

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 1979

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 8:30 P.M. by Chairman John E. Murray.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council Pre-application to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Present: E. Lawrence Gogolin, Board of Health, Designee to 128 West Resource Recovery Council.

Chairman John E. Murray stated that the Board of Selectmen had received a communication dated December 27, 1978, from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) requesting support of MAPC's pre-application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to municipalities analyzing resource recovery for solid waste disposal, designed to assist the forty-one member communities of the 128 West Resource Recovery Council.

Board of Health member and designee to the 128 West Resource Recovery Council E. Lawrence Gogolin explained that the bid proposals solicited by the 128 West Resource Recovery Council for a resource recovery design-build-operate contract will not be coming in until February, so that there is not much more information available at this time than there was last May when it was last discussed with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Gogolin said that, as he understands it, the request from the MAPC for the Board's support, is for the purpose of providing justification for Federal funding to allow them to proceed with the design plans.

Speaking on behalf of the Board of Health, Mr. Gogolin said that it is their feeling that Sudbury should support the concept (of recovering resources rather than burying them), even though it is still the Board of Health's position that this may not be the best thing for Sudbury to join now, because of the extended life expectancy of our present Sanitary Landfill site.

The Board concurred that their support would assist the MAPC to secure Federal funding, and it was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To direct the Executive Secretary to send a letter of endorsement to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council in support of their pre-application to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency to provide assistance to municipalities analyzing resource recovery for solid waste disposal, designed to assist the forty-one member communities of the 128 West Resource Recovery Council.

Special License - Sudbury Parent Association - Transient Sales for Charitable Purposes and Bus Parking Permission

Present: Stefanie W. Reponen, Sudbury Parent Association.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that Town Counsel has prepared a Special License, in accordance with the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for

Transient Sales for Charitable Purposes to Stefanie W. Reponen, Sudbury Parent Association, for one day, Saturday, February 3, 1979, for the purpose of accommodating a Sudbury Winter Carnival at Featherland Park.

Stefanie W. Reponen of the Sudbury Parent Association explained the Winter Carnival as outlined in her communication, dated January 2, 1979, to the Board of Selectmen.

Following discussion the Selectmen wished Mrs. Reponen "good luck" with the fund-raising event, and it was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To issue a Special License for Transient Sales for Charitable Purposes to Stefanie W. Reponen, Sudbury Parent Association, for one day, Saturday, February 3, 1979, (rain date, February 10th) for the purpose of accommodating a Sudbury Winter Carnival at Featherland Park, subject to compliance with requirements of the Sudbury Fire and Police Departments.

and it was further

VOTED: To permit the use of the Town Hall parking lot for the parking of two buses on Saturday, February 3, 1979, (rain date, February 10th) to be used for the Sudbury Winter Carnival as shuttle buses.

Public Hearing - 1979 Small Cities/Community Development Program
Funding Pre-application

Present: Cheryl Rogers, Administrative Aide; Judy A. Mack, 51 Hudson Road; Marie H. Emery, 29 July Road; Nina Brewster, 358 Peakham Road; Barbara A. Herrick, 4 Butler Road.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that Federal regulations require two public hearings to be held to provide citizen participation in formulating an application to the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding under the 1979 Small Cities/Community Development Program.

Mr. Thompson further stated that last week's public hearing was attended by Housing Rehabilitation Specialist Patrick J. Moriarty who explained this on-going program and answered citizens' questions; and that tonight, Administrative Aide Cheryl Rogers, who has been assisting with the program, is present.

Mr. Thompson said that this program began in 1975-76, that the Town has had two successful applications, but that last year Sudbury's application was not funded.

Mr. Thompson expanded on the reasons why last year's application had been rejected: the Federal Government, in an effort to be consistent in all Federal funding, requires the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to use criteria of eligibility similar to the federal Bureau of Outdoor Recreation (BOR) which, in the area of unemployment and average income, makes it more difficult for Sudbury to obtain a high priority for funding. Also, last year's application included two different categories of projects - housing rehabilitation and street resurfacing and drainage improvements - which worked against Sudbury's priority level for funding compared to other communities.

Mr. Thompson recommended to the Board that, based on HUD's priority criteria of eligibility, this year's total program be submitted for housing rehabilitation only.

Continuing, Mr. Thompson explained that submitting this pre-application will mean that after A-95 reviews we will be notified in March relative to our eligibility to file a full application which, if accepted, will make funding available in October 1979.

Mr. Thompson said that there are approximately 50-75 applicants on a waiting list, and that Miss Rogers can verify these figures.

Chairman Murray asked if there were any questions.

Nina Brewster of 358 Peakham Road stated that she had several concerns, as follows:

1. She stated that more "outreach" work should be done, and asked how people, who could not read and write, and who could not fill out an application, could be made aware of this program.

Mr. Thompson stated that these people are assisted in filling out applications and those known to need any assistance (financial or otherwise) are notified accordingly. Mr. Thompson said that confidential records of charity cases are kept, and also mentioned that all charitable recommendations made to the Board are referred to the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association for recommendations.

2. Ms. Brewster stated that telephone installations should not be accepted as an "improvement" under the federal funding.

3. Ms. Brewster questioned how the formula for rebate is calculated; if it can be included on the application, and if it had been written in on the application in the past.

Mr. Thompson answered that the Town can establish its own formula as long as it abides by the federal maximum limitation; this criteria is advertised in the local newspaper and can be included on the application, although it has not been in the past, to the best of his knowledge.

4. Ms. Brewster asked if past applicants who were not funded will be notified upon receipt of future grants; she said that she knew of several people whose applications had been lost.

He also stated that persons now on the waiting list would have priority, if and when new funding becomes available, and that these people have been notified that they are on a priority list and will be further notified once funds are received. Mr. Thompson said that he is not aware of any lost applications.

5. Ms. Brewster asked if a breakdown of the people served (such as the elderly and low income families) is available; and, further, about the income range and the rationale for the rebate.

Mr. Thompson indicated that a breakdown is available for the past program, but that the breakdown for the present program has not yet been completed; and that all of these figures will eventually be submitted to HUD.

6. Ms. Brewster asked if there was a list of past applicants.

Mr. Thompson responded in the affirmative that there are approximately 50-75 people on a waiting list.

In response to one citizen, Mr. Thompson said that Mr. Moriarty is a part-time consultant who is paid out of the grant; said grant allows 10% of the total funding to be used for the administration of the program, but much less than that amount has been spent for administration.

In answer to Barbara A. Herrick of 4 Butler Road, Chairman Murray stated that upon receipt of funds (or intention of the same from the Federal Government) those people on the waiting list shall be notified.

The Executive Secretary stated that this Pre-application is being filed with the hope of accommodating the back-log of people who are eligible and desire to participate in the Town's rehabilitation program.

Dr. Donald R. Oasis asked how much money was expended in this program and how many families were assisted.

In responding to Dr. Oasis, the Executive Secretary read a report dated December 28, 1978, from Mr. Moriarty which dealt with that information, as follows:

- 117 homeowners applied to the second year Housing Rehabilitation program;
- 89 applications were approved equalling a commitment of \$145,600;
- the average grant to these homeowners amounted to \$1,635;
- 55 applications are completed and \$107,828.25 has been expended (which includes \$1,645 carryover from the first program); approximately \$5,000 has been expended for administration costs;
- the balance to be dispersed is \$37,171.75.

Ms. Brewster implied that Mr. Moriarty was being paid at the expense of eligible families, and said that administration money should have been planned into the program.

Mr. Thompson said that administration money was planned into the program and credited Mr. Moriarty for the administrative work on the entire program which enabled

us to service approximately 90 homeowners under the 1977 Housing Rehabilitation Program, which we would not have been able to do otherwise.

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

VOTED: To authorize the Executive Secretary to file a Pre-application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the 1979 Small Cities/Community Development program in the amount of \$100,000 for town-wide housing rehabilitation assistance to low and moderate income families; such Pre-application also to be filed with State and regional clearing-houses for A-95 review; and to sign any documents or contracts related thereto.

Chairman Murray thanked everyone for attending and ended the hearing.

Annual Land Management Reports - Park and Recreation Commission

It was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge receipt of the annual land management reports from the Park and Recreation Commission for Haskell Land, Heritage Park and Raymond Land.

Chairman Murray recessed the meeting for a coffee break at 9:00 P.M.; the meeting was called back to order at 9:15 P.M.

Joint Meeting - Classification and Salary Plan

Present: Daniel P. McLean, Chairman, Lawrence Faye, Alan P. Carpenter, Pasquale Piscitelli and John R. Williams, Personnel Board.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that the purpose of tonight's joint meeting with the Personnel Board is to develop a final consensus on the article dealing with the clerical portion of 1979 Annual Town Meeting article, Classification and Salary Plan.

Mr. Thompson said that at the Board's meeting on December 11, 1978, the Personnel Board submitted data, including four options, for the Board's consideration in developing an opinion on the Classification and Salary Plan.

Chairman John E. Murray stated that he and Selectman Robert J. Hotch have reviewed the material submitted by the Personnel Board and, keeping the 7% Presidential Guideline in mind, are recommending the suggested option #3 with the exception of certain individual clerical personnel who would be downgraded in salary.

In response to Chairman Murray's suggested percentage increases for clerical employees downgraded in salary under Option #3, the Personnel Board expressed concern as to how these changes in percentages were calculated.

Chairman Murray stated that the figures were worked out with the Town Accountant.

Personnel Board Chairman Daniel P. McLean pointed out that the total salary in option #3 is \$15,545 indicating a 7.2% increase, and asked what the total would be with the suggested changes.

Mr. Thompson said that the total would be in the range of \$16,200 - \$16,500; he said that the changes were calculated through step increases.

The Executive Secretary clarified two points or topics, which he stated are directly related and concern tonight's discussion: The 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Article (Classification and Salary Plan) which the Personnel Board has submitted to the Finance Committee has received their recommended approval; however, the implementation of the same, which will appear in the Town Warrant by department line item, is ultimately recommended by the Finance Committee, and they have not yet addressed this phase.

Mr. Thompson recommended to the Board that they direct him to communicate to the Finance Committee that it is the Board's desire that they stay within the Presidential Guidelines in considering the Classification and Salary Plan and to notify and suggest that all other independent departments, boards and commissions do likewise.

Mr. Lawrence Faye of the Personnel Board said that it would be helpful to them to have an opinion from Town Counsel relative to what he proposes can be considered within the Presidential Guidelines. Mr. Faye indicated that if Town Counsel rules option #3, with the adjustments, is not within the Presidential Guidelines, then all salaries under option #3 should be suppressed to keep within those Guidelines.

The Personnel Board agreed to take the Board's recommendation of option #3 (with the suggested changes) under consideration.

There being no further discussion, Chairman Murray thanked the members of the Personnel Board for attending tonight's meeting.

School Aid, Chapter 70, Funding - Mayor Theodore D. Mann of Newton

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that at the Board's meeting on November 21, 1978, the Board had directed him to forward a copy of a communication dated November 10, 1978, from Mayor Theodore D. Mann of Newton (requesting signature of a petition to support legislation to provide for the addition of an inflation factor to insure that school aid, Chapter 70, funding levels to cities and towns retain their intended value) to all School Committees, the Finance Committee, the Town Accountant and Town Counsel for their comments relative to the same.

The Executive Secretary reported that the following responses had been received: 1) a communication dated December 18, 1978, from John J. O'Neill, Superintendent of Schools, endorsing said petition; 2) a communication, dated December 29, 1978, from the Minuteman School Committee Chairman, urging that the Board not support said petition; 3) a verbal personal response from Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Superintendent David Levington that the District Committee had not discussed said petition; and 4) a recommendation, dated January 4, 1979, from the Town Accountant in the affirmative.

Following a brief discussion and in accordance with the recommendations from the local schools and the Town Accountant, dated December 18, 1978, and

January 4, 1979, it was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To support a request dated November 10, 1978, from Mayor Mann of Newton for the Board to sign a petition to support legislation to provide for the addition of an inflation factor to insure that school aid (Chapter 70) funding levels to cities and towns retain their intended value.

Resolution - Eagle Scout Award

Selectman Robert J. Hotch stated that he had attended an Eagle Scout award presentation ceremony in honor of Michael Arthur Tribou earlier this evening.

The Board commended Michael's Eagle Scout project which included painting fifty of the Town's fire hydrants.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson read a resolution in recognition of Michael's Eagle Scout award, dated January 5, 1979, and it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To confirm action taken on January 5, 1979, by the Board, involving the signing of a resolution in recognition of Michael Arthur Tribou's Eagle Scout Award.

Parkinson Land

Present: Lynne H. Remington, Chairman, Joan C. Irish and Judith A. Cope, Conservation Commission; Francis E. White, Building Inspector; Judy A. Mack and John Morris, abutters.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that after the Public Hearing, held December 18, 1978, to discuss the possibility of using the Parkinson Land for the Town's Dog Pound, he was directed to reschedule the matter of the use of the Parkinson Land so that any interested Town boards, departments and/or commissions could discuss the same with the Selectmen.

Mr. Thompson said that on October 3, 1977, the Board had met with the Conservation Commission, in Executive Session, to discuss a communication dated June 17, 1977, from them expressing their interest in having the Parkinson Land under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Thompson said that the Town had received a request from John Cutting (not present tonight) some time ago requesting to rent the Parkinson Land for agricultural purposes, and Mr. Thompson explained that this is a good method of keeping the field (Parkinson Land) from becoming overgrown.

Conservation Commission member, Judith A. Cope, stated that she has been working on a report concerning a comparison of conservation land owned by various towns around, and including Sudbury. Mrs. Cope continued to say that Sudbury's Conservation Commission owns 2% of the land in the Town of Sudbury compared to 5.7% in Wayland, 11% in Lincoln, and 12% in Weston. Chairman Murray responded that he questioned whether or not Mrs. Cope's figures took into consideration total land area of the respective towns.

Mrs. Cope displayed a map of the area under discussion and explained that the Conservation Commission feels that the Parkinson Land would be a favorable

addition to the abutting Minebrook Marsh Conservation land by providing open space and increasing the present accesses to the Minebrook Reservation.

Abutter John Morris asked the Board why he has not heard from them relative to a request he made at the Board's meeting on December 18th for the option to make an offer to buy the Parkinson Land.

Selectman Murray said that Mr. Morris' request is part of the official record and on file in the Selectmen's office. Selectman Murray said that a final decision will be made in the near future regarding the different options recently discussed for the use of the Parkinson Land, and there being no further discussion, he thanked everyone for their interest in attending tonight's meeting.

Chairman Murray recessed the meeting at 9:55 p.m. for a five-minute coffee break; the meeting was called back to order at 10:00 p.m.

Minutes

It was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular and executive sessions of December 18, 1978, as amended.

Sale of Alcoholic Beverages During Town Election

It was on motion by Selectman John E. Murray unanimously

VOTED: To allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by common victuallers and retail package stores during the polling hours of the Town election on January 22, 1979.

Current Items of Interest

The Executive Secretary brought the Board's attention to a communication dated January 2, 1979, from Joseph A. Ferrecchia, Mayor of Marlborough, which he read, requesting participation at a meeting of representatives of surrounding communities regarding their common problems; the Board directed the Executive Secretary to communicate to the Mayor of Marlborough indicating Sudbury's interest in the same.

The Executive Secretary stated that the Finance Committee will be discussing the Selectmen's and Unclassified Budget at its meeting on January 18th, if the Board would like to attend.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk