

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1979

At 8:10 p.m. Chairman Robert J. Hotch convened the 131st session of the Town Fathers Forum and reported the following Board activities during the last month:

- The Board of Selectmen met with the following Boards:

Council on Aging, and supported drop-in center at Memorial Congregational Church parsonage;

Board of Registrars and Town Clerk

MBTA Designee

The three school districts regarding upcoming budgets and town meeting

Historic Districts Commission

Park and Recreation Commission and Conservation Commission regarding riding ring facility.

- The Board made the following appointments:

Joseph R. Atwood to the Board of Registrars.

Michael Davis as Town Historian.

- The Selectmen authorized an expenditure of monies from the Raymond Mausoleum Account for repairs to the Mausoleum.
- Town Counsel was requested to prepare a ballot question to accept Chapter 396 of the General Laws, in order for the Town to continue to indemnify municipal officers.
- The Selectmen endorsed the Boston Region Transportation Improvement Program for 1980-84.
- A response to the Division of Water Pollution Control was filed on request for comments on Coatings' discharge permit.
- The Board approved a site plan for HyComp, Inc., Drake Realty Park.
- Bids were rejected for dog pound construction and the Board is proceeding with the next step required by statute.
- The Selectmen have begun preliminary steps in the bargaining process for next year's contracts.
- The Selectmen contracted for providing a Historic Structures Report for the Hosmer House and for printing the 1979 Town Report and Proceedings.
- The Board accepted, on behalf of the Town, a \$25 donation to the Hosmer Memorial Fund.

- The Ruling of the Department of Public Utilities Case #18153 - Sudbury's request for Extended Local Service - dated November 26, 1979, was summarized as follows:

ELS was not allowed as requested.

Expanded Community Calling Service (ECCS) was allowed with the following changes: 1. free calling was extended to 2 hours, formerly 1; and 2. the 9-12 a.m. restriction to calling time was removed.

The question remains whether businesses are included for ECCS service.

The Board will review the entire decision with Town Counsel, before commenting further.

Myron J. Fox - Board of Appeals

Mr. Fox announced the appointment of a new Associate Member to the Board of Appeals and the Earth Removal Board - Eileen C. Reutlinger.

Lawrence Faye - Personnel Board

Mr. Faye stated that the Personnel Board plans to be involved with collective bargaining this year; the Board is concerned with personnel procedures and met to discuss the evaluation procedure; the Personnel Board members have been assigned specific liaison assignments; an area of concern involves the recent development of new Town employee unions.

Representative Ann C. Gannett

Representative Gannett referenced the DPU release, stating that it applies State-wide; criticized the "trick or treat" legislative pay raise, stating that she had filed for a return of her share to the Towns of Sudbury, Lincoln and Wayland at the end of Fiscal Year 1980; Representative Gannett talked about certain areas of tax relief to the towns.

Anne W. Donald, Goodnow Library Trustees

Mrs. Donald spoke about a petition to put the legislators' pay raise on the ballot next year. Representative Gannett stated that the petition has to be approved and that she would get a copy to the Town.

Judith A. Cope - Conservation Commission

Mrs. Cope reported that the Conservation Commission needs a secretary.

Joan C. Irish - MAPC Designee

Mrs. Irish stated that she had attended the annual meeting of the MAPC.

John C. Cutting - Planning Board

Mr. Cutting reported that the Planning Board is working with the Town Engineer revising the subdivision rules and regulations; that the Planning Board has been working on changes to the zoning bylaws for Annual Town Meeting, and is working on a sixteen lot subdivision off Dakin Road in North Sudbury.

Edward L. Glazer - Finance Committee

Mr. Glazer reported a scheduled hearing on 1980 Annual Town Meeting non-monies' articles on December 6, 1979, and that the final budget vote will be taken on January 26th beginning with the Sudbury schools.

Richard H. Davison, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee

Mr. Davison expressed thanks, on behalf of the faculty of the High School, for the kind words and expressions of sympathy on the recent death of Mr. Frank Hayes. Mr. Davison reported briefly on a serious fire at the High School today, reporting that no one was hurt. He also reported that the High School is over the hurdles with the Sudbury Water District so that the High School will be erecting an antenna tower for a radio station on Water District property. Mr. Davison stated that the bussing situation will be discussed at a School Committee meeting tomorrow night in hopes of settling the subject.

David Levington - Superintendent of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Mr. Levington briefly reported on the fire at the High School today, which occurred at 2:20 in a locked boys' rest room that was broken into and set afire (pile of leaves).

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Fire Chief Frost reported on the seriousness of the High School fire as follows: the fires are getting more serious at the High School - there were six fires in November of various magnitude and consequently the Fire Department has had to rearrange equipment among the various stations in order to be prepared to respond quickly; the staff at the High School is working to assist the Fire Department, but there is resistance by the student population preventing the Fire Department from evacuating the building efficiently and from getting apparatus into the building.

The Chief stressed the importance of the use of smoke detectors by homeowners and stated that a bill, signed by the Governor, may mandate the use of smoke detectors. The Fire Department is working on budgets for next year with the Permanent Building Committee on plans for a new Fire Station headquarters.

Selectman Cossart stated that he would like to arrange a drive for smoke detectors in the Town. Chief Frost stated that he would be glad to support the Selectmen in that endeavor.

Nancy D. Lewis - Park and Recreation Commission

Ms. Lewis stated that the Park and Recreation Commissioners have been concerned with the budget. The following are some of the programs sponsored by the Park and Recreation Commission: soccer program (needs gyms to meet their needs during winter months when shaping up for spring Boys Soccer); a par course has been developed at the Hop Brook Conservation area - officially opened a week ago; working out tentative plans for a horseback riding facility on the Mossman Road grounds; plans are being formulated for First Night 1980.

Albert S. Feinberg - Sudbury Housing Authority and Council on Aging

Mr. Feinberg stated that the Sudbury Housing Authority has applied for funding for ten additional low income houses in Sudbury; however, prices exceed the HUD specifications.

Mr. Feinberg reported that the annual Christmas Party for the Council on Aging will be held on December 18 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wayside Inn.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson

Mr. Thompson reported that the Building Department has been very busy - there have been 67 building related permits. Mr. Thompson referenced a letter dated October 15, 1979, responding to the Governor relative to the Town's planning efforts coordinated by the Civil Preparedness Officer, Josiah F. Frost, for this coming winter, which he read. Mr. Thompson stated that the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association has prepared a fact finder booklet entitled "Where to Find Help". Also, at the request of the Selectmen a lecture will be scheduled relative to home heating and energy conservation sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Northeast Regional Extension Service and will be advertised in the Bentley's Calendar.

At 9:10 p.m. Chairman Hotch recessed the meeting for coffee and conversation; the meeting was called back to order at 9:30 p.m.