

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 1977

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

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

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the special meeting of December 23, 1976 and the minutes of the regular meeting of December 27, 1976, as corrected.

Resignation - Conservation Commission

The Board received a communication dated December 27, 1976, from Sandris J. Stubelis, who tendered his resignation from the Conservation Commission.

It was on motion by Selectman Powers unanimously

VOTED: To accept Sandris J. Stubelis' resignation, with regret, and to direct the Executive Secretary to acknowledge Mr. Stubelis' communication, expressing the Board's appreciation for his service on the Conservation Commission.

1977 Annual Town Meeting - Appropriation Articles

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that all appropriation articles had been received by his office on or before the December 31 deadline.

The Board reviewed the list dated January 3, 1977, which had been prepared by the Executive Secretary and which set forth the subject matters for the articles received.

Selectman Powers commented on the two articles submitted by the Building Inspector on the subject of replacement of the Town Hall Generator at different figures.

Mr. Thompson explained that one of these articles would be withdrawn following the Finance Committee hearing on the same and that this withdrawal would take place in advance of the ordering of the warrant.

Mr. Thompson recommended that the warrant be ordered on January 17, 1977, in accordance with the Town Warrant Schedule earlier approved by the Selectmen.

It was the consensus of the Board that the January 17 date was too early for the Board to become familiar enough with the articles to order the warrant in the best possible manner.

Selectman Potell suggested that it be ordered at the January Town Fathers Forum which will be held on January 24.

Chairman Toomey reported that he would be unable to attend the Board's January 24 meeting, and it was agreed that the ordering of the warrant would be scheduled for 8:30 p.m., Monday, January 31.

After discussion of the proposed articles, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, in the Warrant for the 1977 Annual Town Meeting, the non-moied articles listed in the Executive Secretary's report dated January 3, 1977, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Selectmen's Policies and Procedures, "Site Plan Submission Rules and Regulations"-  
Amendment

The Selectmen at their December 27, 1976 meeting with the Planning Board agreed to include the Sign Review Board in the original departmental distribution of all site plans, if so agreed to by the Sign Review Board, as an alternative to inclusion in the 1977 Annual Town Meeting Warrant of an article co-sponsored by the Planning Board and the Sign Review Board relative to amendment of the Town Bylaws to include signs previously approved by the Sign Review Board.

In this regard, Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson had prepared, for the Selectmen's review, a proposed amendment to the Selectmen's Policies and Procedures, "Site Plan Submission Rules and Regulations".

After consideration and discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Powers unanimously

VOTED: To amend the Selectmen's Policies and Procedures, "Site Plan Submission Rules and Regulations", so that the first sentence in paragraph 2.d. reads: "The Zoning Enforcement Agent shall make copies of the proposed site plan application for distribution to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, and Sign Review Board (with a copy to the Selectmen), for their perusal and comments.";

and it was further

VOTED: To further amend the Selectmen's Policies and Procedures, "Site Plan Submission Rules and Regulations", to provide that the Planning Board receive a copy of the final, approved plan which indicates all contingent approvals of all appropriate boards.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Chairman Toomey reported that the Board, at its meeting on December 13, 1976, had received a letter dated December 12, 1976 on the subject of the proposed Cemetery Rules and Regulations from Donald Bishop, 80 Raymond Road, which the Board requested be reviewed by Town Counsel.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that Assistant to Town Counsel Thomas French's response dated December 15, 1976 had been received and reviewed by the Board on December 20. Mr. Thompson further reported that the Board, at that time, had expressed concern with the paragraph dealing with Section XIII of the proposed rules and regulations and had requested that it

be returned to Mr. French for clarification, after which it would again be reviewed by the Board and forwarded to Mr. Bishop. Mr. Thompson reported that the clarified report, dated December 28, 1976, had been received.

After discussion, on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To direct the Executive Secretary to respond to Mr. Bishop, enclosing a copy of the Assistant to Town Counsel's December 28, 1976 communication.

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School Committee

The Board received a notice dated December 23, 1976, from the Superintendent-Director for the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School Committee (MRVTSC) which stated that the MRVTSC will hold a public hearing on its proposed Operating and Maintenance Budget for 1977-78 in the amount of \$4,765,414, plus a Capital budget of \$1,658,000, on January 11, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., at the Minuteman School on Marrett Road in Lexington.

Selectman Powers noted that no copy of the proposed budget was attached, and he stated that, in his opinion, the Selectmen should inform the MRVTSC that to propose a budget in this manner, with a one-week reaction time, was an outrage. Selectman Powers further stated that the MRVTSC was depriving this Board of Selectmen of information with which to prepare its position.

The Executive Secretary commented that this January 11 date coincided with the Selectmen's scheduled attendance at a factfinding session with the Firefighters' Association.

Chairman Toomey stated that the Selectmen should request Lawrence Ovia, Sudbury's appointee to the MRVTSC, to attend the meeting on their behalf and to convey the Board's anguish at the proposed budget.

The Executive Secretary was directed to request copies of the MRVTSC budget for the Board's review and to ask Mr. Ovia to meet with the Board at 7:30 p.m., January 10, in advance of the MRVTSC budget hearing.

Department of Environmental Management - Dedication of U.S. Military Land

The Board received a communication dated December 27, 1976, from Evan S. Dobelle, Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Management, inviting the Board to attend the ceremony marking the transfer of a portion of the federal surplus property known as the U.S. Army Natick Laboratories Annex, located in the Towns of Stow, Sudbury, and Maynard, which is scheduled for January 7, 1977 at 11:00 a.m. at the Fire Training Academy in Stow.

Chairman Toomey stated that the Board would attend the ceremony.

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny reported that he will meet with former Town Counsel David L. Turner on Friday, January 7, for an update of that office's activities.

Historic Districts Commission Hearing - Boston Edison Company - Petition  
to Install Six Utility Poles - Boston Post Road

The Board received notice of a public hearing dated December 13, 1976 from the Historic Districts Commission to be held on January 4, 1977 at 8:30 p.m. in the Lower Town Hall, concerning the application of Boston Edison Company to install six 40-foot poles in a 20-foot easement on property owned by Carol C. Lane on the Boston Post Road.

Selectman Powers reported that Frank Koppeis, Innkeeper of the Wayside Inn, an abutting property, had not been informed of the hearing.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that names of abutters had been furnished to the Historic Districts Commission, but that his office would call all abutters to inform them of the hearing.

Stanmar Fire

Present: Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chairman Toomey stated that a report dated January 3, 1977 had been received from Fire Chief Frost on the subject of the fire in the wood frame storage building at Stanmar, Inc. Chairman Toomey stated that the first fire alarm had been received at 3:21 p.m., a second alarm five minutes later, and that the fire had been contained about 4:15 p.m. Chairman Toomey reported that the Fire Department had done an exceptional job, and he expressed the Board's gratitude to the Sudbury and Wayland Fire Departments, to the Towns of Wayland, Framingham, Maynard, and Concord, who responded to cover the Sudbury stations, and to the Police Department for their assistance in traffic and crowd control.

Chairman Toomey requested that a final report on the fire be received, and Chief Frost stated that it was thought that the fire's cause was the breakdown of electrical tape wound around water pipes to prevent them from freezing. In response to the Board's question, Chief Frost stated that there was proper storage of vehicles inside the building.

Chief Frost further stated that he would submit a final report on the subject when the final loss figures were available.

Town Ambulance Service

Present: Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost and Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi;  
four members of the Fire Department (not a representation of the  
Firefighters' Association)

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that the Selectmen had directed him, during the budget discussion, to schedule the matter of the Town's ambulance service on an agenda, as soon as possible, with the Police and Fire Chiefs to be in attendance. Mr. Thompson reported that the 1976 Town Meeting had voted, under Article 14, that \$25,000 should be expended, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for the purchase of a new, fully-equipped, Class I ambulance for the Town.

Mr. Thompson stated that the State purchasing agent had established a bulk bidding procedure using the Office of Emergency Medical Service's specifications for a Class I ambulance. Mr. Thompson reported that he had been informed by Chief Frost that bids had been received and a contract for the unit awarded to Superior Ambulance Co. Mr. Thompson stated that a savings of approximately \$3,000 could be made by purchase of the ambulance in this manner.

Mr. Thompson stated that the Ambulance Task Force Committee's position on Article 14 had been set forth in his letter to the Board dated March 25, 1976 and that, to his knowledge, their report still stands.

Mr. Thompson read the above-referenced communication, and Selectman Powers recommended that the Board vote on each individual point.

Chief Frost stated that it was his plan to have twelve EMT's trained so that one EMT would be on duty in each station at all times. Chief Frost stated that the ambulance would be manned by an EMT at headquarters and a second EMT from the engine company responding. Chief Frost estimated that a figure of \$6,000, already included in the 1977-78 budget, would provide for the personnel callback cost of the ambulance service.

Chief Lombardi stated that, in his opinion, he and Chief Frost had planned for orderly transition of ambulance service from the Police Department into the Fire Department. Chief Lombardi stated that his individual position as a member of the Ambulance Task Force is that the Town of Sudbury should get out of the ambulance business. Chief Lombardi further stated that he was also opposed to the proposed regionalized dispatching center, as, in his opinion, the cost would increase year after year. Chief Lombardi further stated that, in his opinion, the transportation of the sick does not belong with the Police Department.

Chairman Toomey expressed concern with the \$6,000 overtime figure, as, in his opinion, this would not cover the cost.

Chief Frost stated that routine response to a call would be made by one engine and one captain's car, and that the ambulance would go out only if expressly called.

Selectman Powers expressed his concern with whether recertification training would be necessary for the Police Department personnel.

Chief Lombardi stated that, in his opinion, recertification training should be continued; otherwise, the original training would be lost.

Mr. Thompson stated that all information available at this time indicates that it is more economical to provide a Town service, but if future information indicates that a change might be beneficial, it would be considered.

Mr. Thompson stated that departmental training had been discussed at committee meetings and that everyone had been in agreement that both departments should be trained.

After further discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Powers, as amended by Selectman Potell

VOTED: That, after July 1, 1977, the prime responsibility for providing emergency Town ambulance service should be vested in the Fire Department and that a written operating procedure for the same should be submitted to the Board of Selectmen by Fire Chief Frost as soon as possible.

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

It was further unanimously

VOTED: That the training of Emergency Medical Technicians should continue in both the Police and Fire Departments.

It was further unanimously

VOTED: That the Class I ambulance vehicle should be housed in the Central Fire Headquarters.

After a discussion concerning whether or not it was the intent of the 1976 Annual Town Meeting that a charge should be made for the ambulance service, it was on motion by Selectman Potell further

VOTED: That, in the opinion of the Board, the Town should charge for providing emergency medical ambulance service after July 1, 1977, with all invoices to be under the direction of the Town Accountant; but, as this is a policy matter, to place a resolution before the 1977 Annual Town Meeting asking for its concurrence to support a charge system for providing emergency ambulance service after July 1, 1977.

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

Chairman Toomey suggested that the Police Department's budget be amended by \$800 to allow the equipping of a police vehicle as a Class V ambulance to provide emergency ambulance service until July 1, 1977 or until the Class I ambulance is on line, as recommended by the Ambulance Task Force, and he asked the Executive Secretary to follow through with this amendment.

Chairman Toomey thanked Chief Frost and Chief Lombardi for meeting with the Board this evening, and he called a five-minute recess in the proceedings.

Town Report Preparation Committee -- Appointment -- Discussion of 1976 Annual Town Report Preparation

Present: Nancy Schwartzman, Chairman, Victor Neumeier, Virginia Allan, and Michele Singer of the Town Report Preparation Committee; Mary H. Mahoney, candidate for appointment

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that members of the Town Report Preparation Committee were tonight meeting with the Board to review the 1976 Town Report Schedule and bid specifications.

Mrs. Schwartzman introduced Mary Hawes Mahoney to the Board, commenting that Mrs. Mahoney has been meeting regularly with the Town Report Preparation Committee and that the Committee would request that she be appointed as a member.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Mary Hawes Mahoney, 19 Grindstone Lane, to the Town Report Preparation Committee for a term to expire on April 30, 1977.

Chairman Toomey reviewed the 1976 Town Report schedule and bid specifications with the Committee.

Selectman Powers cautioned the Committee about editing any of the committee reports and the Report's page limitation, and he expressed his hope that the Executive Secretary and Chairman Toomey have an opportunity to review the layout before it is sent to the printers.

The Committee was in agreement.

Mr. Thompson asked the Committee about its plans for art work in the Report, and he requested that a little more emphasis be put on the cover.

Mrs. Schwartzman stated that the Committee plans to include student drawings in this year's Report and that they have notified the schools in this regard. Mrs. Schwartzman further stated that photographs would also be included.

Selectman Powers requested that the Committee designate someone to be responsible for accepting delivery of the Reports from the printers and that the Committee clarify this matter with the Executive Secretary to ensure proper deliveries.

Chairman Toomey offered the offices of the Selectmen for the assistance of the Committee and thanked its members for meeting with the Board tonight.

#### Conservation Commission - Appointment

Present: John Cutting Chairman of the Conservation Commission;  
W. James Hodder, 136 Hudson Road, candidate for appointment.

In response to a communication dated December 28, 1976 from the Chairman of the Conservation Commission, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint W. James Hodder, 136 Hudson Road, to the Conservation Commission to fill the unexpired term of Sandris J. Stubelis, due to expire on April 30, 1978.

#### Highway Department - Long Range Capital Improvement Program 1977-1982

Selectman Powers requested that the Executive Secretary contact the Highway Surveyor relative to the addition of a caterpillar control program and a tree planting program to his Long Range Capital Improvement Program for 1977-1982.

Massachusetts Selectmen's Association - Legislative Liaison

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To designate Chairman Toomey as the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association's Legislative Liaison for the Board of Selectmen in order to receive materials, organize meetings with legislators, and keep the Board and taxpayers informed of State House activities.

Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m., following a unanimous roll call vote, it was on motion further unanimously

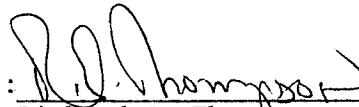
VOTED: To enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining.

Chairman Toomey stated 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 9:45 p.m.

Attest:



Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk