

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1980

At 8:10 p.m. Chairman John E. Murray convened the 136th Session of the Town Fathers Forum and announced that tonight's Forum would be dedicated to Ann C. Gannett, in appreciation of her services to the Town of Sudbury as Representative - 13th Middlesex District.

Chairman Murray reported on the following Board activities during the last month:

- The Board accepted the resignation of Alan Reichard from the Personnel Board.
- The Selectmen appointed Cornelius Hickey to the Personnel Board, Joseph Atwood to the Board of Registrars and designated John Sullivan as Hazardous Waste Coordinator.
- Two agreements were signed with the Department of Public Works relating to acceptance of Chapter 90 highway funds in an amount totaling \$92,948.
- The Board accepted bids for furnishing fuel oil and burner service for Town buildings.
- The following donations were accepted on behalf of the Town:
  - \$500 from Star Market Company for the Council on Aging.
  - Contribution from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McSorley for ambulance equipment.
  - \$1600 last week for the Hosmer fund, with more to be accepted tonight and anticipated in the future.
- The Selectmen met with the League of Women Voters at their request relative to the work of their Vandalism Committee, and with the Police Auxiliary to discuss means of strengthening the Force.
- The Board attended and participated in the public forum held by the Citizens for a Fatality-Free Sudbury.
- Agreements with unions of the Police and Highway Departments and the Supervisory Association were signed.
- The Selectmen endorsed the Boston Region Transportation Improvement Program for 1981-85 for Sudbury, and an application for Agricultural Preservation Restriction for 38.7 acres owned by Hyman Shick.
- A contract was signed for the construction of the Police Station addition and alteration. (Construction has begun.)
- A change in the interior premises of Bullfinch's restaurant was approved.
- The Board met with department heads relative to the impact of Proposition 2 1/2. Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon stated that today's GLOBE had a good editorial opposing Proposition 2 1/2.
- The Selectmen are reviewing license and permit fees under the Board of Selectmen, and met with Town Hall renters and liquor license holders in this regard.
- A request was received from the Minuteman School to place an article in the next Town Meeting Warrant to amend the District's Agreement regarding the commencement of the term of office of committee members.
- The Board accepted a Department of Energy grant award filed by the Permanent Building Committee.
- Chairman Murray noted the following reminders of upcoming deadlines:
  - Budgets under Selectmen due November 17 to Selectmen's Office.
  - Budgets to Town Accountant December 15.
  - Non-monied warrant articles due December 1.
  - Time to begin thinking about reports for the Annual Town Report, due the first of the year.

Chairman Murray asked for reports from the various Town boards, explaining that we would conclude the reports upon the arrival of Mrs. Gannett.

Myron Fox - Board of Appeals

Mr. Fox stated that the Board of Appeals is continuing to work on the conditions for the Longfellow Glen Conditional Comprehensive Permit and hopes to have a draft within the next couple of weeks. The Board of Appeals' next meeting will be held on November 5 at 7:30 p.m.

Donald Peirce - Board of Assessors

Mr. Peirce announced that the final figures have been received from the revaluation firm and the Assessors are in the process of studying them for final acceptance before submitting them to the State for issuance of the residential factor. Mr. Peirce said that final notices of property valuation will not go out until they have been approved by the Assessors, at which time notices will be sent to every taxpayer who had a hearing or wrote to the Assessors questioning their new valuations, regardless of whether there is any change in assessment. Mr. Peirce did not know exactly when the tax bills would be issued, but noted certain amounts of time would be required for obtaining approval of assessments and issuance of the residential factor by the State, vote on classification by the Selectmen, and approval by the State of the final tax rate(s).

Chairman John C. Cutting of the Planning Board had no report.

D. Bruce Langmuir - Chairman of Permanent Building Committee

Mr. Langmuir gave a progress report of the construction at the Police Station and indicated that during construction every effort would be made to keep the building winterized. Construction should be completed by June 1, 1981. Mr. Langmuir also reported that bids will be going out for outside contracts on the energy conservation program for the schools.

Oscar W. Harrell - Park and Recreation Commissioner

Mr. Harrell reported that fall Town-wide activities through the Park and Recreation Commission have been in full swing.

Joseph E. Scammon - Building Inspector

Mr. Scammon stated the 29 building permits have been issued, compared to 31 for the same period last year. Fifty-eight permits for wood stoves have been issued so far this year. Mr. Scammon reported on a minor heating problem at the White Building today, which has been taken care of, and asked for any information regarding the whereabouts of the original installation plans of the present heating system for the White Building.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost stated that he had no report.

Town Accountant John H. Wilson

Mr. Wilson requested departments to delay capital purchases until after the tax bills have been mailed to help the cash flow situation.

Chester Hamilton - Town Treasurer

Mr. Hamilton stated that he had met with the Selectmen earlier on needed borrowings and had no further comments at this time.

Col. Paul J. Leahy, Chairman, Council on Aging

Col. Leahy reported that attendance at the new Drop-in Center has been quite good, and that the hot meals program, carried out in conjunction with the Town of Wayland, has been very successful. The van, acquired by the Council on Aging from Digital, is in operation and staffed with volunteer drivers at this time. The annual Christmas party will be held on December 15 at 2:00 p.m. at the Wayside Inn.

Isabelle Stone, Tax Collector stated she had no report.

Lee Todd - Talent Search Committee

Mrs. Todd expressed optimism on behalf of the Talent Search Committee in completing new data processing arrangements for the Talent Search list with the aid of former member Pat Harding.

J. Owen Todd - Town Moderator

Mr. Todd announced the appointment of Helen P. Deck to the Ancient Documents Committee.

Superintendent David Levington - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Mr. Levington announced that Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School had received the Bates President's Award in recognition of students having the highest grade averages. (Any high school which has three students at Bates College at the same time is eligible to enter, and Lincoln-Sudbury's former students, Robert Brown, David Bell and Margaret Bell, received the highest average of the high schools participating.) Mr. Levington stated that he was in receipt of the Technical Assistance Audit - a very lengthy document - and that the School Committee would review it carefully and evaluate which programs can be implemented. Mr. Levington encouraged Town officials and citizens to take advantage of the community service program whereby high school students in their junior and senior years must contribute several hours to the community.

Joan C. Irish - Conservation Commission and Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC)

Mrs. Irish stated that the Conservation Commission had recently reorganized, and that she had been elected the new Chairman. Also, Mrs. Irish informed the Board that the next MAPC meeting will be held on Thursday evening and that she would report back to the Board.

Martin F. Craine, Jr., - Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District  
(MRVTSD)

Later in the evening, Mr. Craine reported that the number of students from Sudbury attending the MRVTS had increased over the last couple of years. Mr. Craine announced the favorable acceptance of and enrollment in a new program - Junior Air Force R.O.T.C. - at Minuteman. There was some discussion on the effect of Proposition 2 1/2 on the MRVTS. Mr. Craine commented that the stigma of vocational schools makes them a target for budget cutting.

Representative Ann Gannett arrived. Chairman Murray read a Resolution, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, honoring Mrs. Gannett for her service as State Representative for Sudbury on the occasion of her retirement from office at the end of the year, and presented her with a copy of the same.

Representative Gannett expressed her gratitude for the recognition, and stated that she has always felt at home in the Town of Sudbury.

Chairman Murray invited everyone to enjoy coffee and cake, and conversation with Ann Gannett.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:10 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk