

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 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.

Utility Petition #81-3, Willis Road

Present: Edward Chisolm, Boston Edison Company.

In conformity with General Laws, Chapter 166, Sections 21 and 22, the Board considered Utility Petition #81-3 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, for permission to erect or construct one (1) guy wire and anchor to be used in common by them, upon, along, and across the following way of the Town:

Willis Road, northwesterly side approximately 178 feet southwest of  
Ford Road, - One (1) guy wire and anchor.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that all appropriate Town officials and abutters had been notified and that a favorable joint report had been received from the Building Inspector and the Wiring Inspector dated February 20, 1981.

Mr. Chisolm of Boston Edison Company showed the Selectmen the plan and explained the reason for the petition.

Following a brief discussion with Mr. Chisolm, it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition #81-3 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, as described above and as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan of Willis Rd., Sudbury, Showing proposed guy wire & anchor location", dated December 29, 1980.

Boston Edison's Herbicides Program

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated February 13, 1981, from Boston Edison Company informing the Town of its program commencing March 23, 1981, to apply herbicides on its transmission rights-of-way.

Selectman Cossart suggested that the communication be referred to the Board of Health; Selectman Murray agreed, stating that he thought in the past carcinogenic substances may have been used.

The Executive Secretary stated that he would forward a copy of the above-mentioned communication to the Board of Health relaying Selectman Murray's concern and requesting clarification and/or comment.

Tax Anticipation Notes

Present: Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers; and Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To sign Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$1,500,000, dated March 4, 1981 and due May 15, 1981, as follows:

Bay Bank Middlesex	7.96%	250M
Shawmut Community Bank, N.A.	7.99%	200M
New England Merchants National	8.00%	250M
Bay Bank Middlesex	8.22%	500M
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust	8.22%	200M
State Street Bank & Trust Co.	8.25%	100M

Appointment - Personnel Board

It was on motion by Chairman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Stephen M. Golder of 64 Maynard Road to the Personnel Board, replacing Delores Mealey, for a term to expire April 30, 1981.

House Bills 3875, 3874, and 3885

The Board agreed to support House Bills 3875, 3874 and 3885, as requested in a communication dated February 12, 1981, from the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association, filed by the Association dealing with County Advisory Board control over county budgets, requiring an independent audit of county governments, and full state funding of post high school vocational costs, respectively.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson informed the Board of a Middlesex County Selectmen's Association meeting to be held in Concord at the Elks Club on Wednesday, February 25th - 6:30 p.m. dinner, 7:45 p.m. speakers.

Fidelity Bonds

Present: Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton.

It was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign fidelity bonds for 1981, as follows:

- a. No. S-04-04-30 for the Town Treasurer in the amount of \$130,000;
- b. No. S-58-68-34 for the Collector of Taxes in the amount of \$128,000;
- c. No. S-72-20-23 for the Town Clerk in the amount of \$5,000; and
- d. No. S-76-64-59 for the Assistant Town Treasurer in the amount of \$32,500.

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton commented that there is no justification for the required bond amounts received from the State; indicating they were too low, but did not recommend paying a premium for a higher amount.

Current Items of Interest

Town Facilities Committee

Chairman Murray informed the Board that the Town Facilities Committee met and discussed future use of the Loring, Horse Pond and the Fairbank School buildings, and the Committee plans to meet again on March 2 at 7:00 p.m. with the Fire Chief to discuss the same.

Meeting Change

Following a brief discussion it was on motion by Chairman Murray unanimously VOTED: To change the regular meeting of Monday, March 2, to Wednesday, March 4, at 4:00 p.m. at the Loring Parsonage, if necessary to have a meeting that week.

General Meetings

Mr. Thompson informed the Board of several meeting dates next week on March 9, 10, 11 (MBTA) and 12.

Use of Community Bulletin Boards - Memorial Congregational Church

Following discussion it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously VOTED: To approve a request dated February 19, 1981, from the Memorial Congregational Church to use the community billboard, located at Fire Station #2 on Boston Post Road, from 10:00 a.m. Saturday, March 15, to 10:00 p.m. Friday March 27, 1981, to publicize a concert presentation of Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass to be held on March 27.

The following current items of interest were discussed later in the evening:

Communication from Pamela Goff - Open Land Tax Re-classification

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication from Mrs. Pamela Goff, dated February 23, 1981, expressing concern regarding the effect of the commercial classification of open land on the citizens who own large tracts and requesting the Board to make an inquiry regarding the recent re-classification through the Revenue Department.

Following a brief discussion, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to suggest to Mrs. Goff that she request the Board of Assessors to submit an inquiry regarding the classification, and if they do not agree to do this, she should appeal on an individual basis, keeping the Selectmen informed as she goes along.

Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Conference

Both Selectman Murray and Cossart stated that they would be able to attend the MMA's 6th Annual Legislative Conference to be held on Saturday, March 7th.

LSRHS Joint Meeting

It was noted that Wednesday, March 18th at 8:00 p.m. is the newly scheduled date and time for a joint meeting requested by the LSRHSD with the Selectmen and Finance Committees of Lincoln and Sudbury, to discuss the Regional School budget. The meeting will take place at the High School.

Taylor Rental - Site Plan Violations

The Board was in receipt of a communication from Mr. & Mrs. Martin J. Brennan of 7 Uplook Drive, dated February 16, 1981, informing the Board of continuing violations (since September, 1980) by Taylor Rental of their 1979 site plan; i.e., parking of rental trucks on the exterior of the building; use of a portable sign with flashing lights at the property line along Route 20, and the placement of available rental equipment on the property by Route 20. Additionally, the Board acknowledged receipt of a copy of a February 23, 1981, communication to Taylor Rental from the Building Inspector pursuing the Building Inspector's original request of October, 1980, to Taylor Rental that they comply by removing the rental trucks and the flashing sign, and stating that, unless there is compliance by March 1, he will pursue court action for a criminal violation.

At the request of Selectman Cossart, the Executive Secretary was directed to request a determination from the Building Inspector regarding the placement of rental equipment on the exterior of the property, a copy of which is to be forwarded to the Brennans.

Proposition 2 1/2 Procedures for 1981 Annual Town Meeting

Subsequent to a meeting with the Finance Committee Chairman, Joseph Slomski, Chairman Murray signed a letter under date of February 19, 1981, to Mr. Slomski summing up what he believed to be their mutual concerns regarding the upcoming Annual Town Meeting and the ramifications of Proposition 2 1/2, and suggesting a joint meeting date of Saturday, February 28, at 10:00 a.m. in the lower Town Hall with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen to further discuss the same.

Town's Insurance Contracts

Present: William P. Reed, Chairman, and Roland I. Capone, Insurance Advisory Committee.

Chairman Murray welcomed members of the Insurance Advisory Committee to review the Committee's report dated February 2, 1981, on the Town's insurance contracts.

Chairman Murray asked about a time schedule for the implementation of the Committee's recommendations; Mr. Reed later stated that the Committee has no strong recommendations for changes in insurance contracts but is simply suggesting what some alternatives would be (see above-mentioned report).

Referencing various areas of the above-mentioned report, the following was noted:

- Mr. Reed stated that the Automobile Physical Damage Policy (AIP 688761 with Peerless Casualty Company) is working well, and that the Committee will monitor the schedule and renewal dates in relation to the values of the vehicles in order to keep the insurance coverage updated.

- Under the Special Risk Accident Policy (08SR 210151 with Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company), Mr. Roland I. Capone expressed his opinion that the \$10,000 maximum coverage per officer, compared to what could be claimed against the Town of Sudbury per officer as a result of a serious accident/disaster, is really an insignificant amount. An alternative would be to place in a special account the premium equivalent for the payment of medical costs and to become a self-insurer.

- Relative to Special Multi-Peril Policy (SMP-92-22-40 with Dorchester Mutual Insurance Company), which covers all of the Town buildings, Mr. Reed stated that this policy has not been updated since it was raised 10% between 1977 and 1978, and that coverage on Town buildings should be increased as shown in Table C of their report over the figures currently on the policy.

Mr. Reed said that \$33,000 is the premium for this policy, and with the suggested increase in coverage there would be a \$7,000 total increase in the premium; a \$50,000 deductible would save approximately \$3,000.

- Section II (Liability Coverage) of the above policy is supplemented by:

- Umbrella Liability (CUL 1432 with American Universal Insurance Company), which covers liability not included in the basic policy - the exception is that there is a 10% deductible. It was Mr. Reed's opinion that the limit of this Umbrella Policy be increased. It would cost \$1,000 to increase the policy another million.

Mr. Reed explained some of the exclusions under Section II and under the Umbrella Policy (see Section II of the above-mentioned report).

- Mr. Reed briefly reported on the Dishonesty Disappearance and Destruction Policy (55-30-949A with Fidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland).

There was no discussion on the Blue Cross - Blue Shield Master Medical listed in the report.

At the conclusion of discussion the consensus was that Town Accountant John H. Wilson should be requested to put the alternatives to the Town's present insurance contracts, prepared by the Insurance Advisory Committee and submitted in report dated February 2, 1981, into financial impact (cost analysis and implementation) and report back to the Selectmen as soon as possible.

The meeting was recessed briefly at 8:00 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:05 p.m.

Town Fathers Forum

At 8:05 p.m. Chairman Murray convened the 139th Session of the Town Fathers Forum, a copy of which is attached and is made a part of these minutes.

At 8:30 p.m. the Town Fathers Forum was adjourned and the meeting recessed in order to attend the 45th Annual Sudbury Water District Meeting being held in the upper Town Hall; the meeting was called back to order at 9:20 p.m.

Position by Selectmen on Town Meeting Articles and Approving Reports

During review of the remaining articles for the Selectmen to take positions on and articles for which reports should be approved, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To withdraw the 1981 Annual Town Meeting article #27, Secretarial Pool;

and it was further

VOTED: To support 1981 Annual Town Meeting article #22, East Street - Street Acceptance and article #31, School Roof Studies;

and it was further

VOTED: To oppose 1981 Annual Town Meeting article #33, Real Estate Tax Abatement;

and it was further

VOTED: To omit taking positions on 1981 Annual Town Meeting articles #36, 37 and 38 - Tax Cap articles;

and it was further

VOTED; To report at the 1981 Annual Town Meeting on the following articles: #6, Personnel Administration Plan, #9, L-S Regional Agreement, and #32, Energy Conservation Implementation. Relative to article #32, a statement is to be printed in the Warrant that the Selectmen generally support energy conservation measures;

and it was further

VOTED: To approve reports for the following 1981 Annual Town Meeting articles: #14, Zoning Bylaw Amendment - Municipal Exemptions, and #22, Street Acceptance - East Street.

The Board agreed to table speaking assignments until a later date.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk