

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1981

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Murray convened the 139th Session of the Town Fathers Forum. Chairman Murray read the following activities of the Board over the past month:

- The Board authorized borrowing in Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$1,500,000;

- Bids for printing the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and for the purchase of four police cruisers were awarded;

-The Board accepted the resignation of Barbara Bortle from the Council on Aging, who is assuming the position of Director of the Drop-in Center.

- The following appointments were made: Elizabeth Nikula to fill the vacancy on the Council on Aging, Renaud Collin as Auxiliary Police Officer, and Richard M. Passalacqua to the Conservation Commission:

- Together with other boards, the Selectmen met with representatives of the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the firm that agency has engaged to prepare a Flood Insurance Study for the Town of Sudbury. A preliminary draft of the study was reviewed.

- The Board scheduled a public meeting to discuss with abutters possible safety measures to improve traffic safety on Dudley Road.

- A non-binding letter of intent, indicating the Town's intention to offer Family Health Plan as a federally qualified health maintenance organization to employees was signed by the Board.

- The Board signed a resolution acknowledging the services of Congressman Drinan.

- The Board approved an amendment to the Traffic Rules and Orders which will prohibit parking in areas posted as reserved for handicapped parking except by those vehicles bearing authorized number plates for disabled veterans or handicapped persons.

- Chairman Murray noted the following reminders: The Town Fathers Forum for March has been cancelled, and the Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review will take place on Wednesday, April 1 at 8:00 p.m.

Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers

Mrs. Powers read the final ballot for the 1981 Annual Town Election, and commented that there are no contests! Four new Special Police Officers were sworn in: Bruce MacGilvia, John S. Sklenek, Anthony J. Sorrenti and Edward J. Murphy. (Mr. Murphy had been previously sworn in, but was in attendance tonight for the ceremony.)

Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi

The Chief paraphrased his January 27, 1981, report, submitted to the Selectmen, and reported that crime has decreased during 1980. The Chief commended his Department and the citizens of Sudbury for the manner in which they have responded to crime in the community. The Chief concluded by stating that due to the large number of alcohol-related accidents/crimes all drinking laws will be thoroughly enforced in the coming year.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chief Frost stated that the installation of storm windows has been completed in an effort to keep energy costs down. The Chief reported that the heat in Station 2 has been shut off due to a leak, and they are waiting for an engineer to let them know how much it will cost to have it repaired. Chief Frost stated that the fire safety program had been completed at the Curtis Jr. High and was received well by both students and faculty. The Chief asked the press to publicize the Department's Heart Saver Program, explaining that participation has dropped off.

Town Accountant John H. Wilson

Mr. Wilson reported that the Town received certification of available Free Cash from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue under date of February 17, 1981. Mr. Wilson stated that that figure has been amended; the new amount is \$510,745.

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton reported that a transfer request in the amount of \$70,000 has been submitted to the Finance Committee in conjunction with the current borrowing. Responding to Selectman Cossart, Mr. Hamilton stated that we are right on target with tax collections - approximately 90% of the taxes have been received to date.

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon

Mr. Scammon reported that the total new house starts in 1980 were 32; in January, 1981, only one. Wood stoves for 1980 totaled 130; this year to date, there have been a total of 29 permits for wood stoves. The electric bills are down - the biggest improvement was in the Town Hall, from \$833 to \$722.

Goodnow Library Director Wilma Lepore

Ms. Lepore stated that she had no report. Ms. Lepore informed everyone that the Goodnow Library Trustees are still considering closing the Library one day a week; also, the "no fines" policy may be discontinued, and fines reinstated.

Alan H. Grathwohl, Chairman, Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee
LSRSDC

Mr. Grathwohl, speaking as Trustee of the Broadcasting Foundation, reported that they are considering broadcasting the Town Meeting and would like to meet with the Selectmen in the near future to discuss this possibility.

The LSRSDC has submitted its final budget with a reduction over last year's total! The assessments under the terms of the regional agreement have been certified with the Treasurers of the two Towns. Mr. Grathwohl announced that next Wednesday through Saturday, February 25-28, the Lincoln-Sudbury Players will be presenting The Diary of Anne Frank.

Bruce Langmuir, Chairman, Permanent Building Committee PBC

Mr. Langmuir briefly reported on two articles being submitted by the PBC. Mr. Langmuir stated that article 31, School Roof Studies, will not affect taxation, but will be appropriated through a transfer from article 24 of the 1979 Annual Town Meeting. 1981 Annual Town Meeting article 32, Energy Conservation Implementation, was cut back to \$106,000 from the original figure of \$272,000. This article will deal mostly with burner replacements and lighting efficiency.

Michael E. Melnick, Permanent Building Committee

Mr. Melnick reported on the progress of the Police Station addition, explaining that construction is approximately one month behind due to the very cold weather. It was noted that the Fire Chief has requested the installation of a fire alarm system, which has been estimated by the contractor to cost \$5,000; the PBC is waiting for an approval by the architect, at which time it will be forwarded to the Selectmen for final approval. Mr. Melnick stated that there appears to be sufficient money in the account to handle that expenditure.