

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 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 Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Regionalization of Fire Department Functions - Responding to Maynard Selectmen

Present: Josiah F. Frost, Fire Chief.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson called the Board's attention to a communication dated May 30, 1979, from Robert A. Mercier, Administrative Assistant to the Maynard Board of Selectmen, concerning regionalization of Fire Department functions.

Mr. Thompson pointed out that a previous vote of the Board on January 3, 1978, favored the regionalization of a fire dispatch center subject to the mutual consensus of sub-region towns - Acton, Concord, Maynard and Stow; Chief Frost stated that both Concord and Maynard rejected the plan at that time.

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, the Board requested the Fire Chief to act as liaison, on behalf of the Selectmen, with the Town of Maynard, and directed the Executive Secretary to so respond to Mr. Mercier, also indicating the Sudbury Selectmen's interest in regionalization of certain fire department functions.

Route 117 as Scenic Route

Addressing a request dated May 30, 1979, from the Maynard Board of Selectmen to schedule a joint meeting to discuss the possibility of establishing Route 117 as a Scenic Route, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to inform the Maynard Selectmen of the Town of Sudbury's recent Town Meeting experience with an article dealing with scenic roads in the Town and its rejection of the same.

On the recommendation of Selectman Cossart, the Board directed Mr. Thompson to request from the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board their recommendations regarding establishing Route 117 as a Scenic Route to be presented to the Maynard Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Thompson stated that in the past, there have been regionalized meetings of Boards of Selectmen, and recommended scheduling one if the Board desired. The Board concurred and suggested a South Middlesex area meeting to be held, possibly at the Wayside Inn, in the fall.

Department of Public Works (DPW) Federal Aid Project - Widening of Route 20

The Board reviewed a communication dated June 1, 1979, from Commissioner Dean P. Amidon of the DPW informing the Board that the Department's Project Review Committee approved the widening of Route 20 in the area of Nobscot Road and Union Avenue as a Federal Aid Project, and that design work will commence following receipt of federal Highway Administration authorization.

The Executive Secretary noted that this is an official letter indicating that funding should be available soon and informing us of priority status of this local project. Mr. Thompson stated that the application to the DPW, approved by the Board, probably included that portion of Route 20 from Nobscot Road to Raymond Road, and that it would probably take a couple of years before the contract for the widening went out for bid.

Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) Draft Report on Upper Sudbury River Study Amendment

The Board reviewed a communication dated May 31, 1979, from the Sudbury Conservation Commission to the MDC regarding the MDC's draft report on an Upper Sudbury River Study Amendment and noted that a public meeting concerning the same subject was held on June 6th at the Sudbury Town Hall.

The Board directed Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson to communicate to the MDC the Board of Selectmen's support of the Conservation Commission's comments in their communication of May 31st to the MDC.

Village Green Site

The Executive Secretary called the Board's attention to communications dated June 4, 1979, from Raymond A. Johnson, President, Coolidge Bank and Trust Company, and May 29, 1979, from Donnilea Marshall, Chairman, Historic Districts Commission, relative to the progress of work at the Village Green site.

The Board agreed that its main concern has been related to safety and health problems, and it appears that these basic issues are being handled in a timely manner at this time. The Executive Secretary stated that he would continue to give the Board any communications related to the progress of work at the Village Green site for informational purposes.

Resignation

The Board accepted with regret the letter of resignation dated June 1, 1979, from Alan Carpenter of the Personnel Board, effective June 30, 1979, and directed the Executive Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Carpenter for his service on that Board.

Current Items of Interest

Board of Appeals

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Chairman of the Board of Appeals, Myron J. Fox, has verbally communicated to him that the Board of Appeals will interview Harold Jacobi for possible appointment to their Board.

Coatings Engineering

Selectman Cossart stated that he visited Coatings Engineering last week with Health Director John Sullivan. Selectman Cossart commented that the water treatment equipment is in place, but he is doubtful of its adequacy to meet environmental regulations.

Chairman Murray suggested that the Town departments, such as the Water District, the Board of Health and the Conservation Commission should be brought together to reach a consensus on the testing of certain Town waters.

Selectman Cossart responded that he had asked Mr. Sullivan to try to obtain the names of some water testing labs, and suggested that, in the meantime, the Board should schedule a meeting with the Conservation Commission, the Board of Health and the Water District to review the matter of wastewater discharge from Coatings Engineering and possible downstream contamination. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to arrange such a meeting.

Heritage Park (CETA)

In conjunction with a communication dated June 8, 1979, from Town Engineer James V. Merloni, and on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion by Selectman Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the expenditure of \$2,000 from the Heritage Park Project Account to continue work on approximately 700 feet of walkways, cleaning and draining of the pond, and reconstruction of the headwall, to be expended under the direction of the Town Engineer and the Executive Secretary.

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that CETA had requested that CETA personnel in Sudbury receive more training in a classroom-like situation, rather than strictly on-the-job training and Mr. Thompson recommended that perhaps the Town Engineer, as well as the Town Accountant, become involved in this area. The Selectmen concurred.

Easements

In accordance with a communication dated June 8, 1979, from the Highway Department, and on the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town of Sudbury, six slope easements for Landham Road from the following people:

William G. & Joan E. Benker, dated May 28, 1979;
Kenneth J. & Shirley A. Moreau, dated June 4, 1979;
Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, dated May 17, 1979;
Frederick J. & Ann E. Gumbs, dated June 5, 1979;
Peter S. & Rosemary A. Langmaid, dated May 9, 1979; and
Miles P. & Evelyn L. Robinson, dated June 5, 1979.

Landfill Operation/Use

Present: Robert A. Noyes, Highway Surveyor.

Chairman Murray commented that there seems to be excessive use of the Sudbury Landfill by out-of-towners, and suggested that residents be notified that they will be expected to have landfill stickers on their cars by the end of August in order to use the dump.

The Highway Surveyor stated that most of the offenders come from Wayland, usually early Monday mornings, when their landfill is closed, and further responded to Chairman Murray that he would like to recheck traffic counts on Mondays and continue the use of a police officer, from time to time, to check those cars entering without a sticker.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that it would be very helpful to alert residents that the landfill will be patrolled to encourage the use of stickers.

Mr. Noyes stated that he would like to have the landfill stickers enclosed with the individual tax bills in August. He said that the new stickers will be coded to discourage swapping or exchange of stickers and include instructions for use and placement. (Those families needing more than one sticker can obtain additional stickers, coded for their second vehicle, etc. at the Highway Department.)

Mr. Noyes added that he is now waiting for a cost estimate from a computer company for the new stickers, and that upon receipt of the same he would consult the Board.

Selectman Cossart suggested closing the dump on Mondays to save money; Mr. Thompson stated that only commercial trucks, in his opinion, should be allowed to use the dump on Mondays so as not to create a hardship. Mr. Noyes suggested doing further traffic counts on Mondays before making that decision, and suggested limited use hours on Monday. Selectman Hotch commented that if the dump were to be closed on Mondays, commercial trucking companies should be able to rearrange their schedules accordingly.

In conclusion, Mr. Noyes said that he would monitor Monday use and get back to the Board. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to schedule further discussion for the use and operation of the landfill at its next meeting on July 9th and request Mr. Noyes and Town Engineer James V. Merloni to be present. Selectman Hotch requested that Mr. DeFranco be present also, and that some discussion focus on the rules and regulations regarding the use of the landfill as it relates to his question of disposal of debris from the demolition of his property on Union Avenue.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk