

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1, 1981

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.

Organization of Board

Following a brief statement by Chairman Murray relative to his term as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and a brief discussion on his recommendation regarding a time change, it was on motion by Chairman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To elect Anne W. Donald Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, effective immediately, until the next reorganization of the Board of Selectmen;

and it was further

VOTED: That Richard E. Thompson continue to serve as Clerk to the Board of Selectmen;

and it was further

VOTED: To set the time and place of the Selectmen's meetings to be on Monday evenings, at 7:30 p.m., in the lower Town Hall.

Health-care Insurance Options for Town Employees

In conjunction with an opinion from Town Counsel dated March 23, 1981, and following a synopsis of the same by the Executive Secretary, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To accept General Laws Chapter 32B, section 16, for contracts with Health Maintenance Organizations to provide health-care Insurance options for eligible Town employees;

and it was further

VOTED: To execute two contracts with Harvard Community Health Plan, Inc., received under cover letter dated February 17, 1981, from Barbara A. Newman, Senior Account Executive, and with the Multi-Group Health Plan.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson added that there will be no additional costs to the Town for this added choice of coverage - the balance, if any, between Health Maintenance Organizations (HMO) and Blue Cross-Blue Shield, now offered to eligible Town employees, would be paid by the employees.

Transfer Requests

Present: Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi

Maintenance Account 320-31 - Police Department

Following a brief explanation by the Police Chief, it was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To approve request for transfer No. 1005 from the Reserve Fund, dated March 26, 1981, to Police Department Maintenance Account #320-31, in the amount of \$6,300.00, for gasoline for the balance of the fiscal year.

Police Equipment Purchase Account 320-51

Selectman Cossart stated that last September when the Selectmen had addressed the whole issue of the Auxiliary Police force, one of the things discussed was the means of offering the Auxiliary Police a vehicle in better condition than the one they currently used. Selectman Cossart further stated that, at that time, there seemed to be a consensus that the best of the vehicles ready to be traded in by the Police Department, in the opinion of the Police Chief, would be kept and made available to the Auxiliary Police. Selectman Cossart stated that he is in favor of this arrangement in order to satisfy the need of the Auxiliary Police.

Selectman Murray expressed his opinion that, in view of the fact the Auxiliary Police budget, which will be addressed by the Finance Committee at its meeting tomorrow night, might be entirely eliminated under Proposition 2½ for Fiscal 1982, the need for the vehicle would be obviated. Selectman Murray expressed his opinion that the Selectmen should address this transfer after the Finance Committee has made some decision relative to the Auxiliary Police budget. Selectman Murray added that it seems to be questionable whether or not the amount of the transfer (\$2,193.00) request is an adequate figure; he did not feel the trade-in vehicles were in the same condition now as when they were initially appraised for trade-in. The Police Chief agreed, stating that we have never been able to get the trade-in price without some trouble.

Selectman Cossart expressed his opinion that if the Auxiliary is disbanded, the car should be sold; and added that there probably would be a penalty for the condition of the car in either case.

Following further discussion it was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To approve request for transfer No. 0894 from the Reserve Fund, dated February 17, 1981, to Police Equipment Purchase Account #320-51, in the amount of \$2,193.00, subject to withdrawal if the Finance Committee does not fund the Auxiliary.

Responding to Selectman Murray, Chief Lombardi stated that he had discussed the Police budget with his liaison to the Finance Committee and had told his liaison that he would only support the Auxiliary Police budget (approximately \$6,600) if the money were in addition to his budget, not part of his budget.

Change in Manager - Wayside Package Store

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To table taking any action on a petition dated February 11, 1981, for a Change in Manager for the Wayside Store, Inc., 119 Boston Post Road, in the absence of the applicant.

Cleaner in Massachusetts Campaign

In response to a communication dated March 16, 1981, from the Corporation for a Cleaner Commonwealth, relative to its campaign to "Make it Cleaner in Massachusetts" involving cleanups and recycling projects, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to inform the Corporation that the Town of Sudbury conducts an annual clean-up project, and has been doing so for many years. This year our project coincides with the State campaign - our Earth week is May 2-10.

Donation - Hosmer Memorial Fund

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town, a One Hundred Dollar donation from the Sudbury Woman's Club to the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund.

Dudley Road Traffic Safety

This subject was tabled pending receipt of a report from the Town Engineer relative to implementing traffic safety proposals for Dudley Road.

Transient Vendor License

Present: Virginia D'Orazio, applicant.

On the question of granting a Transient Vendor license to Virginia D'Orazio, 247 Hudson Road, for the sale of flowers at 407 Boston Post Road, Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson indicated that both the Building Inspector and Town Counsel had reviewed and approved the application dated March 12, 1981. Additionally, Mr. Thompson referenced a communication dated March 10, 1981, to Mrs. D'Orazio from Mr. Young, confirming their verbal agreement concerning rental of space and facilities to be used by Mrs. D'Orazio on Mr. Young's property at 407 Boston Post Road.

Responding to Selectman Cossart, Mrs. D'Orazio stated she did not intend to sell Christmas trees or potted flowers - only cut flowers in the springtime, summertime and perhaps into the fall. She did not expect to do any selling during the winter months.

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

VOTED: To grant a Transient Vendor license to expire January 1, 1982, to Virginia D'Orazio, 247 Hudson Road, for the sale of flowers at 407 Boston Post Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in accordance with her application dated March 12, 1981; said license is to be issued by the Town Clerk upon presentation of a state license by the applicant.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Session of March 23, 1981, as amended.

Chairman Donald recessed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:00 p.m.

1981 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review

Present: J. Owen Todd, Moderator; Betsey M. Powers, Town Clerk; and other Town officials.

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Donald welcomed the Moderator, the Town Clerk and other Town officials, and she called the 1981 Annual Warrant Review to order.

There followed a review of the Warrant for the 1981 Annual Town Meeting, with motions, presentations, and procedures for each article discussed and agreed upon.

At the suggestion of the Moderator, there was some discussion regarding postponing Town meeting to a date certain for the purpose of addressing monied articles. There appeared to be a consensus by the majority of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Lincoln - Sudbury Regional School District Committee and the Minuteman Representative to make a motion following Article 18 to postpone Town Meeting to June 15 to address all monied articles after Article 18 excluding the following numbered articles: 28, 29, 30, 31 and 39. It was agreed that Selectman Donald would make the motion on behalf of the Selectmen.

Selectman Murray reported that a news bulletin released late today states that the Governor signed a bill which allows cities and towns, who have not arrived at a voted budget by July 1, to carry last year's budget for one more year. This in effect puts Proposition 2 1/2 off for a year.

The Town Clerk commented that she would not be able to issue any certifications on any articles until Town Meeting is adjourned.

Chairman Donald recessed the meeting at 9:25 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 9:40 p.m.

Highway Department Trade-in

Present: Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes.

Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes told the Selectmen that it would definitely be more advantageous to trade-in the 1973 Trojan loader for \$25,000 towards a rental/purchase, rather than to sell it a public sale for \$12,500 (both of these figures are professional estimates), as indicated in his communication of March 18, 1981. In response to Selectman Cossart's request, Mr. Noyes stated that he would try to get one or two more cost estimates confirming the aforementioned figures and forward them to the Selectmen's office.

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

VOTED: To approve the procedure of trading in a 1973 Trojan loader by the Highway Department, as recommended by the Highway Surveyor in a communication dated March 18, 1981, upon receipt of additional documentation confirming the reasonability of the \$25,000 trade-in offer.

Article 15 - Amend Building Fee Schedule

Following a brief discussion and review of building fees in surrounding towns, as presented by the Executive Secretary, it was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To amend 1981 Annual Town Meeting Article 15 - Amend Bylaws Article XV - Building Code/Fees in Section 1. Building Permit Fees. by changing the \$2.25 amount to \$4 so that the first sentence will read: "The fee to be paid upon the issuance of each building permit shall be four dollars for each \$1,000.00 or portion thereof of the estimated cost of the construction, alteration, removal or demolition, plus Four Dollars (\$4.00)."

Plumbing and Gas Inspector Fiscal Year 1982 Budget

Following review of a communication dated March 26, 1981, from the Plumbing and Gas Inspector regarding his Fiscal Year 1982 budget, and following discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To support Howard P. Porter's request for a retainer for each of his two posts - Plumbing Inspector, Inspector of Gas Fittings - at \$1,000 each and a compensating regulator factor of 100% of all fees received for these jobs, with the exception that his own personal jobs would be excluded; said exception is noted in Town Counsel's opinion dated January 20, 1981.

Current Items of Interest

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson notified the Board of the following:

- on the matter of unlicensed dogs, 61 official dog complaints will be filed in the South Middlesex District Court;

- in response to a question previously raised by the Board, the Board can appoint a constable at any time;

- there is unlimited time to fill the vacancy on the Housing Authority once notified by the S.H.A., but a seven day notice must be given by the Selectmen prior to a joint meeting to fill a vacancy;

- relative to signals in the Town center, we are waiting for the State to get back to us with estimates for the same;

- the Board confirmed that the majority of the Board favors postponing Town Meeting until June 15, 1981.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk