

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1980

Present: Chairman John E. Murray, Anne W. Donald and William J. Cossart.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman John E. Murray.

Fund Raiser - Hosmer House

Present: Chairman John C. Powers, Richard C. Hill and Emmalou Eaton, Historical Commission.

Chairman of the Sudbury Historical Commission, John C. Powers, explained that the Sudbury Historical Commission (SHC) had requested to meet with the Board in order to discuss an expenditure of \$500 from the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund for a fund raiser project. Mr. Powers stated that this money would be used to place an order with the Pierpont Glass Company in Sagamore, Massachusetts, for glass plates, about 3" in diameter (Mr. Powers showed the Board two samples) in both clear and colored glass. Mr. Powers explained the procedure for ordering (quantities, etc.), receiving (in approximately 18 months), and pre-selling these plates. Mr. Powers relayed a story to the Board about someone who had purchased one of these plates a few years ago for \$2, its catalogue price is now \$200.

Mr. Powers said that latest returns on past fund raisers, after clearing expenses, are approximately \$3,000.

At the conclusion of discussion it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve an expenditure of \$500 from the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund to be expended under the direction of the Sudbury Historical Commission for a fund raiser project involving the sale of glass plates.

Mr. Powers showed the Board the Hosmer House note cards, which the SHC had had printed, to be used as thank-you notes and publicity.

Initial Charge for Town Facilities Committee

The Board reviewed and approved the initial charge for the Town Facilities Committee, as follows:

Prepare written procedures and establish a time schedule for the ultimate disposition of the excessed elementary schools (Loring, Fairbank, Horse Pond).

Recommend to the Board of Selectmen possible alternate uses of the proposed excessed elementary schools for presentation to a Town Meeting, soliciting as much input as possible to obtain the broadest community consensus.

Prioritize alternative use recommendations by school, viewing each school individually to determine future use, if any, keeping in mind the best present and future interests of the whole Town, by addressing the following "Needs Criteria":

- Town use: Office space, recreation, etc.
- Tax purposes: business development or private housing.
- Social purposes: public housing, arts, teen center, etc.
- Preservation: future land scarcity - good investment to preserve.
- Other: sale of property best course.

The Board of Selectmen requested that a preliminary report be prepared for possible submission to the 1981 Annual Town Meeting.

In conjunction, the Committee will address the future use or disposition of other Town/School buildings (South Annex, Flynn Building, Town Hall, Loring Parsonage, Nixon School) and attempt to develop an overall coordinated plan of the same, particularly dealing with future occupancy by Town and School administration.

#### 1981 Street Acceptances

Following review and discussion of a communication dated December 8, 1980, from Town Engineer James V. Merloni relative to 1981 Street Acceptances, specifically the Town Engineer's recommendation not to release the maintenance bond held by the Planning Board on both Thompson Drive and Bishop Lane, and not to include either street on the 1981 list of Street Acceptances, the consensus was to table taking any action until the Executive Secretary confirms how many approved building lots in this 23-lot subdivision remain undeveloped on these two streets.

#### Stop Sign at Signalized Intersection

Following a brief discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To add the words "and procedures have been taken to clearly indicate to the motorist that the signal is not in operation", as requested in a communication dated December 2, 1980, from C. F. Mistretta, District Highway Engineer, State Department of Public Works, at the end of the Board's vote of October 27, 1980, pertaining to stop signs erected for the northeast and southwest bound drivers on Concord Road at Hudson Road and Old Sudbury Road.

#### 1981 Annual Town Meeting Articles

The Board reviewed their 1981 Annual Town Meeting Warrant articles to be submitted under the December 31 deadline, and following discussion it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the following articles, to be submitted by the Board of Selectmen under the December 31st deadline, for the 1981 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

- Hear Reports
- Temporary Borrowing
- Unemployment Compensation
- Accept New Bidding Regulations
- Accept G.L.c.44, s.65 - Vacation Pay Advance
- Actuarial Study - Retirement Pension

Study - MDC River Diversion  
Secretarial Pool  
Levy Limit/Proposition 2 1/2 Override  
Appropriations Limit  
Use of Free Cash  
Biennial Update of Property Values

and it was further

VOTED: To delete the following articles from the proposed list of Selectmen's articles, to be submitted under the December 31st deadline, for the 1981 Annual Town Meeting Warrant:

Special Act - Civil Service, Police  
Gypsy Moth Control  
State Expenditure Limit/Local Aid

During review and discussion of the above-listed articles, the Civil Service article was deleted based on 1) there is presently a full complement of men, 2) expected legislation dealing with Civil Service reform, and 3) effects of Proposition 2 1/2.

Relative to the article "Accept New Bidding Regulation", Selectman Donald questioned the necessity of printing the entire section under Chapter 40, s.4G, because of a 2-word change (dollar amount). The consensus was that a brief explanation would be in the left-hand margin of the 1981 Official Warrant, and that it would be necessary to print the entire section 4G.

Regarding the Secretarial Pool article, there was a lengthy discussion on the justification of such an article, considering clerical cutbacks under Proposition 2 1/2. Selectman Cossart suggested that perhaps the article should change to broaden the scope of it so that it might include other than clerical help.

"Biennial Update of Property Values" was approved as a bookmark article, subject to the Assessors submitting an article relating to the same.

#### Ambulance Fees

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated December 11, 1980, from Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost recommending an increase in ambulance fees from \$30 to \$60 per trip. The Chief explained in his letter that private ambulance companies charge \$100 plus mileage, and that Medicare authorizes a maximum of \$90 plus mileage.

Following discussion, and at the suggestion of Selectman Cossart that it would be justifiable to not only increase the cost per ambulance run but to charge for mileage and supplies as well, the Executive Secretary was directed to consult with Chief Frost as to his opinion regarding a mileage fee per ambulance run, and to inquire as to whether Medicare's maximum charge includes supplies in the ambulance.

1981-82 Operating Budgets

Present: Janet Silva, Administrative Secretary.

Dog Officer's Budget

Present: Betsy M. DeWallace, Dog Officer.

The Selectmen discussed with the Dog Officer her operating budget for 1981-82. Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson pointed out that \$5,000 had been appropriated last year under -51 account, Capital Expenditures, and that unless that money was used prior to July 1, 1981, it would be returned to the General Fund. There was a consensus that there would be no provision for capital improvements in the 1981-82 Dog Officer's budget. Also, the Board questioned which line item includes the amount budgeted for gasoline, and whether or not that figure had increased over last year's figure.

Selectmen/Law Budget

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that, subsequent to review of a draft of the Selectmen/Law 1981-82 operating budget, the Town Accountant had re-worked budget figures for the Town under Proposition 2 1/2, and that the Selectmen/Law budget for 1981-82, prepared under date of December 15, 1980, shows a further reduction of \$4,500. Mr. Thompson stated that the Overtime Budget had been completely deleted; also, that the Law budget had been drastically cut and legal services will have to be carefully monitored.

Responding to Selectman Cossart, Mr. Thompson briefly explained what impact Proposition 2 1/2 reductions would have on the Selectmen's office, specifically in the area of notifications and reorganization of Selectmen's minutes, and developing volunteer aide services for the Town Hall offices.

Gasoline Supplier

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny confirmed that the Town is justified in not accepting a bid which does not meet bid specifications, which was the case in a bid for supplying gasoline to the Town for 1981 from Concord Oil Co., the only bidder - a bid rejected by the Board on December 8, 1980. Mr. Kenny recommended that the Town not rebid but accept our gasoline supply under our Federal allocation from our present suppliers. The Board agreed.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson pointed out that only one company, now supplying the Town, had stated that, if they had another opportunity, they probably would bid.

Transfer Request to Police Department Travel 320-41

The Board debated the necessity of a Reserve Fund Transfer request, dated December 5, 1980, to the Police Department Travel Account 320-41 to provide traveling expenses for two new police officers, presently at the State Police Academy in Framingham, and one who attended training school in Medford.

Selectman Cossart directed the Executive Secretary to have the Town Accountant monitor the mileage very carefully to be sure we are reimbursing properly, and requested a verbal report from the Executive Secretary next week.

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve Transfer Request #0890 dated December 5, 1980, from the Reserve Fund to the Police Department Travel Account 320-41 in the amount of \$300 for the purpose set forth in the numbered transfer, and as stated above, as requested by Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi.

#### 1981 Annual Census

It was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Sudbury Police Department to assist the Board of Registrars, if necessary, in conducting the upcoming 1981 annual census.

#### Extending Serving Hours on New Year's Eve

It was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To grant permission to extend the serving hours on December 31, 1980, New Year's Eve, to 2:00 a.m. on January 1, 1981, to all holders of alcoholic beverages pouring licenses in Sudbury.

#### Minutes

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Session of December 8, 1980, as drafted.

#### Transfer Request - Deputies: Plumbing, Gas, Building and Wiring Inspectors

The Board questioned the necessity of a transfer request dated December 12, 1980, from the Building Inspector to his 340-14 Deputies Account in the amount of \$760 for Deputy Building Inspector and Deputy Plumbing and Gas Inspector wages, and to replenish this account for the remaining 6 1/2 months of Fiscal Year 1980-81. Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that the hours for the Deputies had been underestimated, therefore, requiring a Reserve Fund Transfer; also, that the Building Inspector's budget request in this account had been reduced to half by the Finance Committee at last year's budget hearing.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To approve Transfer Request #0891 from the Reserve Fund dated December 12, 1980, to 340-14 Deputies Account, in the amount of \$760, for the purposes set forth in the numbered transfer and as noted above, as requested by the Building Inspector.

Communication from Atty. John C. Powers - Metropolitan Boston Transit Authority (MBTA)

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated December 11, 1980, from Atty. John C. Powers relative to the functions of the MBTA and suggested action to oppose its system of apportioning support through tax dollars from cities and towns like Sudbury, which do not receive any services whatsoever from the MBTA.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson referenced a file on the subject, which Mr. Powers had given the Chairman earlier in the meeting.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to forward a copy of Mr. Powers' communication and the file material to Town Counsel requesting his advice on the matter.

Perambulation of Town Bounds

The Board noted receipt of a report dated December 12, 1980, from the Town Engineer relative to the status of the perambulation of Town bounds. Following review and discussion of the Report, during which Selectman Cossart expressed dissatisfaction with the vagueness of the manner in which the Town Engineer is proceeding to repair/correct those Town bounds requiring further attention, the Executive Secretary was directed to pursue the matter further and report back to the Board.

Current Items of Interest

Teen Center

Present: Susan Sirota, Citizens for a Fatality Free Sudbury Committee.

Chairman Murray expressed his opinion that the Board should support the use of the billboards at the north and south Fire Stations to advertise the Teen Center, which is planned to open by the end of January. The Board was in concurrence. Selectman Cossart stated that the Sign Review Board should be advised prior to their installation.

MDC Sudbury River Diversion

Selectman Donald referenced notes taken at a meeting at the Water District on December 9, 1980, on the above subject, which the Selectmen had received copies of, and commented that the next meeting will be held on January 6, 1981.

Mossman Road Walkway - (Boucher Property)

The Board directed that a response be sent to Mr. Ron Boucher, 199 Mossman Road, relative to concerns raised in his communication of September 5, 1980, regarding the procedure of tree removal during walkway construction, enclosing a communication from the Highway Surveyor dated December 4, 1980, to the Board of Selectmen, and apologizing for the delay in answering the same.

Communications Received

The Board acknowledged receipt of the following communications:

- from the Personnel Board, copies of Warrant articles: "Amend Personnel Administration Plan, Article XI", and "Amend Personnel Bylaw: Classification & Salary Plans, Article XI", received December 15th;
- from the Star Market Co., dated December 3, 1980, informing the Board of the necessity to discontinue bussing service to the elderly in the community for economic reasons. The Selectmen directed the Executive Secretary to send a letter of appreciation and understanding to the Star Market Co., on behalf of the Board, for providing this service to the community for so many years. Mr. Thompson commented that, according to Col. Leahy of the Council on Aging, the Council will do its best to continue this service to the neediest by using their recently acquired van.

Executive Session

At 9:15 p.m. it was on motion by roll call

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and litigation, where open discussion of the same may have a detrimental effect.

(Roll call vote: Chairman Murray, in favor; Selectman Donald, in favor; Selectman Cossart, in favor.)

Chairman Murray announced that Public Session would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk