

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1980

Present: Chairman William J. Cossart and John E. Murray.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Loring Parsonage by Chairman William J. Cossart.

Transfer Requests - Fire Department

Present: Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost.

Tuition Reimbursement, Account #310-81

With respect to Transfer request #0859, dated February 21, 1980, in the amount of \$1,900, Chief Frost stated that it usually becomes necessary for him in May or June each year to request a transfer from the Reserve Fund to the Fire Department Tuition Reimbursement Account #310-81 due to the unpredictable amount of firefighters who attend school each year. The Chief stated that this year there was an increase to twelve firefighters who attended school, and that some of them took more than one course per semester, as well as the fact that there was a rise in the cost per semester.

Chairman Cossart commented that, perhaps in the future, the Chief should consider increasing this line item to avoid large transfers. Chairman Cossart suggested that the Chief be prepared to discuss the specifics of this transfer request in more detail when he goes before the Finance Committee.

Following discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To approve Request for Transfer #0859 from the Reserve Fund to Account 310-81, Tuition Reimbursement, Fire Department, in the amount of \$1,900 for the purpose set forth in the numbered transfer, in accordance with a request, dated February 22, 1980, from Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost.

Maintenance - Account #310-31

With respect to Transfer request #0858, dated February 21, 1980, in the amount of \$5,500, Chief Frost explained that the transfer request from the Reserve Fund to the Fire Department Maintenance Account #310-31 is necessary due to increased fuel costs and unexpected parts and equipment maintenance repairs.

In answer to Selectman Murray, Chief Frost stated that this transfer concerns a fuel adjustment for the Fire Department only.

After questioning by Chairman Cossart, he recommended that Chief Frost prepare a breakdown of the costs (present balance versus the transfer request) before going to the Finance Committee, and submit the same to the Board.

Following further discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To approve Request for Transfer #0858 from the Reserve Fund to Account

310-31, Fire Department Maintenance, in the amount of \$5,500 for the purposes set forth in the numbered transfer, in accordance with a request, dated February 22, 1980, from Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost.

Fire Overtime Budget Line Item 310-12

Present: Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost.

The Board reviewed a communication, dated February 25, 1980, from the Fire Chief, requesting that the Board support at the Annual Town Meeting an increase to Line Item 310-12, Fire Overtime, for use in fire prevention and public information.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson pointed out that Chief Frost's communication deals with the history, beginning in 1976, of requests - which have been denied - for a full-time fire prevention officer, and a request for the Selectmen's support at Town Meeting of the Chief's recommendation that such a program be implemented through an increase in the Fire Overtime Budget Line Item 310-12, in the amount of \$5,000.

Selectman Murray stated that Selectmen have supported the request in past years.

Chief Frost stated that it had been supported by the Selectmen for the last two years; before that, the Chief stated, it had been supported in principle only. The Chief further stated that at a staff meeting held in January it was the unanimous decision that, after four years of failure, the Overtime Budget be increased for fire prevention and public information.

Following further discussion it was a consensus of the Board to support at the Annual Town Meeting an increase to line item 310-12, Fire Overtime, for use in fire prevention and public information, as requested by the Fire Chief in his communication dated February 8, 1980, and to so comment at Town Meeting.

Village Green Shopping Center

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson referenced a communication dated February 28, 1980, from the Chairman of the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) informing the Board of recent interaction between the Historic Districts Commission and Digital Equipment Corporation, an executive branch of which will occupy Building #1 of the Village Green on March 3, 1980, relative to the placement and size of its new sign; also, reporting to the Board several unfinished construction projects at the Village Green and a suggestion that both the sign approval and occupancy permit be held until such time as these unfinished construction items are completed. Mr. Thompson recommended that Town Counsel be consulted relative to the request that Digital's occupancy permit be held, and to request Town Counsel to offer the HDC whatever support is necessary.

Selectman Murray agreed to request comment from Town Counsel on the matter and stated that any pressure he could apply would be very important. Selectman Murray stated that the Selectmen can withhold permits if there is a public safety factor involved.

Chairman Cossart agreed that Town Counsel should participate, but stated that he would not be in favor of standing in the way of Digital occupying the building.

Selectman Murray requested that the Executive Secretary talk to the Town Engineer and the Building Inspector relative to construction and structural problems, if any, at the Village Green, and ask them to advise the Board accordingly.

Landham Road Reconstruction Reimbursement

Selectman Murray reported that the Town is making slow progress relative to reaching an agreement with the State on reimbursement for the Landham Road reconstruction project. Selectman Murray stated that a meeting has been tentatively scheduled for tomorrow (March 4) in a continuing effort to reach a decision.

Juvenile Restitution Program Committee

The Board reviewed a list of candidates for appointment to the Juvenile Restitution Program Committee - three names were added, two by the Selectmen and one by Anne Donald.

Following discussion, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to send out a one-page application to all the candidates, and request their response within one week.

Expanded Duties and Membership of Building Services Group

Addressing the Board's suggestion, which was made at its last meeting on February 26, that the scope of work and the membership of the Building Services Group (BSG) be broadened in order to evaluate future use of all Town buildings, Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that both the Regional High School and the local schools have their own task forces to deal with excess space as a result of decreasing enrollments in the schools.

Selectman Murray commented that, from the standpoint of the High School, he felt a person who is detached from the school would be a more appropriate person to deal with the problems of excess space because there would be no duplication of interest. Selectman Murray suggested that a person having a business in Town might have some input on the subject. Mr. Murray also suggested that a representative replacement for Mr. Benson sit in with the Building Services Group, as spokesman for the School Committees. Selectman Murray stated that two important factors must be considered - if it is possible to consolidate, and if a school building is closed, will the building be needed again in the future.

The Selectmen concurred that before broadening the scope of the BSG they would like to have input from the School Committees. Chairman Cossart requested Selectman Murray to continue to represent the Selectmen with the local School Committee, since he has been working with the Regional High School as a member of the Real Estate Advisory Committee.

Selectman Murray indicated that there are no plans to replace the Sudbury School's Business Manager, who was to be an intricate part of the BSG, and stated that a good contribution to the Committee would be a person who is involved with the activities of the schools, and someone qualified to deal with preventive maintenance.

Mr. Thompson stated that he would get some evaluation from the Building Inspector.

Chairman Cossart stated that he spoke to Mr. Pitts of the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee, relative to the membership of the BSG, who suggested Patrick Mullen since he has extensive building maintenance background.

It was decided that the matter would be further addressed, following Selectman Murray's communications with the School Committees.

Insurance Advisory Committee Appointments

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that following interviews last week at the Selectmen's meeting on February 26, the Board heard from the Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee, who recommends that, although both candidates interviewed last week would be acceptable, he still feels that someone with background in casualty insurance would be most beneficial to the Committee, and, therefore, would like to continue to look for someone with those qualifications. Mr. Thompson stated that applications will be sent out to additional people suggested by Chairman Reed.

The Board supported Mr. Reed's procedure to continue to interview and will make an appointment following Mr. Reed's final recommendations.

Street Layouts

Articles 13, 14 and 15 of the 1980 Annual Town Meeting

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To amend the Board's vote of February 4, 1980, by changing the date the Selectmen intend to lay out the ways listed in Articles 13, 14 and 15 of the 1980 Annual Town Meeting from March 24, 1980, to March 7, 1980.

The Executive Secretary stated that the Planning Board has been so informed.

Article 13 - Pokonoket Avenue

The Board discussed a communication dated March 3, 1980, from the Town Engineer relative to confusion in the record on the Town Layouts in 1930, 1955 and 1959 of Pokonoket Avenue resulting in his recommendation that the Board amend the wording of Article 13 in the warrant to read - from King Philip Road northerly to Old Lancaster Road, as shown on plans on file in the Registry of Deeds as Plan 142 of 1936, Plan 463 of 1955 and Plan 380 of 1959.

Following discussion it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To confirm the Board's telephone vote of February 4, 1980, amending the wording of Article 13, as noted above.

Signing Warrants for 1980 Annual and Special Town Meetings

The Board signed the Warrants for the 1980 Annual Town Meeting and the April 9, 1980, Special Town Meeting.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Sessions of February 26 and the Executive Session of February 21, as drafted; and to approve the minutes of the Regular Session of February 21, as amended.

Current Items of Interest

Property Classification

Selectman Murray reported that he attended a Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting on Saturday which included a discussion/explanation of the recent legislation - Property Classification. Selectman Murray suggested inviting the Towns of Lincoln and Wayland to join us, following Town Meeting, in an informative presentation on the same by Mr. Gerald M. Cohen, Chairman of the Taxation Commission.

Bug Day on Channel 4

Chairman Cossart requested the Executive Secretary to prepare a letter of commendation to be sent to Shelby Scott of Channel 4 News for her television coverage last Wednesday (February 27) of Bug Day in Sudbury - March 22.

Audit Report

Responding to Chairman Cossart, the Executive Secretary informed the Board that the Audit Report had been made available to the public once it had been accepted by the Board.

Water Testing in Sudbury

Chairman Cossart stated that water samples have been returned to us by the State indicating that our water is fine with a slight level of trichloroethylene in well #2. Selectman Cossart further stated that he contacted the State water testing laboratory in Lawrence relative to the disappearance of trichloroethane in well #4, and will pursue the matter.

Following discussion the Board signed a communication, prepared by the Executive Secretary, to George Mercury relative to a program of water testing for the Town and a request to meet with the Board of Water Commissioners on the subject. Also, the Executive Secretary was directed to send a copy of said communication to the Conservation Commission.

Pouring Licenses

On the recommendation of Chairman Cossart, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to confirm with Town Counsel starting and closing time requirements for pouring licenses.

Coatings Engineering

Selectman Murray referenced a communication, dated February 28, 1980, to Thomas G. Craig, General Manager of Coatings Engineering, from Thomas C. McMahon, Director, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Water Resources Commission, and directed the Executive Secretary to follow up with the Water Resources Commission to see if they received the requested information from Coatings Engineering.

Bowker V

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication, dated February 20, 1980, from Marie Pelkey enclosing a list of streets in Bowker V in need of street signs and a list of committeemen; the Board directed the Executive Secretary to vigorously pursue the installation of street signs.

Just Cause Definition

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that Labor Relations Counsel Richard W. Murphy has supplied the Board with a definition of "Just Cause"; the Board suggested that a copy of Mr. Murphy's communication, dated February 29, 1980, and the definition be forwarded to the Police Department.

Sanitary Landfill

The Executive Secretary referenced a confidential communication, dated February 28, 1980, from the Engineering Department relative to the Sanitary Landfill.

Telephone Case #18153

The Executive Secretary informed the Board that Mrs. Estelle Simon and Mr. Robinson of Wayland have filed an appeal on their own to the DPU on telephone case #18153; supposedly they have obtained free counsel. Likewise, Mr. Thompson informed the Board that Mrs. Simon will be presenting a draft letter for their support appealing for funds from other towns getting ECCS as a result of Sudbury's success with DPU case #18153.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk