

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 1978

Present: William F. Toomey and John E. Murray.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, the special meeting was called to order by senior member William F. Toomey at 7:30 P.M. in the Loring Parsonage.

Organization of the Board

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

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

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

Selectman Toomey read and the Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated March 28, 1978 from Ira M. Potell tendering his resignation from the Board of Selectmen effective March 28, 1978, which had been received and recorded by the Town Clerk this day.

Following the nomination of William F. Toomey by Selectman Murray and the seconding of the nomination by Selectman Toomey, it was on motion unanimously

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

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 in the lower Town Hall, subject to further review and discussion at a later meeting.

Set Special Election Date

The Board reviewed a schedule of alternative election dates prepared by the Town Clerk, and following discussion, in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Clerk, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To set the date of June 5, 1978 for a special election to elect a new member to the Board of Selectmen to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Ira M. Potell dated March 28, 1978, as filed in the Office of the Town Clerk on March 28, 1978 and effective March 28, 1978, for a term to expire at the next Annual Election, completing Mr. Potell's unexpired term.

Dr. Donald Oasis questioned whether the law governed the time within which an election must be held. Town Counsel Paul Kenny responded that there were certain time constraints dealing only with the number of days required for filing intentions, nomination papers and voter registration, but that there was no minimum time within which an election must be held, and continued by saying that a two-member board could properly function for the rest of the year if necessary.

At 7:45 p.m. the meeting was recessed in order to move to the Town Hall for more seating space.

Discussion of 1978 ATM Warrant Articles

In the course of review of all annual town meeting warrant articles, the Board made the following comments or took the following positions on the articles listed below:

1. Hear Reports--It was agreed that former Selectman John C. Powers be asked to read the motion under this article in recognition and appreciation of his past services to the Town.
- 2, 3, and 4--Support.
5. Salary Plan--The Executive Secretary explained he would provide the Board tonight with recommendations for individually rated personnel for their action the next night.
- 6, 7, 8, and 9--Support.
11. Landham Road Reconstruction--Selectman Murray indicated his agreement with the Board's position in favor of a 30' paved roadway. It was indicated that the Moderator would ask for a consensus of the hall on the width of the road desired, and that determined, money for funding would be discussed. Dr. Oasis asked whether a 24' paved surface with 3' gravel shoulders constitutes a 30' road. Mr. Clough of the Finance Committee and the Selectmen replied in the negative, stating that this would not meet minimum safety standards of the state.
- 16, 17, 18, 19, 20--Support.
21. Sale of Tax Possession Parcel 164--Support. May need to "hold" under Consent Calendar for a motion of indefinite postponement if prospective purchaser requests.
22. Historical Commission/Historic Structures Commission--A meeting to further discuss this article will take place with the Committee on Town Administration.
23. Control of Dogs Bylaw--Support if dog kennel budget line item fails.
23. Update Property Values--Support.

New England Telephone/Department of Public Utilities--Calling Area

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that a tentative hearing date of April 7, 1978 had been set by the Department of Public Utilities relative to Sudbury's case for extended local service, and that Town Counsel Paul Kenny would be in touch with the DPU to finalize a date for the same.

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

VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk