

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1980

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

At 8:10 p.m. Chairman Murray convened the 137th session of the Town Fathers Forum.

Chairman Murray introduced and welcomed newly elected State representative Lucile Hicks.

Chairman Murray reported on the following Board's activities over the past month:

- The Board updated Traffic Rules and Orders.
- The following donations were received:
  - \$500 from Star Market Co. for the Charity Fund;
  - \$300 from Digital for Featherland Park lighting;donations received for the Hosmer Fund to date total \$3,012.50 in addition to June balance of \$285.
- The Board is making plans to proceed with determining appropriate recommendations for disposition of excess school buildings.
- The following appointments were made: Roland Capone to the Insurance Advisory Committee, David Grunebaum to the Personnel Board, Linda Stevens and Roberta Cerul to the Town Report Preparation Committee.
- The following resignations were received: Edward Connors from the Planning Board, Barry Real from the Auxiliary Police, Dolores Mealey from the Personnel Board, Howard Austen from the Insurance Advisory Committee and David Grunebaum from the Conservation Commission.
- The Board voted to increase certain license fees as of July 1, 1981.
- An updated site plan for Coatings Engineering Corporation was approved.
- The Selectmen approved a restaurant license to sell wines and malt beverages for Something Simple, Mill Village.
- A contract for reroofing Fire Station #2 was awarded.
- The Board proclaimed October 26-November 1 as United Way Week.
- All bargaining contracts have been completed.
- The Selectmen met with Town Boards to discuss the MDC Sudbury River Diversion project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: - Next month's Forum has been cancelled.

- Non-monied articles (Bylaw changes, street layouts, property transfers) are due December 1.
- Budgets are due to Town Accountant December 15.

Chairman Murray asked for reports from those committee representatives present.

Albert S. Feinberg, Chairman, Sudbury Housing Authority

Mr. Feinberg reported that the Housing Authority is working on funding for 705 subsidized housing in Sudbury; announced the resignation of John Huston and the appointment of Myrna Goldstein.

Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi

The Police Chief introduced four of the five newly appointed police officers who were able to attend tonight.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chief Frost reported on several structure fires, some of which the Department is looking into which appear to have been arson and one which was started as a result of careless disposal of ashes from wood stoves.

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon

The Building Inspector stated that several permits for wood stoves have been issued; he has been busy working on annual inspections for the Board in conjunction with the annual license renewals.

Chester Hamilton - Town Treasurer

Mr. Hamilton thanked the Board for dealing with his request to borrow \$2,000,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes earlier this evening. Mr. Hamilton stated that continuing interest charges on Tax Anticipation Notes may require a request for transfer from the Reserve Fund, which will practically deplete the Fund. This is the result of tax bills not going out on time because of the Town's reclassification/revaluation. Relative to the Police Station addition, Mr. Hamilton reported that our certifying bank assures us the money needed for the construction but the interest amount is questionable at this time.

Joan Grathwohl, Chairman - Local Arts Council

Mrs. Grathwohl stated that the Arts Council is looking into small grants and the rules and regulations of how the State Arts Lottery money would be distributed. Responding to Selectman Donald, Mrs. Grathwohl stated that next May 1 would be the earliest date we might expect to start receiving Arts Lottery funds.

Alan Grathwohl - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School District Committee (LSRSDC)

Mr. Grathwohl announced:

- that SAT scores are up this year;
- vandalism at the High School is down less than one half what it was a year ago through the month of October;
- the Fairbank School will be used for a teen center beginning sometime in January;
- the High School is holding a pep rally for their Thanksgiving football game;
- a freshman dance will be held on December 12 - a committee of parents and children are working on this;
- the High School radio station is now broadcasting from 4:00 - 11:00 p.m. daily, and Mr. Grathwohl welcomed any public announcements and/or programming.

Joseph Slomski - Finance Committee

Mr. Slomski talked about the upcoming budget and how this year substantial cuts are being requested as a result of Proposition 2 1/2 to accommodate a substantial total decrease in the Town's budget - consequently, the difficulties of dealing with budgets and the resulting decrease of Town services.

Martin Craine - Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School

Mr. Craine stated that they are working on their budget trying to accommodate those towns who have requested a 15% reduction. Mr. Craine mentioned that at the Minuteman, as a source of revenue, they could begin to charge for their automotive and other services.

Ronald Adolph - Board of Appeals

Mr. Adolph reported that the Longfellow Glen project is almost wrapped up.

Joan Irish - Conservation Commission and MAPC

Mrs. Irish reported on behalf of the Conservation Commission that at 8:00 p.m. on December 4 (Thursday) at the Goodnow Library there would be a meeting on Open Space.

Mrs. Irish stated that she has been attending ground water work shops sponsored by the MAPC in Bedford, and that at the last meeting information was included regarding hazardous waste.

Chairman Murray introduced Mrs. Wilma Lapore, the new Director of the Goodnow Library. Mrs. Lapore said that she had no report at this time.

Representative Lucile Hicks

Representative Hicks stated that she was attending tonight's Forum for Mrs. Ann Gannett, who is ill. Mrs. Hicks reported that the deadline for filing legislation is December 3, and stated that amendments/clarifications and proposals are now in the works on the Proposition 2 1/2 legislation.

The Forum was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.