

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 9, 1979

Present: Chairman John E. Murray, Robert J. Hotch and William J. Cossart.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. in the Library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Mosquito Spraying at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

Present: John V. Sullivan, Health Director, James J. Healy, E. Lawrence Gogolin, Karen D. Rasile and Mary Ann Courtemanche, Secretary, Board of Health; Joan C. Irish, Rebecca H. Ritchie, Judith A. Cope and N. Teresa Lukas, Conservation Commission.

Chairman John E. Murray convened a joint meeting with the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission to review a communication dated April 3, 1979, from David L. Beall, Refuge Manager, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, relating to mosquito spraying at Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge. It was noted that the communication from Mr. Beall indicated his intent not to allow pesticides for mosquito control to be used at the Great Meadows National Wildlife Refuge unless otherwise directed by the U.S. Public Health Service of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health, on the basis of declaring an official human health emergency attributed to mosquitoes.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson informed those present that numerous calls had been received from Sudbury residents at the Wildlife Refuge office objecting to and suggesting deletion of line item 800-71, Mosquito Control, in the Board of Health's budget under Article 5 of the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Conservation Commission member N. Teresa Lukas expressed the concerns of the Commission regarding the potential side effects of spray materials on the environment and humans, pointing out that these chemicals do not break down. Ms. Lukas suggested a more intense study to be done by the Conservation Commission in conjunction with the Board of Health since she felt there was a significant amount of concern (and controversy) to warrant the same.

Dr. James J. Healy of the Board of Health explained which chemicals would be used for the mosquito control program and also stated that in the concentration used, (spraying by helicopter, 3 ozs. per acre, by truck 1 oz. per acre) the chemicals would not be dangerous to either the environment or to humans. Dr. Healy stated that the Board of Health has been very conservative for the past nine years in administering their mosquito control program - all the chemicals used are safe and are used in low dosages - and that most complaints received are requests from residents for additional spraying, not less. Dr. Healy continued to say, however, that it is not his recommendation at this time to expand the program since that would require a substantial increase in the budget, and he felt that it was adequate now.

Dr. Healy also pointed out that although the State allows aerial spraying when the wind is 10 mph, it has been the Board's past practice to do aerial spraying only when the wind is not over 6 mph.

Dr. Healy further stated that the implications regarding mosquito spraying in the literature being circulated by some private citizens against the Board of Health's budget article (line item 800-71) for mosquito control are not statistically comparable to the Board of Health's record. He stated that he does not feel comfortable supporting a program for the benefit of the Town which is surrounded by objection and concern, and that although he did concur with the suggestion for a further joint study by members of the Conservation Commission and the Board of Health, he recommended support of this year's program indicating that there is no immediate danger to the community, and that perhaps next year's (FY1980-81) program could be altered or eliminated accordingly.

Conservation Commission member Rebecca H. Ritchie briefly explained other concerns of the Commission dealing with residual materials and the accumulation of the same as a result of spraying, the affect of the chemicals on the Town's water supply and the wetlands, and the fact that the Towns of Concord and Lexington have recently expressed reservations as to the impact of pesticides and have dropped their mosquito control programs this year.

Following further discussion, the Board of Selectmen and the members of the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission who were present concurred that following Town Meeting a committee, set up by the Board of Selectmen, would continue to study the whole issue of insecticides/pesticides use in the mosquito control program in relation to the long range impact of their use on the environment and on humans and wildlife, as well as the effectiveness of the present \$16,500 program; said committee will present its recommendation of a program for FY1980-81 to the Board of Selectmen.

Loring School Parent-Teacher Organization Auction Fund Raiser

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

VOTED: To grant a Temporary License for the Sale of Wines and Malt Beverages Only, to be drunk on the premises, to Ann Swartz, Auction Committee Chairman, Loring School Parent-Teacher Organization, to be exercised on Saturday, May 5, 1979, from 7:00 to 11:00 P.M. at St. Anselm's Church Parish Hall, for the purpose of an auction fund-raising event, in accordance with Ms. Swartz's communication dated March 27, 1979.

(Selectmen Murray and Hotch in favor; Selectman Cossart opposed.)

On the recommendation of Selectman Hotch, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to place the issue of granting Temporary Licenses on a future agenda, following Town Meeting, in view of Selectman Cossart's objection to this practice on the basis that he feels local establishments who have annual liquor licenses should be patronized.

It was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: TO issue a one-day auctioneer license to James Martin, 43 Bowdoin Street, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts, for the purpose of conducting an auction for the Loring School Parent-Teacher Organization on Saturday, May 5, 1979, at the Parish Hall of St. Anselm's Church on Landham Road.

Walk-A-Thon by Big Brother-Big Sister

It was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To grant permission to the Big Brother-Big Sister organization, Christopher H. Shaw, Public Relations Administrator, to conduct a Walk-A-Thon fund-raising event on May 19, 1979, (rain date of May 26, 1979), in accordance with Mr. Shaw's communication of March 28, 1979, and to issue a proclamation dated April 9, 1979, relative to the same, subject to notification to and approval by the Sudbury Fire and Police Departments, and further subject to approval for the use of Featherland Park by the Park and Recreation Commission.

Newbridge Road Deed to the Town

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury, a deed to properties along Newbridge Road, as shown on a plan filed with the Town Clerk in conjunction with Article 10 of the 1979 Annual Town Meeting, received from Frederick M. and Barbara F. Pryor, George G. and Ruth Wilson, Wendy C. Jacobi, William R. and Fernanda Firth, James C. and Ann McFarland, the Dickey Family Trust, and Thomas E. and Shirley Reed, subject to Town Counsel's approval and to any reconsideration at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Monday, April 16th Meeting

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the Selectmen's regular meeting of Monday, April 16, 1979, due to the Patriot's Day holiday.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table approval of the minutes of March 28, April 2, and April 3, to allow time for further review and discussion of the same.

Temporary License - First Parish Church

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table the matter of granting a Temporary License for the Sale of Wines and Malt Beverages Only, to be drunk on the premises, to Dorothy Wadman, Chairman, Music Committee, First Parish Church, to accommodate an operetta

fund-raising event; said license to be exercised on May 3, 4 and 5, 1979, during the hours of 8:00-12:00 P.M. in the Annex Building of the First Parish Church, Old Sudbury and Concord Roads, to address concerns regarding this three-day temporary license expressed by both Selectmen Cossart and Hotch.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk