

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1980

Present: Chairman William J. Cossart and John Murray.

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

MMA Legislative Liaison and MCAB Designee

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To appoint William J. Cossart, Chairman of the Sudbury Board of Selectmen, as the Massachusetts Municipal Association Legislative Liaison and the Middlesex County Advisory Board Designee.

May Arts Festival

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson referenced a communication, dated February 20, 1980, from Barry Marchette, Coordinator, Office of Cultural Affairs, concerning the May Arts Festival - week of May 11-18, and requesting permission to use the bandstand near the Peter Noyes School on May 17 and 18.

Mr. Thompson noted a May calendar of events, enclosed with the above-mentioned communication, planned through the Office of Cultural Affairs.

Mr. Thompson called to the Board's attention, an application dated February 20, 1980, for use of the lower Town Hall for a student Art Exhibit from May 17 through May 21, 1980, and to a notice from the Office of Cultural Affairs of an upcoming meeting to be held Sunday evening, March 9, 1980, at 7:30 p.m. in room 26 of the Flynn Building, at which time information will be provided about the Massachusetts State lottery to fund the arts.

Following discussion it was a consensus of the Board to approve and support the use of the bandstand on May 17 and 18, scheduled by the Office of Cultural Affairs for a band concert and chamber music concert, and the use of the lower Town Hall from May 17 through May 21 for an Art Exhibit of student's work from the public schools in Sudbury, which will be open to the public, subject to confirmation from both the Fire and Police Departments, as requested in a communication, dated February 20, 1980, from Barry Marchette, Coordinator, Office of Cultural Affairs.

Meeting Schedule

Following discussion it was on motion by Chairman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To reschedule the meeting of March 31, 1980, to Wednesday, April 2, 1980, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., due to the Town Election; and to schedule the Warrant Review at 8:00 p.m. on that date;

and it was further

VOTED: To cancel the regular meeting of March 24, 1980, and to reschedule a meeting at another time, if necessary.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to inform Town Moderator J, Owen Todd of the scheduling of the Warrant Review.

Executive Session

At 7:20 p.m. it was on motion by roll call

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy for litigation where open discussion of the same may have a detrimental effect.

Chairman Cossart announced that Regular Session would reconvene following the Executive Session.

Telephone Case 18153

Chairman Cossart reported that in Executive Session the Board took a position not to pursue appeal in telephone case #18153 based on lack of legal funds to do so and the overwhelming requirements of Town Counsel and the overall priorities of Town Business. Chairman Cossart expressed regret that it was necessary for the Board to make this decision, especially in view of the extreme efforts of Mrs. Simon to bring the case this far. Mr. Cossart emphasized, however, it is a priority of the Town to pursue implementation of existing orders relative to the Sudbury Telephone Case.

Interview of Candidates - Insurance Advisory Committee

Present: William P. Reed, Chairman, Insurance Advisory Committee; Barry M. Karas and B. William Bigwood, applicants.

Following discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to adopt policy whereby interviews would first be conducted by the various board/committee holding a vacancy, followed by interviews by the Selectmen upon recommendation of the Chairman of that committee.

The Board interviewed Barry M. Karas and B. William Bigwood, applicants for the position on the Insurance Advisory Committee.

On recommendation of Chairman Cossart, Mr. Reed and the candidates agreed to continue their meeting in the next room, and Mr. Reed was requested to get back to the Board with his final recommendation for appointment to the Insurance Advisory Committee.

Chairman Cossart thanked Mr. Karas and Mr. Bigwood for attending tonight's meeting. The meeting was recessed at 7:50 p.m. for a coffee break and reconvened at 8:00 p.m.

Town Fathers Forum

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Cossart convened the 133rd Session of the Town Fathers Forum, a summary of which is attached and is a part of these minutes.

Order of Taking - Alteration of Penn Central Railroad Crossing, Hudson Road

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign an Order of Taking for the alteration of the Penn Central railroad crossing on Hudson Road (at Peakham Road) for walkway purposes, as prepared by Town Counsel and requested in his communication dated January 24, 1980.

Joint Application for MAPC Funds for Recycling Container

Present: Martha Gogel (before meeting).

Chairman Cossart reported that Mrs. Gogel had been present earlier and informed the Board that the Town of Weston no longer plans to participate in the joint recycling program because the distance between the Weston and Wayland landfills is too great; Wayland is now requesting that Sudbury apply jointly with them for MACP funding of a recycling container in order to facilitate contracting with Recycling Enterprises, Inc., of Oxford for purchase of tin cans and glass.

