

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1978

Present: Chairman John E. Murray and Robert J. Hotch.

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

Dog Pound Facility

Present: Francis E. White, Building Inspector.

Building Inspector/Dog Officer Francis E. White submitted a plan to the Board of Selectmen and pointed out a piece of Town-owned land (so-called Parkinson land) off Hudson Road (next to Ti-Sales Corp.) which he suggested using as a Town dog pound.

Mr. White stated that a report had been received from the Town Engineer indicating that a soil test performed by him and Mr. Sullivan, the Health Director, was satisfactorily completed.

Mr. White stated that access to the property would be by an easement into the property from Hudson Road; the portion of the property needed is approximately 100 feet wide by 130 feet deep, which the Building Inspector indicated would be sufficient for the building, the sewage system and about four parking spaces.

Mr. White went on to say that the property is close to utility poles and the Town water supply, and that the closest house is 700 feet away.

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary the Board agreed to notify the abutters to the property and hold a public hearing as soon as possible.

Mr. White stated that he will not be able to start construction until spring, if the site is approved by the Board.

Water Main Break

Present: Francis E. White, Building Inspector.

Building Inspector Francis E. White suggested that the Board agree to close the road which runs along the west side of the Flynn Building to the Peter Noyes School until repair can be made to a ruptured water main which is causing the road to wash out.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reinforced Mr. White's recommendation to have this pipe repaired immediately due to the fact that the septic pumping system which is at the bottom of the road will be unnecessarily pumping the additional water from the leaking main which is seeping into the system up to the leaching field.

Mr. White said that he has a contractor who said he will be here either Thursday or Friday at the latest.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost expressed the urgency in repairing the water line since it affects a major hydrant to the Town center (located at the bottom of the road).

Following further discussion it was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To close the road from Old Sudbury Road to the Peter Noyes School on the west side of the Flynn Building and to direct the Executive Secretary to notify the Water District requesting that they do everything possible between now and Thursday or Friday to shut the water valves off, and to proceed to repair the water line on an emergency basis.

Selectman Robert J. Hotch asked Mr. White to assess the damage and let the Selectmen know how much cost is involved.

Village Green Site Plan - Compliance with Historic Districts Commission Requirements

Present: Francis E. White, Building Inspector.

The Board reviewed a communication dated November 21, 1978, from the Chairman of the Historic Districts Commission, responding to a letter dated November 15, 1978, from the Board of Selectmen, which stated that the architect for the Village Green shopping center, Bulent Kastarlak, representing Coolidge Bank & Trust Company, has indicated to the Commission that any unfinished items necessary for compliance to the Village Green site plan will be completed by the end of the year (1978).

Following a discussion, it was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To grant an extension of site plan #R78-190 to the Coolidge Bank & Trust Company, Village Green, 29 Hudson Road, to January 15, 1979, so that the requirements of the Historic Districts Commission might be complied with, as agreed with by both parties mentioned above and referenced in Mr. Kastarlak's letter of October 27, 1978.

Middlesex County Advisory Board Dues

It was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the expenditure of \$84.38 from Account 501-81, Surveys & Studies, for payment of the Middlesex County Advisory Board dues for 1978-79.

CODE

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated November 16, 1978, from the Chairperson of the Program Committee of CODE, a hotline, multi-service center located in Acton.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson explained that the above-mentioned letter stated that CODE has received an increased number of requests for services from Sudbury residents, but that Sudbury is not an official part of the communities which CODE serves; therefore, CODE is requesting that the Board of Selectmen meet with their Executive Director and the Chairperson of the Program Committee to discuss the advisability of Sudbury joining the same.

Mr. Thompson said that he had asked the Director of Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association (SPHNA), June Grace, for her opinion concerning the Town's membership to CODE, and that she spoke very favorably about the program.

Mr. Thompson stated that the membership fees in Concord and Maynard are paid to CODE partly through the town's Community Chests and the rest by contribution through the Selectmen or the Board of Health as a line item in their annual budget.

Mr. Thompson further stated that at the present time, through the Board of Health, Sudbury is provided with Family Counseling and Guidance Service in Framingham; the Regional and local schools are both provided with the use of the Framingham Youth Guidance Center in Framingham; and in addition, the elderly in Town are served by Trinity Mental Health through Baypath.

