

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 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 7:15 P.M. by Chairman John E. Murray.

Transfer Request - Dog Officer General Expense

Present: Francis E. White, Dog Officer; and Anne W. Donald, Finance Committee.

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

VOTED: To approve Request #0810 for Transfer from the Reserve Fund to Account 350-21, Dog Officer General Expense, in the amount of \$1,200, requested by the Dog Officer, Francis E. White, for the purpose set forth in the numbered Transfer.

Remaining 1979 Annual Town Meeting Articles

Present: Richard F. Brooks, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee; and Anne W. Donald, Finance Committee.

Following discussion on the subject of taking position on Warrant articles, the Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to support the following 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles:

- #4 Personnel Administration Plan, Art. XI
- 7 Update Property Values
- 15 Walkway Construction-Haynes/Puffer
- 20 Amend Bylaws, Art. XII, 1 - Town Property
- 22 Lincoln-Sudbury Contingency Fund
- 23 Lincoln-Sudbury Roof Repairs
- 27 Amend Bylaws, Art. IX, I, B - Basic Requirements
- 28 Congregate Housing Zoning Exemption
- 39 Purchase Microfilm Printer/Reader

The majority of the Board of Selectmen agreed to support the following 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles:

- #13 Police/Fire Headquarters
- 35 Special Act-Appoint Town Treasurer

Selectman Robert J. Hotch brought the Board up-to-date on the Permanent Building Committee's meeting relative to the discussion of Article #13 Police/Fire Headquarters, following which a majority of the Board agreed to support the same, as noted above.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously agreed to not support the following 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles:

- #16 Walkway Construction-Mossman
- 31 Trinity Mental Health Services
- 32 Swim Facility
- 33 Swim Facility Operations Budget

The majority of the Board of Selectmen agreed to not support the following 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles:

- #34 Special Act-Five-member Board of Selectmen
- 36 Special Act-Appoint Tax Collector

The following 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles were held for further discussion by the Board of Selectmen:

- # 3 Personnel Bylaw: Salary Plan & Classification
Plan, Art. XI
- 5 Budget
- 24 Fairbank School-New Roof
- 25 Horse Pond School-Heating System

Selectman Cossart suggested the submission of additional information from the local School Committee relative to Article #25 Horse Pond School-Heating System. The Board concurred on the basis that Selectman Cossart's understanding of the article was that it was needed to provide additional heating to meet the requirements of the Fire Academy, and not for maintenance of the present heating system, which, by contract, the Town is obligated to maintain for the Firefighting Academy. The Board further concurred that Town Counsel should review the Firefighting Academy's contract in conjunction with Article #25 and advise the Board on the same.

The Board agreed to insert a Town Clerk's report, dated February 23, 1979, at her request, referencing line item 506-13 in Article #5 Budget, in the 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; said article will be further discussed at the Board's meeting on March 5th.

Site Plan Application #R79-201 - Liberty Ledge Trust, Camp Sewataro

Present: Francis E. White, Building Inspector; and Mark P. Taylor, Camp Sewataro.

In accordance with Article IX, Section V, Paragraph A of the Sudbury Bylaws, the Board considered renewal site plan application #R79-201 of Liberty Ledge Trust, Camp Sewataro, Liberty Ledge, off Haynes Road.

The Executive Secretary reported that all appropriate abutters and Town officials had been notified, and that the following communications have been received regarding the same: 1) from the Building Inspector, dated January 30, 1979, recommending approval; 2) from the Planning Board, dated February 16, 1979, recommending approval; 3) from the Board of Health, dated February 12, 1979, recommending approval as per plan submitted; 4) from the Conservation Commission, dated February 6, 1979, indicating no concern with the renewal of this site plan; and 5) from the Town Engineer, dated February 13, 1979, recommending approval and requesting that a new (re-drafted) plan be submitted upon future renewal. Mr. Thompson stated that the Building Inspector was present with a copy of the site plan.

Building Inspector Francis E. White stated that he had spoken to Town Counsel, and that Town Counsel had given his opinion that as long as the Board of Appeals permit is renewed prior to the expiration dated of the above-mentioned site plan, it is not necessary for the applicant to go through the procedure of site plan approval for the permit on said property.

Clarifying his opinion to Mr. White last week, Town Counsel stated that when he spoke to Mr. White it was relative to the general principal of whether or not site plans had to be renewed. Town Counsel said that just before tonight's meeting he reviewed the above-mentioned site plan, and that it does specifically expire by its terms at the end of a certain period of time. Town Counsel further stated that the Board would have to renew this particular plan again if there is a termination date specified in the Board's vote.

Selectman William J. Cossart commended the high quality of the operations of the Camp, and stated that there was no question in his mind that the site plan application should be renewed. Selectman Cossart suggested that the question was whether or not the Board should continue to request a renewal of the site plan every two years.

Selectman John E. Murray stated that it would be necessary, based on the request stated in the Town Engineer's communication dated February 13, 1979.

Selectman Robert J. Hotch stated his opinion that the two-year renewal process is a good policy.

Mr. White asked if the Board would consider waiving the printing of fourteen sets of prints of the site plan with each renewal; that the fee for renewal is \$10, and that demonstrates a loss.

Selectman Murray read the Town Engineer's above-mentioned communication as follows: "I request that the next time the plan comes before the Board of Selectmen for renewal a new re-drafted plan be submitted because the existing plan is so old that it is becoming more difficult to get new prints."

Selectman Murray indicated that the Camp would not have to re-survey, just take the existing plans and redraft them. Selectman Hotch said that would be a big expense to the applicant.

Mr. Thompson said that Mr. White is requesting that the Board waive the printing of additional copies, including the request of the Town Engineer, due to the volume of copies.

Selectman Cossart agreed with Mr. White's recommendation as long as the plans have not changed, and suggested that the boards who normally receive the site plan copy be notified instead by letter indicating that the site plan has been approved as previously submitted.

Selectman Hotch stated that another way to deal with this situation would be to have a sepia made; Mr. White stated that this site plan was a sepia, and that it was the only copy on file.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Taylor to check the whereabouts of the original plan. In addition, the Board requested the Zoning Enforcement Agent to confer with the Town Engineer on the best way to obtain a clearer plan for future use.

Selectman Hotch reviewed that Camp Sewataro would have to apply for a renewal every two years, and that the Board will waive the submitting of copies of the site plan to the other boards involved in the site plan renewal process.

Following further discussion, it was on motion by Selectman William J. Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To approve renewal site plan application #R79-201 of Liberty Ledge Trust, Camp Sewataro, Liberty Ledge, off Haynes Road, for a period of two years;

and it was further

VOTED: To waive the requirement of transmission of copies of approved site plan #R79-201 to boards and committees, with the exception of the Town Clerk as required by Bylaw, for this year, and to simply forward notification to appropriate boards and committees by letter indicating approval of the site plan, which has been renewed without changes and is the same as that which they presently have on file.

Chairman John E. Murray recessed the meeting at 8:00 P.M. in order to attend and vote at the Water District Annual Election being held in the upper Town Hall; the meeting was called back to order at 8:25 P.M.

Town Fathers Forum - 127th Session

At 8:25 P.M. Chairman John E. Murray convened the 127th Session of the Town Fathers Forum, a summary of which is attached and is part of these minutes.

Chairman John E. Murray recessed the meeting at 9:25 P.M. for coffee and conversation; the meeting was called back to order at 9:30 P.M.

Council on Aging Drop-in Center

Present: Col. Paul J. Leahy, Chairman, Elinor L. Bentley and Marion D. Letteney, Council on Aging; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel P. Bortle, Memorial Congregational Church parishioners; and Josiah F. Frost, Fire Chief.

Chairman John E. Murray welcomed the members of the Council on Aging who were in attendance for discussion on the subject of their drop-in center.

Col. Paul J. Leahy, Chairman of the Council on Aging, stated that the Council is no further along in their endeavor to find a more suitable facility for use as a drop-in center - one specifically adapted to their needs, disassociated with any church (as this seems to be objectionable to some members), and keeping in mind that Federal monies are available for renovations of such a facility and for free hot meals for senior citizens. Col. Leahy expressed frustration over Federal grants going to surrounding communities, and Sudbury not being able to qualify due to lack of a facility.

Mrs. Elinor L. Bentley, Council member, explained that the Council had considered using the activity room at Musketahquid Village, but a consensus was that it was not large enough, and that by doing so, the Council would be limiting the Musketahquid residents' use of their activity room. Mrs. Bentley also pointed out that, according to the Department of Elder Affairs, it would be more advantageous for said residents to be away from their routine environment through a drop-in center centrally located in the community.

Col. Leahy said that he wished there were a way to reimburse FISH for some of their extra expenses involved in their program "Meals on Wheels" - the transporting of hot meals to shut-ins.

Col. Leahy said that the Council is still thinking about the use of the present Police Station for a drop-in facility, if and when plans are finalized for a joint fire/police facility.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost confirmed that there is no available space at the Horse Pond School, but expressed his interest in the project and his willingness to assist the Council whenever necessary.

Mr. Daniel P. Bortle, a parishioner of the Memorial Congregational Church, stated that he had been authorized by the Church to offer the parsonage, which is presently vacant, for the Council's use for at least 90 days, at which point it will have been determined what will become of the parsonage. Mr. Bortle said that other details should be worked out with the clergy.

Mrs. Bentley suggested that if the Board of Selectmen would be interested in seeing a perfect senior citizen drop-in center, they should see the newly built center in the Town of Winchester.

Col. Leahy informed the Board that Fr. Joseph F. Gough, of Our Lady of Fatima Parish and a member of the Council, suggested to the Council that the Diocese would probably allow the Council to have the property adjacent to the Our Lady of Fatima parking lot, next to Old Lancaster Road; however, Col. Leahy pointed out that Federal funds are not a problem for renovations/remodeling of an existing building, but that funds for new construction would be a problem.

The Board agreed to have Mr. Thompson contact the School Committee regarding the likelihood of future availability of the South School Annex on Massasoit Avenue for use by the Council.

In answer to Selectman William J. Cossart, Col. Leahy said that the Council will consider a Warrant article for the 1980 Annual Town Meeting dealing with a drop-in center if no progress has been made in finding a facility by summer.

The Board indicated to the Council that this project will be a priority this year with the hope of reaching a conclusion.

Chairman John E. Murray thanked the Council members for attending tonight's meeting and indicated that, following a report back from the Executive Secretary

relative to the use of the Annex, the Board would again meet with the Council.

Tax Anticipation Notes

It was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To confirm the action of the Board of signing Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$1,000,000 dated March 5, 1979, and due May 10, 1979, as follows:

First National Bank of Boston	4.65%	250M
New England Merchants National Bank	4.80%	250M
Shawmut Community Bank	4.89%	200M
Bay Bank Newton Waltham Trust	4.97%	300M

Police Department Personnel Matters

Chairman John E. Murray reviewed the Board's decision of last week, in the absence of Selectman Robert J. Hotch, not to support/condone "limited" or "light duty" positions for police officers who are willing to return to work on this basis following an injury, confirming the same.

Selectman Robert J. Hotch stated his concurrence.

Selectman William J. Cossart also confirmed with Selectman Hotch his agreement with the Board's request to have the two police officers in question (see Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi's letter of February 9, 1979) examined by the Town Physician, followed by the Physician's recommendations for their possible return to full duty.

Resignation-Historical Commission

The Board accepted with regret Mrs. Pat Hersey's letter of resignation from the Historical Commission, dated February 14, 1979; and directed the Executive Secretary to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Hersey for her service on the Commission.

Local Fiscal Autonomy

Chairman John E. Murray reviewed the consensus of the Board last week, in the absence of Selectman Robert J. Hotch, not to support local fiscal autonomy; and that the Town will secure the same quality of education without local fiscal autonomy as it has in the past. Selectman Robert J. Hotch concurred, and it was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To support the abolition of local school fiscal autonomy.

Collective Bargaining-Fire Department

It was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To table the Executive Session scheduled tonight for discussion of collective bargaining in the absence of the Fire Chief, and the need for Selectman Hotch to be brought up-to-date on last week's meeting by the Fire Chief.

Current Items of Interest

Drinking Age

Selectman Robert J. Hotch brought up the fact that the Board's views, expressed by their vote of February 12, 1979, to support the position of the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association favoring legislation to increase the drinking age to twenty-one in letters to Representative Ann C. Gannett, Senator Chester Atkins and Governor Edward King, has been objectionable to some Townspeople who expressed their concern that the Selectmen voted without input from the Town on this issue, and Selectman Hotch suggested that the Selectmen should reassess the situation.

Both Selectmen Murray and Cossart concurred that their views remain the same - to support the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association relative to legislation to increase the drinking age to twenty-one.

Vandalism

Selectman Robert J. Hotch brought up the very serious problem of vandalism in the Town of Sudbury and expressed his opinion that, as the officials in Town, the Board should be looking into a program of preventative measures. The Board agreed to send a letter to the Police Chief requesting his opinion relative to increased Police Department personnel in order to handle the Town's vandalism problem and to place the issue on a future agenda for further discussion. In addition, the Board agreed to have the Executive Secretary submit his recommendations on the same.

Miscellaneous Communication

Selectman William J. Cossart referenced Town Counsel's communication relating to the wording of a Goodnow Library Records Policy Statement dealing with confidentiality, dated February 15, 1979, to Helen Lowenthal, Library Director, and requested a clarification from Town Counsel relative to the same. Finance Committee member, Anne Donald, who was in attendance, along with Town Counsel, explained the reason necessitating the policy statement explained in Town Counsel's communication.

Minutes of February 12, 1979

.On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To amend the minutes of the Regular Session of February 5, 1979, in accordance with a request by the Town Clerk in her communication dated February 22, 1979.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk