

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
122nd SESSION  
MONDAY, MAY 22, 1978

At 8:10 p.m Chairman William F. Toomey convened the 122nd session of the Town Fathers Forum and announced that tonight the Executive Director of Elbanobscot, Inc., Mr. Sanford Elsass, would give a special presentation relative to Elbanobscot's programs and future relationship with the Town of Sudbury. Selectman Toomey also announced that Moderator J. Owen Todd would review the Warrant for the June 7th Special Town Meeting, following which a brief report will be given by each board, committee and/or department.

Elbanobscot, Inc. - Report by Executive Director Sanford Elsass

Mr. Sanford Elsass explained that he had been the Executive Director of Elbanobscot since 1976, and that he is grateful for the opportunity tonight to explain some of the activities of Elbanobscot, suggest some alternatives and look for comments and suggestions from those present on how Elbanobscot can work more closely with the Town of Sudbury to have more interaction with the schools in the future.

Mr. Elsass commented on the following activities at Elbanobscot (and stated that plans are being made to expand winter programs):

- 1) An Environmental Education Program has been set up with the Town of Bedford;
- 2) A \$540,000 CETA Program, totally funded, for the re-training of unemployed teachers and finding positions for them has been recently completed;
- 3) A program is now being implemented in the Boston Public Schools where children are being brought into the suburban environment in and around Elbanobscot (and a long range program in this area will be to develop a cultural program of how the colonists and native Americans lived on Elbanobscot property 9,000 years ago).

Mr. Elsass stated that these programs are all very educational, and that Elbanobscot is very much more than a camp. He went on to say, however, that the largest numbers of people making use of Elbanobscot are from the surrounding towns, and that he would like to see Sudbury more involved in these programs so that Elbanobscot will become a better resource for the Town.

Mr. Elsass also stated that as Elbanobscot is one of the largest open space owners in Town, he would like to see participation with the Town in the area of conservation.

Mr. Elsass concluded by saying that Elbanobscot plans to work along with the Selectmen in forming ideas for the involvement of the Town with Elbanobscot and asked for comments and suggestions from those present.

Mr. Richard F. Brooks, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee, asked if the service groups in Town use the facility and suggested sending to the Scouts, etc., informative letters stating the types of activities which they can participate in at Elbanobscot.

Mr. Elsass said that the service groups are invited to use the facility, building and grounds, with the exception of camping, but that publicity by a six-part series in the Town Crier has failed to reach these groups, and he will consider Mr. Brooks' suggestion.

Mr. Robert Savoy, Board of Appeals, asked if Elbanobscot could be rented for office parties or church picnics, and Mr. Elsass explained that it could not because of the additional wear and tear on the property by the recently formed summer family swim program during the summer months.

Moderator J. Owen Todd asked what uses Mr. Elsass would recommend for the Town and for what purposes other towns use Elbanobscot.

In answering Mr. Elsass stated that the first priority would be to provide educational courses to the Sudbury Schools and to promote the adult/teacher training courses. He further stated that Elbanobscot plans to apply for funding in the near future for a staff person to work directly with the Sudbury school system offering environmental courses in all the schools, and to train the elementary school teachers to use the land surrounding school buildings.

There being no further questions, Chairman Toomey thanked Mr. Elsass for his presentation.

#### June 7, 1978, Special Town Meeting Warrant Review

Present: J. Owen Todd, Moderator.

Chairman William F. Toomey welcomed the Moderator, the Town Clerk and other Town Officials, and he called the Warrant Review for the June 7, 1978 Special Town Meeting to order.

There followed a review of the Special Warrant with motions, presentations, and procedures for each article discussed and agreed upon.

#### Reports of Boards, Committees and Departments

Chairman Toomey reported, on behalf of the Selectmen, the following activities and events during the past months.

- The Board approved two site plans for Raytheon and Sudbury Associates Realty Trust (First National);
- The Board accepted \$2,000 from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and \$5,000 from the Annie L. Thorp Trust for a district nurse or other health worker;
- A meeting was held with Metropolitan Area Planning Council and other interested boards and parties to discuss the Nobscot Hill/Tippling Rock Conservation/Recreation Project;
- The Defense Civil Preparedness Agency has not extended the obligation of funds for the emergency operations center planned for police/fire headquarters, but the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency will support any future application.

- The Selectmen denied without prejudice application for increased gasoline storage from Buckley Heating (AMOCO Station), Post Road.
- The Board denied without prejudice Todd-Wagoner Corp. (Ephraim's Restaurant) application for common victualer and weekday entertainment licenses until such time as the site plan requirements are complied with.
- Speed regulations and stop signs for Warren Road were approved.
- The Board met with Lincoln Board of Selectmen at their request to discuss the possibility of changing the time of town election (they were considering a later date), and expressed their preference to maintain the present system in Sudbury.
- The Board met with the Town of Wayland relative to an access road to their future landfill off Route 20;
- met with the Operational Review Committee for a status update relative to the septage facility;
- met with the Personnel Board regarding the status of the clerical study;
- met with the Tree Warden and the Permanent Landscape Committee regarding the implementing of Article 9 - Tree Planting Program; and
- met with the 128 West Resource Recovery Council representative and will appoint a representative from Sudbury to the Council.
- The Chairman listed appointments made during the past month.
- The Sudbury Conservation Commission was nominated for receiving an annual award of the Middlesex Conservation District.
- The Board took a position not to support two bills of the Lincoln-Sudbury School District in Legislature relative to parking fees and a contingency fund.
- The Board supported Sudbury Housing Authority in applying for funds for construction of up to 15 units of housing for disabled persons, which if granted, will go before Town Meeting for approval.
- 1978 CETA funding for further park, conservation and public ways environmental development project was applied for.
- An application was filed for funding from HUD under 1978 small cities/ community development programs in the amount of \$275,000 - \$50,000 for housing rehabilitation and \$225,000 for the street resurfacing in Pine Lake and Pine Rest area.
- The Board is working on locating Dog Pound facilities.
- The Annual Town Roadside Cleanup was held.

- The Board received approval of highway safety improvements as Urban Systems project by the Department of Public Works as follows: 1) Route 117 at Haynes Road; 2) Union Avenue at Concord Road; 3) Concord Road at Pantry Road; and 4) Route 20 at Peakham Road.
- The following action has been taken regarding the Hosmer House: 1) obtained transfer of funds for alarm system and maintenance; 2) initial inventory has been completed and ready to solicit proposals for cataloging and photographing paintings, and appraisals of paintings and furnishings; and 3) filed pre-application to Massachusetts Historical Commission for Preservation funds for Hosmer House.

Frank H. Grinnell - Board of Assessors

Mr. Grinnell reported that Town Counsel has appealed the Equalized Valuation (Two hundred Ninety-nine Million Dollars to take effect in 1980) that the State assessed the Town of Sudbury.

Kathleen Brown - Conservation Commission

Ms. Brown reported that the Conservation Commission has had its reorganizational meeting (she is chairperson again this year); held a public meeting and acquired a list of people interested in conservation to serve on subcommittees; held Wetlands Protection Act hearings including those for Raytheon Company and First National (those parties involved in the First National site plan have indicated that they would construct the drainage system to meet a 20-year storm, which will be included in the Order of Conditions); and has accumulated information from the State regarding functioning once funding becomes available for conservation projects.

Betsey M. Powers - Town Clerk

Mrs. Powers asked all the town boards, departments and/or committees to notify her of their new officers once reorganizational meetings have taken place.

Forrest D. Bradshaw - Town Historian

Mr. Bradshaw stated that he has nothing to report but expressed his interest and concern in the Middlesex County budget item of approximately \$159,000 for County Tourism and Development, and the fact that smaller communities are opposing the Act because they feel that the larger cities will be benefiting from the appropriation.

The Executive Secretary stated that he will be attending the Middlesex County Advisory Board meeting on Thursday and will learn more about it at that time.

Richard F. Brooks - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee

Mr. Brooks stated that the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School graduation is coming up soon, and that some seniors have been accepted to some very fine schools; Springthing was a success; Muscular Dystrophy Bike-a-thon was a success; a committee of architects and engineers is studying the roofs of the buildings at the high school, both the new roofs and the old, and are talking about a very large amount of money to fix these roofs (Three hundred to Nine hundred thousand

dollars), and hope to have a final report and recommendation for the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Linda Glass - Finance Committee

Ms. Glass reported that the Finance Committee has had its reorganizational meeting (she is the new chairman), and that they have three new members; have dealt with seven transfers; have \$51,000 left in the Reserve Fund; and listed ideas of the Finance Committee relative to possible changes/improvements within the workings of the Committee such as: 1) dealing with financial problems, 2) being in closer contact with the Personnel Board, and 3) communicating with the Town of Wayland relative to creating a local retirement pension fund.

Robert Savoy - Board of Appeals

Mr. Savoy reported that the Board of Appeals has heard four cases, and that Raytheon Company case is coming up; next reorganization takes place in December; has requested and received legal advice from Town Counsel and expressed appreciation for his promptness; noted recent appointments made by the Board of Selectmen including the reinstatement of four associate members, and mentioned that there is still one vacancy.

Eileen Todd - Talent Search Committee

Mrs. Todd reported that the Talent Search Committee had advertized in the Warrant during the 1978 Annual Town Meeting and received over forty names of people interested in serving on town committees, which she hopes will be useful to the Selectmen in making appointments.

J. Owen Todd - Moderator

Mr. Todd stated that the following appointments have been made to the Finance Committee: 1) Chester Hamilton, 240 Morse Road  
2) Joseph J. Slomski, 240 Willis Road  
3) Anne Donald, 102 Hudson Road, to fill the 1-year term vacancy left by Alan Grathwohl;

and that the following appointment has been made to the Minuteman Vocational High School to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Thomas A. Welch:  
Donald D. Bishop, 80 Raymond Road

John H. Wilson - Town Accountant

Mr. Wilson stated that the Town of Sudbury should be receiving shortly the Federal Revenue Sharing allocation for next year; and the CETA program has been extended until September 30, 1979.

John H. Wilson - Insurance Advisory Committee

Mr. Wilson stated that the reorganizational meeting was held tonight, and that William P. Reed was elected the new chairman, and John C. Naatz was re-elected Secretary; and will be working on the value of contents and buildings which will be appraised in accordance with the recommendation brought before the Board last fall.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chief Frost reported that there was one serious fire last month but with no serious injuries - - the Rice property on Water Row; commended the firefighters for saving the main structure with the complication of no town water nearby; reported that the Heart Saver program has been attended by well over one hundred people trained by a CPR certified instructor; reminded everyone that July 4th is approaching, and that fire crackers are illegal to carry, store, sell, buy, transport or fire, and that adults as well as juveniles will be prosecuted.

Town Counsel

Town Counsel reported that under the Economic Development Administration Public Works grant the Town received \$190,000 last year and completed one contract last fall which resulted in the paving of Maynard Road and North Road, and the second contract reconstructs the Lincoln/Concord Road intersection and will be put up for bid in approximately one week.

Executive Secretary

Mr. Richard E. Thompson stated that the Selectmen are dealing with the 1978 Annual Town Meeting appropriation of \$10,000 to build a Dog Facility, and that a public hearing was held at which time the abutters to the proposed Featherland site expressed opposition, so that the Selectmen have been in touch with the Boston Edison Company relative to the use of their property on the Boston Post Road, which must go before a property review committee of the Boston Edison Company before any conclusion is reached and will take 1-2 months.

Josiah F. Frost - Civil Defense Director

Chief Frost stated that the Town now has another road grader, saving \$180,000 since it is excess property of the Federal Government and following a 5-year lease, it will be the property of the Town, and further stated that this is the third piece of equipment which the Town has obtained in this way.

Town Clean-up

In answer to Mr. Richard F. Brooks, Selectman Toomey stated that Town Clean-up was very successful this year due to the efforts of the Executive Secretary and Mrs. Janet Silva.

Frank H. Grinnell - Veteran Graves Officer

Mr. Grinnell reported that all the flags have been placed on the Veterans' graves in observance of Memorial Day, and reminded everyone that there is a \$500 fine for tampering with any grave.

Ann C. Gannett - Representative

Ms. Gannett stated that she voted in the best interest of the Towns of Wayland and Sudbury on the Local Aid issue on the Hill; and apologized for the confusion over the filing of the two Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School bills.

Donald D. Bishop - Minuteman Regional Vocational High School

Mr. Bishop stated that he is in a similar position as former member to the Minuteman Regional Vocational High School, Thomas A. Welch, that of being in the minority - going ahead with their proposed budget plans - expanding in the area of adult education - and tennis courts are open from 6:00 a.m. to dusk without charge.

Press Comments

The press invited any and all departments to inform them of any announcements and publicity, including pictures (black and white), that they would like to have published.

Chairman William F. Toomey thanked the various committee representatives and Mr. Sanford Elsass for his presentation, and he adjourned the Forum at 9:30 p.m. for a brief period of coffee and informal conversation.