During discussion Selectman Murray suggested that we contact the Wayland Selectmen since nothing official has been received from them on the matter. Mr. Thompson pointed out that he had discussed the program with the Highway Surveyor, who indicated that he would support it although there would be some duplication since Sudbury currently recycles glass and receives approximately \$3,000 a year income from that source.

Chairman Cossart stated that some of the urgency of the matter is reduced since grant monies will not be available for a year.

Following further discussion it was a consensus of the Board to take the matter under advisement.

Walkway Easements - Haynes Road

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign walkway easements on Haynes Road, all as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Sudbury, Massachusetts, Showing Walkway Easement, Haynes Road", dated July 10, 1979, from the following people:

- Patricia E. Smale, (Lot 76), 185 Haynes Road;
- Robert A. and Broncia Smale, (Lot 77), 201 Haynes Road;
- Liberty Ledge Real Estate Trust, Abraham Boris, Trustee, (Lot C-2), 209 Haynes Road; and
- Liberty Ledge Real Estate Trust, Abraham Boris, Trustee, 209 Haynes Road.

Transfer Request - Print Town Report, Account #950-41

Following a brief discussion it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To approve request for transfer No. 0860, dated February 26, 1980, from the Reserve Fund to Print Town Report, Account No. 950-41, in the amount of \$500 required for overrun of pages, photos and mileage, as indicated on the numbered transfer.

Current Items of Interest

Petition for Transfer of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity
from Ritchie Bus to Gray Line

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson noted receipt of a copy of the proposed rate and run schedule, as well as a copy of the insurance certificate, from Gray Line, as requested by the Board at its meeting of February 21.

Following discussion, Chairman Cossart directed Mr. Thompson to respond to the DPU to the position that the Selectmen of the Town of Sudbury have no objection to the transfer petition from Ritchie Bus Lines, Incorporated, to Gray Line Post Road Commuter Corporation, jointly filed by the two companies.

Mr. Thompson noted that in the interim a communication dated February 21 had been received by Stephan Corporation indicating its willingness to serve the area (by transfer to said company) and the implementation of an expanded commuter service. The Selectmen concurred that it was rather late and inappropriate to take a position on their proposals at this time, and directed the Executive Secretary to acknowledge receipt of the above-mentioned communication.

Committee to Investigate Possible Uses of Excess Town Buildings

Selectman Murray suggested that between now and next week, the Board try to compile a list of prospective people to serve on a committee to investigate possible uses of excess space in Town buildings; Selectman Murray suggested membership be made up of one member from: the Permanent Building Committee, the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee, and/or other residents who are detached from Town Government for a more unbiased opinion.

Following further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to broaden the scope of the duties of the Building Services Committee to accomplish what Selectman Murray has suggested, and to further discuss the same at next week's meeting.

Juvenile Restitution Program

The Board agreed to address the Town's Juvenile Restitution program next week by reviewing a list of prospective members to work in the program on a committee/panel.

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School (LSRHS) Real Estate Advisory Committee

Selectman Murray reported that the LSRHS Real Estate Advisory Committee has been meeting and is in the process of receiving advice from a large Boston real estate firm as to the financial aspects of renting a portion(s) of excess space at the High School, as well as the possibility of renting space on a "like use" basis. Selectman Murray stated that the Committee is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, February 28, at which time the Committee will also discuss approaching the Appeals Board on the basis of renting a small area, such as the east wing which has its own entrance and can be locked off from the rest of the school building.

Joint Meeting with Police Department Announced

Chairman Cossart announced a joint meeting with the Police Department scheduled for tomorrow, February 27 at 4:00 p.m. at the Loring Parsonage relative to Annual Town Meeting Article 11 - Special Act, Civil Service - Police.

Article 8 of 1980 Annual Water District Meeting

Selectman Cossart announced that the Annual Meeting of the Water District was held last evening, February 25, and that Article 8, dealing with the appropriation of funds for water sampling and analysis, was passed.

Following discussion, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to forward a letter to the Water District noting the Board's understanding that the Water District now has sufficient funds to perform local water testing and driving of observation wells, and that until confirmation of the same, the Selectmen will withhold taking any action on recommending indefinite postponement of Article 23 "Water Testing" in the Warrant for the 1980 Annual Town Meeting.

Property Tax Classification Seminars

The Executive Secretary referenced a communication dated February 19, 1980, from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enclosing a schedule of property tax classification seminars and confirmed that he would attend one scheduled to be held on Friday, March 7, in Worcester.

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

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk