

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 1981

Present: Chairman 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 Anne W. Donald, in the library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Miscellaneous

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson briefly updated the Board on the following items of interest:

- Copies of the minority and majority statements, to be made by the Board of Selectmen at the 1981 Annual Town Meeting relative to the merits of postponing Town Meeting to a date certain, were distributed and reviewed by the Board. The Executive Secretary will distribute copies of the same to the Moderator, the Town Clerk and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

- The Board reviewed and briefly discussed a survey, prepared by the Executive Secretary, showing administrative staff support costs of certain surrounding towns. Additionally, Mr. Thompson distributed an annual survey of positions from the Massachusetts Municipal Management Association, which included fringe benefits, etc., and, at the request of Selectman Cossart, stated he would provide the Board with a copy of the same.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee

Present: Michael J. Cronin, Jr., Chairman, Stefanie W. Reponen, Frederic T. Hersey, and David A. Wallace, Finance Committee.

Chairman of the Finance Committee, Michael Cronin, stated that the Finance Committee would like to make a motion to authorize them to transfer enough money from free cash (approximately \$400,000) to be placed in a separate line item, to meet the limitations of Proposition 2 1/2, if necessary, thus eliminating any need to call a special town meeting once FY1982 appropriations are voted.

Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny responded that a certain amount of money could be put into the Reserve Fund for this purpose, because we cannot work with unspecified amounts of money. Also, Town Counsel suggested that this could be accomplished by putting an amount of money in a separate account, similar to the salary adjustment account.

Mr. Cronin asked if a contingency-type fund could be set up to handle it. Selectman Cossart stated that it was against the whole concept of Town Meeting to create a pool of money to handle any unspecified amount of expenditure.

Following further discussion relative to whether money could be appropriated and set aside and, if so, how, or whether it might be better to call a Special Town Meeting, if necessary, the Selectmen suggested that the Finance Committee should deal with this in conjunction with a mutual recommendation from both Town Counsel and the Town Accountant.

There being no further information to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m., in order to attend the 1981 Annual Town Meeting.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk