

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1979
129th Session

At 8:15 P.M. Chairman Murray convened the 129th session of the Town Fathers Forum and reported the following activities during the past summer months:

- The Board took the following site plan action:

Approved: J. R. Sousa & Sons, Taylor Rental Sales, Granco Realty Trust, Raytheon Company and Joseph DeFranco.
Renewed: S. F. Doyle & Co., Inc.

- The following resignations were accepted:

Alan Carpenter from the Personnel Board, Lynne Remington from the Conservation Commission, Miles Robinson from the Board of Registrars, David D. Horn from the Board of Appeals, E. James Mulcahy from the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee, and Francis E. White as Building Inspector.

- The following appointments were made:

Police Department: three Special Police Officers - Richard Hession, Jeffrey Nix, and Douglas Fowle; two Policewomen/Crossing Guards - Lynne Fitzgerald and Josephine Bisson; Administrative Assistant - Sergeant Peter Lembo; Special Constable for Traffic Duty Only - Thomas Litchfield;

Approved: the provisional promotion of John R. MacLean as (Acting) Sergeant; the hiring of two civilian dispatchers; and Civil Service reinstatement proceedings for the employment of Earle D. Ryder.

Martha Coe to the Talent Search Committee; Maurice Fitzgerald to the Board of Registrars; Shepard Johnson to the Council on Aging; Joseph LoPresti to the Council on Aging, Ex-Officio; Hugh Caspe to the Conservation Commission; Richard Hill to the Historical Commission; Henry P. Sorett to the Personnel Board; David G. Berry to the Board of Appeals; Harold Jacobi, III, and Harvey Peters to the Board of Appeals Associates and Earth Removal Board.

Election Officers, MCAB Liaison and MMA Legislative Liaison.

- The Board established the Building Services Group and appointed three members: Francis E. White, Richard Santella and David Benson; established the Audit Selection and Review Committee and appointed Selectman Hotch, Edward Glazer, Jon Sirota, Eric Simonsen and F. Crawford Reed to this committee.

- The following Proclamations and Resolutions were issued:

John J. O'Neill Day, June 14, 1979;
United Way Week, October 14-20, 1979; and
United Way Month, October, 1979; and
two Eagle Scout Resolutions.

- The Board met with the following:

Coatings Engineering relative to wastewater discharge;
the Water District, Conservation Commission and the Board of Health relative
to water testing;
General meetings with: the Planning Board, the Town Accountant, the Building
Services Group, the Library Trustees and Director, the Personnel Board, the
Permanent Landscape Committee and the Tree Warden, the Permanent Building
Committee, the Building Inspector, the Board of Health and the Operational
Review Committee, the Highway Surveyor to approve operations of the Landfill;
Representatives from Maynard relative to the designation of Route 117 as
a Scenic Route;
The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge Manager, David Beall, relative to the Rice
property and Elbanobscot;
Leonard Sanders of the Beter Business Bureau relative to an assistance program;
the Mosquito Control Study Committee relative to mosquitos and gypsy moth
problems.

- The Selectmen conducted the following hearings: two dog hearings, two utility
petitions hearings; and three grievances.

- The following licenses were issued: the Storage of Inflammables to J. R. Sousa
& Sons, Donald P. Peirce (two licenses); a Taxi License to Sudbury Gulf Taxi and
a Taxi License to Lincoln Town Cab; three Auctioneer Licenses and three wine
and beer, one-day licenses.

- The Board

awarded fuel oil and servicing bids on Town buildings;
engaged Laventhol & Horwath to do the Town Audit;
assigned the management of the Parkinson (Tax Possession) Land to the Conservation
Commission;
accepted six easements;
signed Tax Anticipation Notes for \$1,000,000;
approved a proposal for participation in LSRHS Executive Internship Program;
signed the Civil Defense Emergency Operations Plan;
filed an application with the Massachusetts Historical Association for funding
for the Hosmer House Survey & Planning Project - Preservation Plan, which was
approved;
accepted a Perpetual Conservation Easement from the Beckwith Estates;
signed off a MAPC Areawide Housing Opportunities Plan and supported the intent
for SHA to apply for Chapter 705 funding;
approved the purchase of the Goodnow Library Membership Pass to the Aquarium;
acted as Fence Viewers;
conducted the merit reviews and set the salaries for department heads;
issued the Warrant to the Dog Officer;
extended the 1 a.m. closing time for restaurant/clubs holding alcoholic
beverage licenses to June 30, 1979 on Friday and Saturday evenings;
amended the Selectmen's Policies and Procedures;
continued monitoring of Village Green;
monitored Landham Road reconstruction - allowed utilities to proceed;
received word of Route 20 widening as a Federal Aid Project - design work
commencing after the DPW gets Federal Highway Administration authorization.

Representative Ann C. Gannett

Mrs. Gannett complimented Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers for her letters to: 1) legislators relative to financial disclosure of Town employees (Representative Gannett later encouraged other individuals to write the State Ethics Committee regarding financial disclosure; Chairman Murray informed Mrs. Gannett that the Board had written to them); and 2) her letter relative to returning to Towns the running of their own elections. Mrs. Gannett expressed interest in the interaction between the Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association and the Governor on the emergency crisis and sympathized with the oil situation; she expressed concern regarding the MDC's water distribution system stating that there should be more concern regarding consumption and repair, rather than diverting water; she stated that the State employees' contract is still not funded.

Myron J. Fox - Board of Appeals

Mr. Fox stated that the Board of Appeals has several new members, and that there is an opening for one Associate member; they will be holding a meeting tomorrow evening at 8 p.m.

Frank H. Grinnell - Board of Assessors

Mr. Grinnell reported that property tax bills will be going out in November and, therefore, will not be due until December 1st, rather than November 1st.

Edward L. Glazer - Finance Committee

Mr. Glazer reported as follows: the Finance Committee has received resignations from Robert A. Norling and Carol McKinley, and Marjorie Wallace has recently been appointed to fill one of the vacancies; the FinCom has made some decisions regarding the 1979-80 format for budget procedure; they voted to recommend to the 1980 Annual Town Meeting an increase in mileage reimbursement to Town employees from 14¢ to 18.5¢ per mile; the FinCom is anticipating large transfer requests from the Reserve Fund for fuel adjustments and requested that they be alerted if and when departments/committees determine that they will be needing such a transfer.

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

Mr. Davison agreed with Representative Gannett regarding the proposed financial disclosure law; stated that school opening is going well; explained that approximately 4-12 classrooms will be unneeded this year.

David L. Levington - Superintendent of the LSRSDC

Mr. Levington introduced Mr. Joseph D. LoPresti, the new Superintendent of the Sudbury Public Schools.

Donald D. Bishop - Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School
District (MRVTSD)

Mr. Bishop reported that Minuteman had a smooth opening; that three new area towns are joining the Minuteman District; and that construction is being completed on the new access road.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chief Frost reported that the Fire Department had worked with the Regional High School regarding the closing of certain areas within the School, which were surplus areas this year, and will be submitting to the Executive Secretary emergency guidelines.

D. Bruce Langmuir - Permanent Building Committee (PBC)

Mr. Langmuir stated that the PBC will be hiring an architectural firm to work on preliminary schematic plans and estimated project costs for the new Police Station addition and the new central Fire Headquarters.

He updated the Forum attendants on the PBC's activity during the past summer months, as follows:

- sub-committees have been working on plans for the new addition to the Police Station and the new central Fire Headquarters; they visited various area facilities.

- the committee has agreed that a 3,400 square foot addition should be added to the rear of the existing Police Station and that a new central Fire Headquarters should be built on the Oliver Land - the total area of the proposed facility would be 8,000-9,000 square feet; a pitched roof is suggested.

- Mr. Langmuir personally recommended that a group(s) be formed called "Citizens to Support a new Central Fire Station and Citizens to support a Police Station Addition", which would work to inform residents of the need for improved Fire and Police facilities.

- Mr. Langmuir referenced communications between Town Counsel and the PBC relative to repairs to the Fairbank School roof. The Executive Secretary explained that a letter dated September 17, 1979, written by Town Counsel responded to the School Business Manager that it would not be appropriate to use money, appropriated at the 1979 Annual Town Meeting for a new roof, for a consultant firm to develop plans for the temporary patching of the roof, as suggested by the PBC in their letter of September 10, 1979.

James A. Pitts - Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee (LRCEC)

Mr. Pitts reported that the LRCEC has one vacancy, and that they recently made a decision to change the criteria for determining whether an expenditure is a capital improvement by increasing the minimum dollar value to \$20,000 from \$10,000.

John C. Powers - Historical Commission

Mr. Powers introduced two new members of the Historical Commission - Royce Kahler and Richard Hill - and reported that a grant request for the Hosmer House has been approved by the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Joan C. Irish - Conservation Commission

Mrs. Irish reported that the Conservation Commission has been holding Wetland Protection Act Hearings; they have a new member - Hugh Caspe - to replace Lynne Remington; the Conservation Commission is working with the Selectmen on the Coatings Engineering waste discharge problem; the ad hoc Water Quality Committee has been set up to determine the best method of providing water testing to augment existing programs; the Mosquito Control Study Committee has been established to deal with mosquitos, gypsy moths and other insects; the community gardens were very successful this summer; volunteers are needed for nature tours of conservation land in conjunction with the schools; and they are working on a conservation slide show for presentation at various garden and/or other club meetings.

Lawrence Faye - Personnel Board

Mr. Faye reported the appointment of two new members to the Personnel Board - Henry Sorett and Alan Reichard; that they have established specific liaisons; that the Personnel Board has received the ratings of individually-rated Town personnel and will become involved with preparing the Personnel Management Series.

John H. Wilson - Town Accountant

Mr. Wilson reported that the Town Audit will possibly be completed this week.