The Executive Secretary suggested that the Board solicit comments from the local schools, the regional high school, the Board of Health and SPHNA, since these are the departments which may overlap in the type of services offered through CODE. The Board concurred and directed the Executive Secretary to do so. The Selectmen also agreed to further discuss this matter with representatives of CODE in the near future.

Announcements by Chairman of the Board

Chairman John E. Murray announced the death of Mr. Harry Clinton Rice, a resident of the Town of Sudbury since 1903, residing at 130 Water Row until August 1978. Funeral arrangements by Duckett Funeral Home are calling hours on Wednesday, November 29 from 7-9 p.m., and on Thursday, November 30 from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., and the service on Friday, December 1 at Duckett Funeral Home, 656 Boston Post Road, Sudbury, at 2 p.m. Mr. Rice performed various Town services from 1952 to 1968.

Chairman Murray also announced the death today of James Lawrence Devoll, Sr., who moved to Sudbury in 1920. He was the father of two local firefighters and active himself in serving the Town of Sudbury from 1946 to 1976 in various capacities.

Town Fathers Forum - 125th Session

At 8:10 p.m., Chairman John E. Murray convened the 125th Session of the Town Fathers Forum, a summary of which is attached and is a part of these minutes.

Schedule for Selectmen's Action for 1979 Annual Town Meeting Street Acceptances

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve a schedule for Selectmen action required for layout, alteration or relocation of streets to be accepted at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting and to post the schedule proposed by Town Counsel dated November 15, 1978, in conjunction with a joint communication dated November 16, 1978, from James V. Merloni, Town Engineer, and Robert A. Noyes, Highway Surveyor, relative to the same.

Rescheduling Meetings of the Board due to Holidays

Following a brief discussion it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the Monday, December 25th, meeting of the Board with the option to call an emergency meeting that week, if necessary;

and it was further

VOTED: To reschedule the Monday, January 1, 1979, meeting of the Board to Wednesday, January 3, 1979;

and it was further

VOTED: To reschedule the Monday, January 15, 1979, meeting of the Board to Tuesday, January 16, 1979.

Remaining Appointments

Following a brief discussion it was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To reappoint the following people to the Veterans Advisory Committee, for terms to expire April 30, 1979:

William A. Burns, 102 Concord Road;
Alfred Bonazzoli, 10 Pokonoket Avenue;
Paul J. Leahy, 239 Old Lancaster Road;
Thomas F. McDonough, 414 Concord Road; and
Catherine B. Greene, 20 Willow Road, subject to her acceptance;

and it was further

VOTED: To table all other appointments.

Department of Public Utilities Case 18153

In the absence of Town Counsel Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that Town Counsel had indicated to him that his final recommendation to the Board will probably be to proceed with the cross-examination process (rather than using an expert witness) on the four scheduled hearing dates in December to conclude the Department of Public Utilities Case 18153, at which time a brief will be submitted by him, prepared in conjunction with Estelle V. Simon.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to request a review of the legal costs of this case to date for review by the Selectmen at their next meeting.

Earth Removal Bylaw

Also in the absence of Town Counsel, the Executive Secretary reported Town Counsel's intention to meet with him Wednesday to discuss the possibility of an article to amend the Earth Removal Bylaw, relative to a clarification of the Bylaw concerning the moving of fill within a subdivision.

Operating Budgets

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson distributed copies of the Operating Budgets to the Selectmen for those departments under their control, along with a schedule for review of those budgets on Saturday, December 2nd.

Current Items of Interest

The Board concurred with the recommendation of the Executive Secretary to continue the temporary classification of a temporary dispatcher as requested by the Chief of Police.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to arrange a meeting with the Permanent Building Committee, the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee, the Finance Committee liaisons, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief to tour the Police and Fire Stations.

The Board also directed the Executive Secretary to write a public letter of apology to Mr. Frederick R. Garrity due to the fact the a sign violation was issued to him in error. This letter will supplement the Building Inspector's letter of November 22, 1978.

Following a brief discussion the Board directed the Executive Secretary to communicate to Amy Zuckerman of the South Middlesex News, with a copy to the editor, stating the Selectmen's objection to her recent, misleading article regarding the 100% revaluation and other incorrect information surrounding the Board of Selectmen in some of her recent articles.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk