

TOWN FATHERS FORUM - 123rd SESSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1978

At 8:00 P.M. Acting Chairman John E. Murray convened the 123rd session of the Town Fathers Forum and reported, on behalf of the Selectmen, the following activities and events during the past four months.

-The Town received the following gifts:

a stretcher, a CPR portable resuscitator, and a Resusci-Anne for CPR courses from the Sudbury Villagers Association;

a child's blood pressure cuff from the Sudbury Fire Wives Association;

a \$100 donation from James A. Punch Associates for the Council on Aging;

a \$170 donation from Raytheon Co. for a Resusci-Baby for CPR courses.

-The following appointments were made:

Rebecca H. Ritchie, Richard O. Bell and Teresa N. Lukas to the Conservation Commission;

Dr. Melvyn W. Kramer as Town Physician, and the reappointment of Dr. John D. Nicholson and Dr. Z. Stanley Taub as Town Physicians.

MaryAnn K. Clark as Associate Member of the Board of Appeals and Earth Removal Board member;

Jean A. Griffin to the Board of Registrars;

Olga P. Reed and Robert F. Dionisi to the Planning Board;

Joan C. Irish as MAPC designee;

Joanne Garfinkle as U. N. Day Chairman;

Patricia Huston to the Town Report Committee; and

Lawrence Gogolin as representative to the 128 West Resource Recovery Council.

-The following resignations were received:

Kathleen M. Brown and W. James Hodder from the Conservation Commission;

Albert St. Germain and Paul H. McNally from the Planning Board;

Louise Babigian from the Board of Registrars;

Walter E. Cybulski from the Permanent Building Committee;

Carlton W. Ellms from the Historic Districts Commission;

Frederick R. Garrity from the Personnel Board; and

Teresa N. Lukas from the Town Report Preparation Committee.

-The following site plan action was taken:

Approved site plan of S. F. Doyle & Co. for 327-329 Boston Post Road;

Renewed site plan for Studio of Ballet Arts, 717 Boston Post Road;

Approved site plan for additional parking space for G. Burton Mullen, 39 Union Avenue; and

Extended site plan for Village Green and approved All Alcoholic Beverages Restaurant, Common Victualler, and Weekday Entertainment licenses for Ephraim's of Sudbury to be issued when the occupancy permit has been given by the Building Inspector;

-The Board approved a Utility Petition for placing conduit at Cider Mill and Raymond Roads.

-The Board approved underground storage of home heating fuel oil for James L. Kates, 33 Ford Road, and for Dominic and Susan Vingiano, 50 Marlboro Road.

-After lengthy meetings and discussions, the Board ordered the closing of Brimstone Lane to non-resident motor vehicle use from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m.

-The Board issued proclamations in honor of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Boys' Lacrosse Team State Championship and Girls' Gymnastics Team State Championship.

-The Board issued a resolution in honor of the retirement of Elizabeth Eileen Paradis, teacher in the Sudbury School System.

-The bid was awarded for furnishing fuel oil and servicing boilers and burners for Town buildings.

-The Board extended the 1 a.m. closing time for restaurants and clubs to serve alcoholic beverages on Friday and Saturday nights, when serving food, to June 30, 1979.

-Under the Economic Development Administration grant a contract was awarded for intersection improvements at Concord and Lincoln Roads (project now completed) and a contract for Sand Seal and Leveling.

-The Economic Development Administration (U.S. Department of Commerce) turned down this year's application for funds to construct Police/Fire Headquarters.

-The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) application for Fiscal Year 1978 Small Cities Funds (housing rehabilitation and street resurfacing and drainage in Pine Lakes/Pine Rest areas) was not approved.

-The application for funds to restore the Hosmer House, made to the Massachusetts Historical Commission, was not approved.

-The Town received approval of a CETA funded program to continue work on parks, conservation and public ways projects and a new \$75,589 program for parks improvements.

-The Board added an Affirmative Action Policy to the Board's Policies and Procedures.

-The Sudbury Housing Authority has received approval of a loan application for approximately \$570,000 to construct 15 units of congregate housing for the physically handicapped from HUD.

-The Selectmen met jointly with various Town boards and committees, and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, regarding the use of the Rice Property for headquarters for the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge.

-The Board met with the Planning Board to review a draft of the Cluster Zoning Bylaw.

Selectman Murray asked each board, committee and department to give a brief report on their activities and events during the past four months, following a brief report by Town Counsel.

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny

Town Counsel reported that additional hearings have been scheduled for October 18 and 20 relative to the Department of Public Utilities (DPU) - Sudbury/New England Telephone Case #18153; and in addition, Town Counsel gave a brief report on his recent court cases, such as the Planning Board's appeals case, the Federal Court Appellate Tax Board case, the equalized valuation case including two appearances in the Superior Court, and the Chapter 766 appeal which was successfully defended.

Representative Ann Gannett

Representative Gannett publicly congratulated Robert J. Hotch in his recent election to the Board of Selectmen and expressed her sympathy for Chairman William F. Toomey's sudden illness.

Mrs. Gannett gave a copy of a list of legislative bills affecting cities and towns to the Selectmen, which she briefly reviewed, stating that any boards, committees etc. wanting a copy of the list of bills should let her know. She asked the Board to inform her of their feelings regarding the 100% evaluation issue, indicating that many towns have not yet complied to the Court's decision regarding the same.

George D. Max - Goodnow Library Trustee

Mr. George D. Max, Goodnow Library Trustee, briefly reported on the following: that the Goodnow Library is continuing in its second year of being open on Sunday afternoon, which has worked out well; that there has been some communication with the Highway Department in regard to the new curbing and also regarding some means of protection around more of the Library's property; that there has been a good deal of vandalism in the men's restroom; and that the Library is continuing to increase its collection of Loring documents.

Park and Recreation Commission - Arthur A. Walker

Park and Recreation Commissioner Arthur A. Walker stated that the Commission had a successful summer of activities and continued to say that the Commission will be meeting with the Permanent Building Committee with regard to preparations for an article concerning the swim facility for submission to the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Walker further stated that the Park and Recreation Commission is working on preventative measures relative to vandalism at Featherland Park; and in addition, is working on "First Night" (for Sudbury and Wayland) which is a take-off from Boston's New Year's Eve party last year.

Historic Districts Commission - W. Burgess Warren

Mr. W. Burgess Warren was present at the Town Fathers Forum but stated that he had no report at this time.

Board of Health - John V. Sullivan, Director

Health Director John V. Sullivan stated that the Board of Health has recently established engineering data on water tables for the future use of engineers when considering any new plans; that the Board of Health will be holding an immunization clinic for school children in the Flynn Building free of charge, and that any child

not immunized according to State laws by October 20th can be excluded from school; and that a second clinic for senior citizens and high risk persons will be held later in the month of October.

Historical Commission - Patricia F. Hersey

Chairman Patricia F. Hersey introduced the other members of the Historical Commission who were present: Donald B. Devoe, Richard C. Hill and John C. Powers. Mrs. Hersey stated that the Historical Commission has had three meetings, and that they are working on the restoration of the Hosmer House, under the Selectmen; that they are working on their files of historical homes in town; and that they would like to involve as many people in Town as possible in their activities.

Committee on Town Administration - Floyd Stiles, Jr.

Mr. Floyd Stiles stated that the Committee on Town Administration (CTA) has been busy looking into many matters such as: 1) should there be a five-member Board of Selectmen; 2) should the Town continue to elect separate positions of collector and treasurer; and 3) should the Moderator have a three-year or a one-year term.

Mr. Stiles informed everyone of the issues to be discussed at up-coming CTA meetings.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chief Frost stated that he recently hired four new men as "swing men" to reduce the overtime in the Fire Department, and that two of them who attended the academy finished fourth and fifth out of twenty-eight men; that the Fire Department had recently lost a Captain due to retirement and recently appointed a new Captain; that his office has been particularly busy due to new construction in Town such as: Goodyear Tire, First National Shopping Center, Raytheon Co.; fire protection matters at Great Meadows Wildlife Refuge and Camp Elbanobscot; briefly reported on the on-going Heart Saver Program; thanked everyone who donated life saving equipment to the Fire Department; and stated that the Fire Department is getting ready to begin rounds of inspection as another school year begins.

Committee For the Preservation of Ancient Documents - Betsey M. Powers, Town Clerk

Mrs. Betsey M. Powers stated that she was speaking as Town Clerk and also for the Ancient Documents Committee. Mrs. Powers read her report dated September 27, 1978, on the Records Management Program, which she said was now in operation, and urged the various departments, committees, etc., to make use of the program in accordance with the suggestions of the above-mentioned report.

Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School - Donald D. Bishop

Mr. Donald D. Bishop reported that the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School reduced the assessment for the Town of Sudbury by \$3,697 following receipt of the Cherry Sheet; that their treasurer has deposited some savings funds in the Massachusetts Collective Depository, which they have recently joined and which is designed for Towns to work jointly with money market funds.

Mr. Bishop invited everyone to an open house on October 25th at Minuteman, located at the intersection of Route 2A and 128 in Lexington.

Finance Committee - Linda E. Glass

Mrs. Linda E. Glass, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that the Committee worked during the summer on study and preparation for submission of program budgets and a procedure for Town boards to follow; that the Committee is attempting to see that all recommendations to the Town hold the tax rate at its present level; and that the Committee recently had a panel discussion on program budgeting where every Town board was asked to send a representative. Mrs. Glass stated that the Finance Committee received some very good feedback as a result of this panel discussion.

Collector of Taxes - Isabelle K. Stone

Mrs. Stone reported that all tax bills have been mailed today.

Planning Board - Olga P. Reed

Planning Board member Olga P. Reed reported that the Board is working on the Cluster Zoning Amendment; stated that the Board has met with the Selectmen, Conservation Commission, and the Board of Health, who have given valuable input to the Planning Board regarding the amendment, and that the Board is planning to meet with the Water District and the Historic Districts Commission, as well as the Finance Committee relative to the same.

Talent Search Committee - Eileen M. Todd

Mrs. Eileen M. Todd stated that only fifteen people filled out talent search cards since the 1978 Annual Town Meeting; and that the Welcome Wagon is passing out cards to all new residents.

Board of Appeals - Joseph A. Klein

Mr. Joseph A. Klein of the Board of Appeals reported that they have held hearings on four or five cases, primarily on customary home occupation permits and variances.

Conservation Commission - Joan C. Irish

Conservation Commission member Joan C. Irish thanked the Board of Selectmen for their recent appointments to the Commission and for nominating the Commission for the Middlesex Conservation District's Awards Program and stated that the Commission was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the District's Board of Supervisors acknowledging and commending the Commission's accomplishments. Mrs. Irish reported that the Commission recently completed purchase of the Lyeth parcel off Pantry Road as voted by the 1978 Annual Town Meeting; that the Commission has updated the Wetlands Protection Act information brochure which will be distributed to various real estate offices; that they have recently completed a trail map for Nobscot Conservation Land; that there are a few copies of the "Open Space Plan", prepared by the Conservation Commission, available; that a new sub-committee has been formed to review guidelines and criteria relating to implementation of the Wetlands Protection Act; that the Commission is working with the Planning Board on the Cluster Zoning Amendment; that 50 WPA hearings have been held to date; Community Gardens is nearing the completion of a successful year with a decrease in vandalism noted; and that preliminary plans are being made for the Marlboro Easterly Treatment Plant's forthcoming hearings on the permit.

Board of Assessors - Frank H. Grinnell

Assessor Frank H. Grinnell stated that the tax rate is \$59 and approved by the State. Mr. Grinnell further stated that the Town has picked up an additional three million dollars in new assessments this year and thanked the Finance Committee in their attempt to stabilize the tax rate.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reminded everyone that the deadline for submitting non-monied articles is December first and for submitting monied articles is December thirty-first.

Acting Chairman John E. Murray recessed the meeting at 8:55 p.m. for coffee and conversation.

obtained the final figures and necessary data, he will submit it to the Board for review. Mr. Thompson also informed the Board that some previously approved applicants will have to be denied funding.

#7 & 8 Village Green, Hudson Road

The Executive Secretary reported to the Board that Town Counsel has been in contact with the Attorney for the Coolidge Bank & Trust Co., as requested by the Board as a result of the Historical Districts Commission's concerns, brought before the Board at their meeting on September 18, 1978, relative to several items requiring compliance to the site plan for #7 & 8 Village Green, Hudson Road.

Five-Member Board of Selectmen

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that he received a telephone call from former Town Counsel, David Turner, who stated that he was contacted by the League of Women Voters relative to comment from him on the subject of a 5-member Board of Selectmen since he was Town Counsel at the time when this subject was initially discussed at a former Annual Town Meeting.

Student Exchange Committee Welcome Dinner

The Executive Secretary reported that the Board received an invitation to attend the Student Exchange Committee's Welcome Dinner to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Pierce House in Lincoln on October 5, 1978. The Executive Secretary was requested to respond that one member of the Board would attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk