

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 13, 1981

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Anne W. Donald.

Dudley Road Safety Improvements

Present: Town Engineer James V. Merloni; Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost; and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hawes, Dudley Road.

The Town Engineer paraphrased his report of April 7, 1981, relative to the public meeting held by the Selectmen to discuss traffic and safety problems on Dudley Road. At that meeting there was a consensus that Dudley Road should not be a through way but divided in the middle with two turn-arounds, one for Nobscot Road and one for the Boston Post Road segment of Dudley Road.

Mr. Merloni stated that he has since been reconsidering the outcome of that meeting and is not sure that this is the best solution for the Town; namely, because of the precedent we would be setting in Town. (Mr. Merloni mentioned several other streets in Town which are used as cut-throughs.)

Mr. Merloni stated that, based on that meeting, he had prepared and submitted with his report two plans - similar proposals - showing the cul-de-sacs. The cost difference would be approximately \$1,000.

Mr. Merloni expressed his opinion that we should reconsider what we can do to correct the present traffic safety problems on Dudley Road without changing the character of the road and without sacrificing too many trees. Mr. Merloni stated that a 40' right-of-way with a 24' pavement, 3-4' of shoulder, and trees beyond that would be adequate. Mr. Merloni added that there is no recorded layout of Dudley Road and suggested that an acceptance plan be drawn up as soon as possible.

Concluding, Mr. Merloni suggested:

- 1) that we conduct a survey of Dudley Road and prepare a plan which could be filed as a street acceptance plan; and
- 2) that we prepare an "as-built" plan; and from these plans the future re-location and widening of Dudley Road could be prepared in an attempt to correct the serious traffic situation without changing the character of the neighborhood.

Mr. Hawes, owner of land fronting Dudley Road, expressed his opinion to the proposed cul-de-sac(s) and added his opinion that the telephone poles create more of a problem on the road than the trees. He mentioned two corners on the Road that may need a little trimming, as well. Mr. Hawes stated that a Boston Edison representative had been at the last public meeting and had requested a fairly bona-fide engineering plan in order to be assured that they would not be requested to move the poles again. Mr. Hawes stated that a speed limit should be set on the street and enforced to make the road more safe for the people who use it and live on it. Mr. Hawes stated that he has lived on Dudley Road for 52 years.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson commented briefly that, in looking over the whole problem, he feels we should have a layout prepared and then hold another public meeting for further input/comment from abutters.

Responding to Selectman Murray, Mr. Merloni stated that in 1971 traffic survey information on Dudley Road revealed use by approximately 2,000 vehicles a day (total traffic).

Selectman Cossart commended Mr. Merloni for the thorough job he had done and added that he was not sure if either the preparation of layouts or the proposed cul-de-sacs would be a solution to the immediate problem of high speed and heavy traffic on Dudley Road. The Town Engineer responded that a short-term solution is law enforcement. Mr. Merloni stated that he felt lack of police enforcement was one of the reasons why traffic moves faster on Sudbury's portion of Landham Road than on the Framingham portion of that road, which is continually patrolled by Framingham Police.

Following further discussion it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To accept the Town Engineer's report (enclosing two alternative plans) dated April 7, 1981, regarding possible solutions to traffic safety problems on Dudley Road and requested the Town Engineer to proceed in accordance with his recommendations tonight;

and it was further

VOTED: To direct the Executive Secretary to ask the Police Chief for immediate police enforcement of speed limits on Dudley Road.

The Town Engineer stated that he could have the plans done by late fall.

Chief Frost expressed concurrence with the outcome of tonight's meeting.

Camp Sewataro Site Plan

Present: Town Engineer James V. Merloni.

Chairman Donald referenced a communication, dated April 8, 1981, from the Town Engineer, relative to the present site plan document for Camp Sewataro.

Mr. Merloni stated that, in response to his request for a new plan to replace the old one which had deteriorated, a new drawing had been made on mylar (which is more durable material) and was being submitted for the Board's signature. The Town Engineer confirmed that this new mylar is exactly the same as the original sepia, except that the new mylar needs the Boards' signatures.

On recommendation of the Town Engineer, the Board signed the new plan, dating the same, April 13, 1981.

Middlesex County Advisory Board Meeting

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To designate Chairman Anne W. Donald, as representative for the Town of Sudbury, to attend the Middlesex County Advisory Board Meeting of April 23, 1981, for the purpose of voting on the FY1982 budget recommendations of the Advisory Board's Budget Committee.

Appointments

Middlesex County Advisory Board Designee

It was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Chairman Anne W. Donald as Middlesex County Advisory Board Designee, and to so notify the County Commissioners in writing.

Massachusetts Municipal Association - Legislative Liaison

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Chairman Anne W. Donald as Sudbury's Massachusetts Municipal Association Legislative Liaison.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular and Executive Sessions of April 1, 1981, both as amended, and the Special Meetings of April 6 and April 7, 1981, both as drafted.

Joint Meeting with Permanent Building Committee (PBC)

Present: Chairman D. Bruce Langmuir, Michael E. Melnick, James F. Goodman, Franklin B. Davis and Dan A. Woolley, PBC; Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi; and Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost.

Police Station Change Orders

PBC member Michael Melnick made reference to the outcome of the meeting of March 23 with the Selectmen and the fact that the Selectmen did not want to sign the change order relating to the installation of a fire alarm system until the PBC met again with the Police Chief and the architects for the Police Station construction project to determine priorities. Mr. Melnick stated that the Police Chief's priorities are: the closed circuit television monitoring system, which was originally included but deleted by the PBC because its members did not feel they had enough money at the time; the air conditioning system in the central lobby, which had also been deleted when we went out for bid and which has become a serious issue with the Police Chief, since the lobby is without ventilation; and the fire alarm system. These three areas of concern have been discussed with the architect and the following is a summary of the costs involved with these items:

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| 1) <u>air conditioning in the front lobby:</u> | \$4,533 |
| (This figure has been verified by the Architect.) Selectman Murray stated that he did not realize that this item had been deleted from the contract. Mr. Melnick responded that, because the PBC felt that at a later time this item could be handled under a maintenance line item, the PBC had deleted it due to money constraints. | |
| 2) a modified <u>internal only</u> closed circuit <u>television monitoring system:</u> | 7,550 |
| installation of conduit only: | 2,900* |
| cameras and heads would be added later | |
| *PBC recommends this figure | |
| the complete system including the head for the exterior and rear of the building to monitor the parking lot and garage doors - can be added later: | 10,500 |
| 3) the <u>fire alarm system</u> will cost approximately: | 6,500 |
| (The figure addressed on March 23 was \$5,375.) | |
| heads can be added later | -1,200 |
| also, a lighted panel control, which detects where the fire is and which would be tied into the Fire Station - can be added later | |
| | <u>-2,000</u> |
| | 3,300* |

*This figure includes hard wire and conduit, and heads in the cell area only, which can be activated later and is the recommended figure of the PBC.

Mr. Melnick stated that the PBC has spoken to the Fire Chief, who now feels that we do not need the whole fire alarm system. Mr. Melnick informed the Board that we are committed to date for \$1,400 for fire alarm conduit work already in place.

The Fire Chief stated that he had discussed on several occasions the fire alarm system on the basis of his personal priority and recognizes why the Police Chief's priority would be the closed circuit television monitoring system. Chief Frost stated that, rather than installing a partial fire alarm system at a cost of \$3,300, that money should be applied to complete the television monitoring system. This system would also serve as a fire protection mechanism by allowing the officer on the front desk to see any fire. Approximately 6-8 battery-operated smoke detectors, at approximately \$60 per head, could be installed in the cell areas and any other areas where people are confined. Chief Frost thanked the PBC for supporting his initial recommendation.

Responding to the Selectmen, Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi stated that the PBC knows he would not be comfortable unless a complete television monitoring system were installed, explaining that with only one man inside, the equipment is needed for surveillance of the parking lot, as well as the interior.

Responding to Chairman Donald, Mr. Melnick said that to install the smoke detectors the Fire Chief is suggesting would cost approximately \$500. Mr. Melnick continued to say that the PBC is concerned with the balance in the contingency fund, and mentioned a few outstanding additions/extras, which will leave a balance of \$9,847 in the contingency fund.

Selectman Murray suggested proceeding with the conduit and wiring for the television and adding the camera(s) later. Mr. Melnick responded that, because of the recent passage of Article 18 of the 1981 Annual Town Meeting, we can do this on our own at a later date - any expenditure under \$4,000 does not need to be bid. He later stated his personal agreement with spending \$3,300 for the fire alarm system and \$4,533 for the air conditioning in the lobby.

Mr. Melnick pointed out that if we wait to purchase equipment for the television system, the price, most likely, will have escalated by about \$400.

Selectman Donald felt that, since we are into the fire alarm system for \$1,400, we should resolve that, add approximately \$500 for the smoke detectors, and install the total television system, as recommended by the Fire Chief.

Selectman Cossart agreed with Chairman Donald on the fire alarms, stating he felt it would add up to the \$3,300 figure; but on the television system, he felt we should only spend \$2,900 for the conduit, adding that the Selectmen would endorse the system for future completion.

Mr. Melnick felt we should complete the television system and ask for a transfer from the Reserve Fund, if necessary. Chief Lombardi stated his opposition to a Reserve Fund transfer, and stated he felt the price for the air conditioning should be attacked.

Chairman Donald asked that the PBC firm up the figures and get back to the Board with the necessary change orders. Chairman Donald stated that the Selectmen share a mutual concern that the contingency fund is dangerously low, adding that they do not want to hold up the PBC in their negotiations.

Selectman Cossart added that the PBC may find, after reviewing the figures, that there is no reason to be so concerned with the low balance of the contingency fund.

PBC member Franklin Davis asked if the Selectmen would authorize the PBC to negotiate on the basis of: \$4,533 for the air conditioning in the lobby; \$3,300 for the fire alarm system; and \$2,900 for the conduit for the television monitoring system; while maintaining a minimum balance of \$10,000 in the contingency fund. The Selectmen concurred and will await change orders from the PBC.

Article 32 - Energy Conservation

PBC Chairman Bruce Langmuir updated the Board on the progress-to-date of energy saving measures in school and municipal buildings carried out by the PBC and referenced material distributed on the subject in conjunction with the PBC's article #32 - Energy Conservation, which will be taken up when the 1981 Annual Town Meeting resumes, as follows:

- The fuel oil savings in the November, 1980 - March, 1981 time period was 11.6%; this would have been a 20% savings for a whole year on oil only, which is more than 20% in total dollars.

- Improving lighting system efficiency and improving boiler efficiency showed a 3.9- and a 2.9-year payback, respectively, based on March, 1981 costs.

- For a \$151,665 implementation cost for energy conservation in the areas of improving lighting system and boiler efficiency, there would be a \$920,800 savings over a period of 10 years. Without this implementation our fuel over 10 years would be \$160,000 more with escalation and inflation.

- A \$106,000 implementation cost will purchase a multi-fuel burner for full boiler efficiency. This implementation shows a 2.8-year payback; also, there is a \$7,000 savings by buying this type of burner and a better rating in terms of a future Federal grant.

Mr. Langmuir stated that next year we will have saved enough through energy implementation measures to pay the salaries of two teachers.

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To support 1981 Annual Town Meeting Article 32 - Energy Conservation Implementation - in the amount of \$106,000 to be partially raised by a \$19,000 transfer from the Fairbank School Roof Account, established under Article 24 of the 1979 Annual Town Meeting.

Waters Manufacturing

Present: Robert A. Waters, Waters Manufacturing.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication, dated April 9, 1981, from Robert A. Waters of Waters Manufacturing relative to the management of the Sudbury Landfill.

As an abutter to the Sudbury Landfill, Mr. Waters informed the Board of the following problems his property has been subjected to recently as a result of the management of the Landfill. (He also showed the Board pictures, which he later left with the Board.)

- 150' of fill which had been stockpiled in the Landfill along his border has been removed, bringing the grade of the Landfill almost down to the level of his property; Mr. Waters later acknowledged that he had been aware that someday this fill/barrier would be removed for the operations of the Landfill.

- Refuse is blowing onto his property due to the loss of this natural barrier.

- The pitch is now creating a drainage problem on his property.

- This has also resulted in an illegal access to the Landfill.

Mr. Waters stated that he has a sizable investment in this development, which now appears to be located in the middle of a dump! This, Mr. Waters stated, is affecting his tenants and he now risks losing one of them.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that he would speak to the Town Engineer relative to the drainage problem again, but Mr. Merloni did state last week that no serious problem now exists. A chain link fence has been estimated to cost approximately \$10,000 and, Mr. Thompson added, funds would not be available at this time. Mr. Thompson informed Mr. Waters that the passage of Article 28 of the 1981 Annual Town Meeting, which will be reconsidered when Town Meeting resumes in June, will directly affect the operations of the Landfill, especially in regard to any drainage problems and the replacement of fill between the two properties.

Selectman Cossart expressed his opinion as follows:

- that there could not be any vehicular access to the Landfill through Mr. Waters' property because of the gully in that area;

- that there is nothing to substantiate a drainage problem at this time; (Mr. Waters stated that when his building was constructed, he had to put in a sump pump to allow water to drain off at the same rate as it comes in and, since the removal of the fill, water is coming in faster than it is being pumped).

- the removal of the fill from between the properties was included in the original plans for the Landfill;

- there is no provision for a chain link fence, as the Executive Secretary already noted, and suggested a type of natural barrier rather than assuming the expense of fencing, adding that something should be done right away about the blowing of refuse on Mr. Waters' property - perhaps snow fencing could be used.

Following further discussion the Board directed the Executive Secretary to consult with the Town Engineer and the Highway Surveyor regarding some immediate relief to Mr. Waters in terms of fencing or a type of natural barrier to prevent blowing of debris onto his property, the alleged drainage problem, and set up a meeting in the near future on site with Mr. Waters, the Highway Surveyor, the Town Engineer and the Selectmen.

Current Items of Interest

Use of Community Signs

Following a brief discussion it was on motion by Selectmen Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To approve a April 9, 1981 request from the Springthing Publicity Chairman to use the community signs located at the Fire Stations on Routes 20 and 117, from May 4 through May 10, to publicize Springthing, which is being planned by the Lincoln-Sudbury Scholarship Committee for May 9;

and it was further on motion by Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve the use of the community signs from April 18 through May 2 to advertise the Town Roadside Cleanup; both approvals are subject to approval by the Sign Review Board.

Communication on Drug Awareness

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to request Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Assistant Principal Brad Sargent to include the signature of all three Selectmen on a letter which will be sent to Lincoln-Sudbury parents alerting parents and young people of the use of drugs in the community and inviting them to attend an awareness meeting on May 4, at 7:30 p.m. at the High School auditorium.

Noyes School Student Announcement

The Board announced, on behalf of the Noyes School students, a recycling weekend on April 17 and 18 (aluminum, bottles, paper) with proceeds to be donated to charity. (The Selectmen's office was later advised the date had been changed to April 24 and 25.)

Property Valuation Inflation Factor/Revaluation

Mr. Thompson reported that Town Counsel Paul L. Kenny is meeting with the Assessors tonight; all indications are that the Assessors could meet a June 1 deadline concerning the property valuation inflation factor.

Selectman Cossart commented that he would provide the Board with a list, prepared and given to him by a local resident, showing a number of inequities in the recent revaluation for future review and discussion.

Sudbury Housing Authority Vacancy

Chairman Donald referenced an April 7, 1981, communication from the Sudbury Housing Authority relative to the vacancy on that Committee, and suggested that the Selectmen compile a list of candidates for interview.

Rescheduling Selectmen's Meeting Due to Patriot's Day Holiday

It was on motion by Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To reschedule the Board's regularly scheduled meeting of Monday, April 20, to Tuesday, April 21, due to the Patriot's Day holiday, subject to cancellation on the basis of the urgency of the Selectmen's business, and because Selectman Cossart will be out of Town that week.

Revising Liaison Assignments

Following review of the Board's liaison assignments for 1980, and after making several revisions to the same, the Executive Secretary was directed to prepare the revised list of liaison assignments for 1981 for the Chairman's signature.

April Town Fathers Forum

It was on motion by Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the April Town Fathers Forum.

Cruiser for Auxiliary Police

The Board reconsidered its vote of April 1 to approve a transfer request in the amount of \$2,193 to be applied to the purchase of Police cruisers in order to hold onto one trade-in vehicle for the Auxiliary Police.

Selectman Murray stated that, since the Finance Committee has not funded the Auxiliary Police, it would be presumptuous of the Selectmen to retain the cruiser in the hope that Town Meeting will act favorably on budgeting the Auxiliary. Selectman Donald agreed and added that, if Town Meeting does fund the Auxiliary at that time, the Selectmen could return to the Finance Committee for a transfer for the purchase of a vehicle.

Selectman Cossart argued that the Selectmen had collectively supported the Auxiliary and strongly urged the Board to continue its support by holding onto the Police vehicle for the Auxiliary and going back to the Finance Committee with the transfer request for \$2,193 and do a better job of convincing them of the seriousness of this request.

Following a lengthy discussion, there was a majority consensus to trade in all the vehicles which had been bid upon and not pursue the transfer with the Finance Committee at this time.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk