, 11, and 12, and he invited the public to come to the Noyes School to see the photographs depicting Sudbury 1776, its land, its people, and its spirit. Selectman Powers commented that the exhibition would be the last event of the Bicentennial celebration and that he hoped that all could participate in it.

SELECTMAN POTELL

Selectman Potell expressed his personal appreciation to the members of the Cemetery Study Committee for their work on the proposed cemetery rules and regulations.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT JOHN WILSON

Mr. Wilson reported that the Town had recently received its quarterly revenue sharing check under the new revenue sharing legislation in the amount of \$50,000. Mr. Wilson commented that the Town will lose substantial funds under this new legislation.

COLONEL PAUL LEAHY - COUNCIL ON AGING

Colonel Leahy reported the following items:

- The Senior Citizens convenience busses to Natick Mall and Shoppers World were being well patronized and a new bus is in operation on Tuesdays to the First National shopping area in addition to the Thursday Star Market Plaza bus.

- The Council on Aging is sponsoring, headed by Emerson Hospital, a "hot line" in an effort to have volunteers contact elderly or handicapped persons by telephone and to assist with trips to doctors, hospitals, and shopping.

- The Council intends to hold a meeting, inviting the Fire and Police Departments and the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association, to discuss guidelines for procedures for handling situations if no response to the telephone calls is received, and if sufficient interest is shown, they will proceed.

- The Council plans to establish "long line" with Framingham Union and Emerson Hospitals for the purpose of requesting follow-up service for discharged patients.

- A fair was held by the Council on November 20, 1976, the proceeds of which will go to the Fish organization.

- A luncheon is to be held on December 17 for the senior citizens, which the Council hopes to partially underwrite.

FIRE CHIEF JOSIAH F. FROST

Chief Frost stated that the Department was averaging three emergency calls per day, that the annual test on pump equipment had been completed, and that the bid for repowering Engine #2 had been awarded and the engine expected to be back in service by the middle of December.

POLICE CHIEF NICHOLAS LOMBARDI

Chief Lombardi stated that the Selectmen had scheduled appointment of two additional permanent patrolmen with the Department later this evening, that the Department was still waiting for its new cars, and that it was hoped that housebreaks in the Old Lancaster Road area had been curtailed.

Chief Lombardi reported that plans to install an alarm system between Musketahquid Village and the Police station were evidently in process.

Chairman Toomey commented that he had been told that no one was on official duty during weekends at the housing complex.

Dallas Hayes, Chairman of the Sudbury Housing Authority, reported that the maintenance superintendent could be called in an emergency, as he lives in the neighborhood. Mr. Hayes stated that he also lived within walking distance and could be called.

On the subject of the EMT training program, in response to Chairman Toomey's question, Chief Lombardi reported that 12 out of the 23 men in his department have received EMT training and that, depending upon whether or not his department is given the responsibility for the ambulance service, the remaining men will receive EMT training or be trained as "first responders".

Chief Frost reported that 13 of the Fire Department's 24 men will have received EMT training by December, and he also stated that the balance of training will depend upon which department is given the responsibility for the ambulance service.

WILLIAM COOPER - BOARD OF HEALTH

Dr. Cooper reported that the Board of Health has been conducting a flu clinic for senior citizens. On the subject of the Wayland-Sudbury Septic Disposal Facility, Dr. Cooper reported that negotiations are continuing with the contract engineer as to the responsibility for the facility and that the next meeting would be held on December 2. Dr. Cooper stated that he had received a revised draft of the contract which seemed to be substantially all right. Dr. Cooper further stated that the project had been placed on the State's priority list for Federal funding, and in his opinion, the chances of receiving \$.5 million were pretty good.

DALLAS T. HAYES - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Hayes introduced Mrs. Dorothy Cabral, a 14-year resident of Sudbury who has been selected as the Executive Director for the Sudbury Housing Authority. Mrs. Cabral has previously served in the capacity of secretary to the Authority.

Referring to earlier discussion, Mr. Hayes reported that the maintenance man for Musketahquid Village was on call twenty-four hours a day and that an alternate would be available on weekends when the regular man was out of Town.

Chief Lombardi asked what provision the Authority had to assure that someone would be notified in case of accidents in the apartments.

Mr. Hayes responded that pull cords have been installed in the bedrooms and bathrooms of each unit which activate an alarm system.

MARY D'ANDREA - SUDBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mrs. D'Andrea reported that the School Committee had recently held much discussion concerned with the closing of a school. Mrs. D'Andrea stated that the building would not be considered surplus and that the Committee would wish it to remain in its jurisdiction.

HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT ROBERT A. NOYES

Mr. Noyes reported that the Highway Department had recently replaced the culvert on Old Lancaster Road by the Highway Garage in advance of walkway construction on that section of the road, that work on the Peakham Road walkway is proceeding, and that walkway excavation on Old Lancaster Road has been completed, but that paving may not be done until Spring.

Mr. Noyes further reported that several drainage problems have been corrected, catch basins marked, and that the road striper equipment had been partially reimbursed in the amount of \$2500.

Chairman Toomey commented that he had received several telephone calls concerning the trailer now located at the sanitary landfill, and in response to his question, Mr. Noyes reported the Highway Department's plans for its use.

Selectman Powers expressed his concern with the boulders sitting on Peakham Road. Mr. Noyes responded that they will be moved as well as the material on Old Lancaster Road.

Selectman Powers expressed his concern with the trees left standing on islands in the air along the walkway and his hope that the landscaping would be put in order before the ground freezes.

Mr. Noyes responded that the walkway was designed by the Engineering Department and that it is being built in accordance with those specifications, that retaining walls will be built, and that the appearance will improve.

In response to a question from Richard Blanchette, Mr. Noyes reported that the Highway Department has no present plans for widening Old Marlborough Road, but was aware of the dangerous areas in that road.

WINIFRED LEDGER - PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ledger reported that the Permanent Building Committee had recently planted some shrubs and trees in Heritage Park, had realized about \$70 in plant sales which will be used to fund landscaping at the Library next Spring, and was making plans for work to be done in the Spring in various areas, at which time they would ask for help from the Highway Department.

Mrs. Ledger reported that more shrubbery has been stolen from the island in the entrance to the bus parking lot, and she expressed her hope that the stones in Peakham Road would be reused to building the stone walls in that area.

Chairman Toomey asked Mrs. Ledger to have her Committee consider the planting in front of the Loring Parsonage.

PHILIP FELLEMAN - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Felleman reported that the Finance Committee has set up its January schedule of budget hearings, and in discussion of Chapter 198 funds had reached a consensus that a bandstand would not be an appropriate use of the Bicentennial funds.

BUILDING INSPECTOR FRANCIS E. WHITE

Mr. White reported that no new housing permits had been issued during the last month and that the 45 such permits issued during 1976 still remained the same as last year's figure at this time. Mr. White reported that two self-service gas stations were to be built on the Boston Post Road and that the sewage system drawings for the Town Hall's new system have been submitted to the State.

EARL HOYLE - INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Hoyle reported that the Insurance Advisory Committee had reorganized earlier this evening and that Town Accountant John Wilson had been elected as the new chairman and John Naatz as Secretary.

Mr. Hoyle reported that he will be resigning at the end of the year and that the names of potential committee members would be submitted to the Selectmen.

The Board requested that the Committee review the retirement fund situation.

Mr. Hoyle stated that, in his opinion, no one was sure where the Committee would stand, but that the subject would be passed on to the remainder of the Committee.

The Executive Secretary commented that Mr. Wilson had attended a recent meeting on the subject of unfunded pension funds and that he (Mr. Thompson) would attend an upcoming meeting on the same subject.

Chairman Toomey reported that the Board would call on the Veterans Agent, the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association, and the Council on Aging for their suggestions concerning anyone who should be remembered by the Town for holiday gifts.

At 9:15 p.m., Chairman Toomey recessed the Town Fathers Forum for coffee and informal conversation.