

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1979
126th Session

At 8:20 P.M. Chairman John E. Murray convened the 126th session of the Town Fathers Forum and following a reminder that Annual Town Reports or missing signatures on Reports must be turned in to the Selectmen's office this week, Selectman Murray reported the following Board activities during the last two months:

-the Board met with abutters and Town officials relative to use of the Parkinson Land for a dog pound facility and discussion of other possible uses for the land;

-the Village Green site plan was extended to January 15th to allow time for completion of Historic Districts Commission requirements;

-the hearings for the New England Telephone case have ended, but the outcome has not yet been determined;

-extensive work has been done in finalizing articles for the Annual Town Meeting, particularly on the Personnel Classification and Salary Plan and the Police/Fire Headquarters articles;

-the Board supported the Minuteman School in its battle for for full funding under the local aid (Chapter 70) formula;

-the Board also supported the new Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) for the Framingham area, which the Board recently heard will be established;

-the Board accepted the following gifts:

\$500 from the Sudbury Foundation for the Council on Aging Christmas Party, etc.;

\$1,000 from the Sudbury Foundation for the Town's Charity Fund; and

\$25 from the family of Kenneth and Harriett Ritchie for the Rice Museum Fund;

-the Board announced a bequest from the Will of Harry Rice to the Town of substantial funds for the eventual building of a museum of American history, particularly American Indian history, and the history of New England and Sudbury;

-the Board met with the Historical Commission for a general discussion relative to the future work of that Commission, in particular relating to the Hosmer House;

-the Board reviewed all operating budgets under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen;

-a communication was received from Secretary Matthews of the Executive Office of Communities and Development that cities and towns should plan their budgets and ultimate tax levy at last year's level;

-the following appointments were made by the Board:

Marvis Fickett as Civil Defense Radio Operator;

Jack Heiser to the Talent Search Committee;

Forrest Bradshaw, Donald Max, and high school student David Murphy as Town Historians; and

Robert Melley to the Police Auxiliary;

-the Board accepted the resignation of Valmore White as Constable;

-the Board requested the State Department of Public Works to proceed as soon as possible with the widening of Route 20 in the area of Nobscot Road and Union Avenue;

-the site plan application from Granco Realty Trust (60 Union Avenue) was denied without prejudice;

-the Board approved a change in the premises for the 99 Restaurant;

-the Board met with petitioners relative to placing a non-binding public opinion advisory question relative to the width of Landham Road on the ballot for the Annual Election, and referred the petition back to the petitioners for further signatures (10% of the Town's registered voters);

-Donald Bishop, at the Selectmen's suggestion, has agreed to attend meetings, on Sudbury's behalf, of a Lexington area committee studying proposals for regional cable television;

-the Board approved and submitted a pre-application, following public hearings, to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding in the amount of \$100,000 under the Small Cities/Community Development Program, for the purpose of continuing Sudbury's housing rehabilitation program;

-the MAPC's pre-application for funding assistance to municipalities which are part of the 128 West Resource Recovery Council for analyzing resource recovery for solid waste disposal was endorsed;

-a special License for Transient Sales and bus parking in the Town Hall parking lot for the Sudbury Winter Carnival, being conducted February 3rd at Featherland Park by the Sudbury Parent Association, were approved;

-the Board notified the City of Marlboro that Sudbury would be interested in participating in their suggested area meeting to discuss common problems;

-the Board authorized borrowing \$1,000,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes due May 10, 1979;

-the Selectmen met with affected boards relative to site plan procedures, and plan to formulate methods of making this process smoother;

-the Warrant for the 1979 Annual Town Meeting has been ordered, and Consent Calendar articles have been determined in conjunction with the Town Moderator;

-the Board announced that Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson has been elected President of the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association and is a voting member of the Governor's Local Government Advisory Committee.

Chairman Murray announced a reception in honor of William F. Toomey, former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, to be held on February 11, 1979, at the Wayside Inn (Ford Room) from 2-5 p.m. - donations are \$5 per person.

Myron J. Fox - Board of Appeals

Mr. Fox said that at the Board's organizational meeting, he was elected Chairman, and Ronald G. Adolph was elected Clerk. Mr. Fox indicated that the Board met with the Finance Committee last week for its budget review; and mentioned that there is a vacancy on the Board of Appeals (Associate Member) at the present time.

Town Counsel - Department of Public Utilities Case 18153

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson commented that copies of the briefs filed relative to the Department of Public Utilities Case #18153 are available in the Selectmen's office.

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny stated that the hearings relative to the above-mentioned case were completed in December; that the Town brief was filed on January 12, 1979; following which a reply brief to New England Telephone's brief was also filed, on January 22, 1979. Mr. Kenny said that the Town should receive notification of the decision shortly.

Mr. Kenny reported that a resident of Wayland, Stanley Robinson, has also filed a brief requesting that he be allowed to intervene in support of the petitioners; and that petitioner, Estelle Simon, has also filed a three-page brief reiterating her position in the case.

Frank H. Grinnell - Board of Assessors

Mr. Grinnell reported that he attended an assessor's meeting last week, attended by over three hundred assessors, who jointly agreed that "classification" would not go into effect this year. State Senator McCarthy (Bridgewater) has indicated he will file legislation in the Senate in an attempt to have it delayed another year.

Eileen M. Todd - Talent Search Committee

Mrs. Todd requested that a page be placed in the back of the 1979 Town Warrant for the purpose of advertising for recruits for the Talent Search list. Mrs. Todd said that this was done last year and was very successful.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of Mrs. Todd's request.

Floyd Stiles, Jr. - Committee on Town Administration (CTA)

Mr. Stiles reported that the Committee has not met since before the holidays; that the CTA has submitted their Warrant reports; their annual report will be submitted this week. Mr. Stiles said that the CTA welcomes any new ideas for CTA studies; the CTA would like to begin new activities in February.

Alan H. Grathwohl - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee (LSRSDC)

Mr. Grathwohl indicated that on January 30th, the LSRSDC will vote on its budget, which, at the present time, is up 5.7%.

Mr. Grathwohl announced a meeting to be held on Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. (an open meeting with the faculty) to discuss Committee member Joan W. Wofford's proposals for fees for certain course credits to help offset budget costs.

Patricia F. Hersey - Historical Commission

Ms. Hersey reported that the Commission met this evening with the Finance Committee on their budget. Also, Ms. Hersey indicated they would like to make a presentation at the next Forum dealing with the Hosmer House.

Josiah F. Frost - Fire Chief

Chief Frost announced that the "open burning" season has been extended this year from January 15th to March 15th; that the same rules and regulations apply this year as last year; and that a permit is required and can be obtained from the Fire Department.

Chief Frost said that the Fire Department has made 95 runs in the past month (a normal amount as compared to the past four months); the recent rain and flooding was handled efficiently by the Fire Department; Chief Frost express his appreciation for all those who helped themselves, unlike past experience of the Department.

Chief Frost said that 3.1" of rain was measured, and that if this had been snow, the results would have been another "February Blizzard"!

John H. Wilson - Town Accountant

Mr. Wilson reported that the Finance Committee will be acting on the total budget on January 23rd and 24th; those dates will be extended, if necessary. Mr. Wilson stated that the total Government budget was up about \$100,000 this year, which he indicated was very good compared to other years. Mr. Wilson also reported that to date the budget is within the voluntary 7% Presidential Guidelines.

David Murphy - Town Historian

Chairman Murray introduced David Murphy, a high school student who was recently appointed as Town Historian. Selectman Murray stated that David may work on a history brief of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School and its relationship to our community.

James V. Merloni - Town Engineer

Mr. Merloni reported that the Landham Road project is still on schedule, and concurred with the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, to report the same to the residents of Landham Road.

Susan Hayden - Planning Board Secretary

Mrs. Hayden reported that the Planning Board is finalizing their Cluster Zoning Bylaw, and that a hearing will be held relative to the same on February 1st at 8:00 p.m. at the Planning Board's meeting.

Robert B. Williams - Sudbury Housing Authority

Mr. Williams reported that the Sudbury Housing Authority has taken the final steps in completing the Congregate Housing Project to include 15 units of housing for the handicapped, subject to approvals by HUD.

Mr. Williams said that the Sudbury Housing Authority is presently looking into a possible location for the housing and have submitted two petition articles for authorization of the housing project and its location.

Lynne H. Remington - Conservation Commission

Mrs. Remington stated that the Commission had two "on site" inspections by the State relative to Wetlands Protection; that the Wetlands subcommittee is attempting to streamline their operating procedure for administering the Wetlands Protection Act; and that ten roads will be submitted under the "Scenic Roads" article for the 1979 Annual Town Meeting. (Notice of a public hearing to be held on January 30th, has been sent to all abutters; the purpose of the hearing will be to explain the "Scenic Road" bylaw so that people will understand it before attending Town Meeting.)

Chairman Murray adjourned the Forum at 8:45 P.M. for coffee and conversation.