

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1979

Present: Robert J. Hotch and William J. Cossart.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 8:30 P.M. by Acting Chairman Robert J. Hotch.

Joint Meeting - Article 13 Police/Fire Headquarters

Present: Josiah F. Frost, Fire Chief; James A. Pitts, Chairman, Susan Smith and Frederick P. Armstrong, Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee; John L. Reutlinger, Chairman, James F. Goodman, Edward P. Rawson, Franklin B. Davis and Daniel A. Woolley, Permanent Building Committee.

Acting Chairman Robert J. Hotch convened a joint meeting with the Fire Chief, the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee (LRCEC) and the Permanent Building Committee (PBC), relative to Article 13, Police/Fire Headquarters.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson indicated that the purpose of tonight's meeting is to reach a consensus on the Board's last action on February 26, 1979, which was a majority action, to print Article 13 in the 1979 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as recommended by the Chairman of the PBC, for \$7,500 to update and prepare the general plans and specifications and bid documents for a joint facility, prior to proceeding to Town Meeting on that basis.

Selectman Hotch asked the Chairman of the PBC, John L. Reutlinger, to update the Board on their last meeting with the Police and Fire Chiefs and the LRCEC.

Mr. Reutlinger stated that the consensus of the meeting was to proceed with the article for a joint facility; that the need had not changed since 1974 when the original plans began; and in answer to Selectman Hotch, stated that their opinion would be the same even if preparation of specifications and bid documents for a combined facility had not been completed.

Chairman James A. Pitts, LRCEC, concurred with Mr. Reutlinger and stated that they are sympathetic to the needs of the Police/Fire Departments, especially after the tour of the facilities last December; and further, that firm plans should be formed now due to escalating costs. Mr. Pitts also agreed that their recommendation of a joint facility would be the same even without the 1974 plans; and confirmed their previous position not to favor some of the recommendations in the original plan, such as the indoor shooting range.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost stated that he favored a \$1.2 million figure in the article, as the \$7,500 planning money, in his opinion, would prolong the project.

Selectman Hotch expressed his opinion that it will be difficult to convey to Town Meeting the obvious inadequacies within the Police and Fire Headquarters, made significantly apparent following their tour of the facilities, and asked Chief Frost what he would see become more efficient by a combined facility.

Chief Frost stated that the joint facility would improve efficiency in fire operations and operating costs, especially as it relates to location and facilities for training and fire prevention.

Selectman William J. Cossart expressed his opinion that the following facts indicate insufficient reason and logic for consideration of a 1.2 million dollar facility; that there must be an alternate method for correcting the present Police and Fire facilities:

1) although the Police facility is totally inadequate in its present condition, there is the possibility of raising the roof of the present building to include a second floor. He continued to say that although there are inadequacies within the central Fire facility, there are two out-station facilities which are quite adequate;

2) the fact that it will never cost "less" is not justification for proceeding with a joint facility now; and

3) in 1974 when the original plans were drawn up for a joint facility, there was Federal funding available for this type of facility, which is no longer available - this is a serious difference in reconsidering the issue at this time.

After Chairman Reutlinger confirmed that there was a good possibility that the roof on the Police Station could be raised, with no problem in zoning or otherwise, Selectman Cossart continued by asking the Fire Chief's opinion concerning renovations to the existing central Fire Headquarters.

Chief Frost stated that there is no possible area for additional expansion to the present facility.

Chairman Pitts added that part of the original master plan was to expand the office space for Town Hall employees when the Central Fire Headquarters was relocated. The Executive Secretary confirmed this fact, and that the need still exists for expansion of the administrative offices of the Town Hall; and that federal Civil Defense funding is still available for a joint communications center in the proposed Police/Fire facility.

In answer to Selectman Cossart, Chairman Reutlinger agreed with Selectman Cossart that there might be other alternatives to a joint facility, but that there is not sufficient time before Town Meeting to explore other possibilities.

Selectman Hotch contended that the most economical way to proceed would be a joint facility, and said that he hoped the Town will ultimately recognize the inadequacies and appropriate the funds for planning the joint Police/Fire headquarters.

Following further discussion it was a consensus of those present that the motion presented at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting should contain a provision allowing further exploration of options, other than a new joint facility, for furnishing adequate Police and Fire facilities, and it was further agreed that Town Counsel would prepare such a motion incorporating wording to accomplish the foregoing consensus.

Signing the Warrant for the 1979 Annual Town Meeting

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign the Warrant for the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)-Housing Rehabilitation
Pre-application

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson brought the Board's attention to a communication dated February 15, 1979, from the MAPC relative to its A-95 review of Sudbury's pre-application for HUD/CDBG Small Cities Grant for housing rehabilitation, and recommended that the Board request more specific data from the MAPC to further justify their negative response to the application. Mr. Thompson stated that, contrary to the MAPC's communication, he believes encouraging low and moderate income families to bring their homes up to code standards is still a priority for requesting a grant through this program.

Selectman William J. Cossart suggested that MAPC designee, Joan C. Irish, be consulted for her analysis and comment before the Board takes any further action on it.

On the recommendation of Selectman Robert J. Hotch, the Board agreed to request Mrs. Irish's written comments on MAPC's A-95 Review of Sudbury's Preapplication for HUD Housing Rehabilitation funds.

Bonded Constable - Communication from Philip A. Robinson

The Board reviewed a communication dated February 14, 1979, from Philip A. Robinson, Constable, requesting that consideration be given to appointing him as a constable in Sudbury.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that it has been the past practice of the Town to elect its Constables, and referenced a communication dated February 16, 1979, from Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi indicating that this practice should continue. Mr. Thompson stated that he verified with John R. MacLean, Jr., the Town's Constable, that he is bonded.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Mr. Robinson for his inquiry, and inform him that the Town's services are adequate at the present time.

Selectman William J. Cossart requested that a copy of the Police Chief's communication dated February 16, 1979, be forwarded to Mr. Robinson.

Selectmen's final position on 1979-80 Operating Budget Items
and Collective Bargaining

It was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To table the question of the Selectmen taking a final position on certain Fiscal Year 1979-80 Operating Budget items and the matter of Collective Bargaining

until the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of March 12th, in the absence of Chairman John E. Murray.

Progressive System of Dog Fines

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reviewed that at the Board's February 20th meeting, Selectman William J. Cossart requested the Executive Secretary to communicate with Town Counsel relative to the use by the Town of Sudbury of a progressive fines system to possibly help correct the situation of repeated offenders of the Town's leash law, and the State statute relative to maximum annual fines.

Selectman William J. Cossart read a communication prepared by Assistant Town Counsel Thomas French, dated February 26, 1979, outlining a draft proposal to implement a progressive system of dog fines.

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, the Board endorsed Town Counsel's recommendation as an article and requested that it be placed on file for the next Special or Annual Town Meeting.

Rules and Regulations for Special Police

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reviewed the following communications relative to Special Police, Rules and Regulations: 1) a memorandum dated February 5, 1979, to the Police Chief from Richard E. Thompson, Executive Secretary, enclosing proposed duties/rules and regulations pertaining to Special Police; 2) a communication dated February 7, 1979, from the Police Chief responding to the Selectmen that he is in complete disagreement with the above-mentioned proposal; and 3) a report dated February 23, 1979, from Town Counsel addressing the subject.

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

VOTED: To table further discussion of Special Police Rules and Regulations, for further review of the subject, on the recommendation of Selectman William J. Cossart.

Appointments

Resignation-Personnel Board

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Daniel McLean dated February 26, 1979, from the Personnel Board, effective immediately, and directed the Executive Secretary to write a letter of thanks to Mr. McLean for his service on that Board.

Appointment-Historical Commission

Following a review of a list of candidates interested in serving on the Historical Commission, it was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Winifred C. Fitzgerald, 200 Concord Road, to the Historical Commission, for a term to expire April 30, 1981, to fill the vacancy left by the

resignation of Patricia F. Hersey, former Chairman of the Historical Commission, subject to her approval.

Remaining Appointments

It was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To table the remaining appointments until responses are received from the department chairmen relative to their recommendations for appointments to their committee.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table the minutes of the regular session of February 20, 1979, until Chairman Murray could be present;

and it was further

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session of February 26, 1979, as amended.

Current Items of Interest

Ephraim's Temporary Sign

On the recommendation of Selectman William J. Cossart, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to notify the Sign Review Board of the Board's concern and dissatisfaction regarding the issuance of another extension permit for the temporary sign for Ephraim's.

Minutes of February 13, 1979-Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District
School Committee (LSRSDC)

Selectman William J. Cossart clarified that the Board does not plan to participate in the Executive Internship Program, as indicated in the LSRSDC minutes of February 13, 1979, item VI, c., until such a program is approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Executive Secretary stated that he will be meeting with Mrs. Irina P. Schmid on March 13th to discuss the same and that he would report back to the Board.

In addition, the Executive Secretary addressed Selectman Robert J. Hotch's question relative to said minutes, item V. f, by stating that he had received a letter from Superintendent David Levington endorsing the Building Services Group (BSG), and that Mr. Levington will be forwarding an official vote of endorsement from the LSRSDC to the Board.

Sanitary Landfill

At the request of Selectman Robert J. Hotch, the Executive Secretary was directed to communicate to Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes regarding the Town Engineer's #17 inspection report dated February 28, 1979 and the deficiencies noted therein.

Joint Meeting with Department Heads

Selectman Robert J. Hotch suggested scheduling the annual Saturday meeting with all Department heads relative to 1979-80 fiscal affairs of the Town and the 1979 Annual Town Meeting, as soon as possible.

Sign Review Board

The Board reviewed a draft of a notice to be sent by Town Counsel to those firms still in violation of the Sign Bylaw and directed Town Counsel to proceed with mailing the same.

Town Dog Pound

Present: James V. Merloni, Town Engineer; William W. Cooper, Chairman, Board of Health; L. Thomas Linden, Wayland Selectman; Lynne H. Remington, Conservation Commission; Darell Greg, Wayland Engineering Department.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reviewed that the Board had met on several occasions to discuss various proposed sites for a Town dog pound, and that hopefully tonight the Board would reach a decision on the location recently inspected by them, along with the Conservation Commission, at the Sudbury Landfill area on Route 20.

Mr. Thompson stated that abutters to the area have been notified by telephone of tonight's meeting, (and that they will receive a copy of the minutes) and that Selectman L. Thomas Linden of Wayland is in attendance tonight. Mr. Thompson stated that he was informed by the Town Engineer that Roy F. Weston, Environmental Consultants/Designers, the architect and engineers of the proposed Wayland/Sudbury joint septage facility, indicated some concern regarding exit and entrance points to the landfill area; however, Mr. Merloni indicated his support of the proposed site in a portion of the southeast quadrant of the Sanitary Landfill, part of the area originally designated to be used for the Wayland/Sudbury joint septage facility. (See Board's vote of June 26, 1978)

Wayland Selectman L. Thomas Linden reviewed with the Board several alternative plans for exit and entrance to the facility, and it was a consensus, by the Board after review, that the third alternate, entering from the Wayland side on Rt. 20 and exiting from the Sudbury side on Rt. 20, appeared to be the best suited to regulate the traffic flow from a public safety standpoint.

It was also a consensus that the proposed dog pound facility would be placed on a portion of the southeast quadrant of the Sanitary Landfill so as not to interfere with the proposed joint Wayland/Sudbury septage facility site.

The Town Engineer informed the Board that he would forward a copy of the plans to Mr. Weston tomorrow.

Following further discussion it was on motion by Selectman Robert J. Hotch unanimously

VOTED: To approve the site on the southeast area of the Sudbury Sanitary Landfill on Route 20 for location of a Town Dog Pound, subject to confirmation of the site

location by the Town Engineer in conjunction with Roy F. Weston, Environmental Consultants/Designers;

and it was further

VOTED: To authorize the Dog Officer to proceed with an application to the Board of Appeals for a variance, and to proceed with preparing specifications and bidding documents.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk