

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 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 10:00 a.m. by Chairman Murray.

Petition Article - 1981 ATM

Present: Oscar Harrell, Chairman, Park and Recreation Commission.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept a petition article for the 1981 Annual Town Meeting, relative to the acceptance of G.L.ch.44, sec.53D, which would allow the Park and Recreation Commission to establish a revolving fund for the conduct of recreational programs on a self-supporting basis, subject to certification of signatures by the Board of Registrars.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee - 1981 ATM/Proposition 2½

Present: Finance Committee: Chairman Joseph Slomski, Bernard J. Hennessy, Michael J. Cronin, David A. Wallace, Stefanie Reponen; Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee: Chairman Alan Grathwohl, Richard Brooks, Dante Germanotta, Superintendent David Levington; Park and Recreation Commission: Chairman Oscar Harrell, Russell Gessner, Donald Soule; Carol Hull, Goodnow Library Trustee; Stephen M. Golder, Personnel Board; Col. Paul Leahy, Veterans' Agent and Chairman, Council on Aging; John H. Wilson, Town Accountant; Isabelle K. Stone, Tax Collector; Chester Hamilton, Town Treasurer; and Josiah Frost, Fire Chief.

Chairman Murray opened the joint meeting by paraphrasing his letter of February 19, 1981, to the Chairman of the Finance Committee on the subject of the uncoming Annual Town Meeting and the related ramifications of Proposition 2½. Chairman Murray stressed that the importance of the meeting was to arrive at a consensus on the issues raised in the February 19 letter.

After considerable discussion and consideration, the following consensus was reached:

1) On the best alternative to follow for acting upon town budgets, recognizing unknown factors, a small majority (13) favored alternative "c" (to commence the Annual Town Meeting and complete only non-monied articles and then adjourn to a date certain). Nine (9) favored alternative "b" (to estimate free cash, 1/1/81 valuation, Cherry Sheet figures, and proceed with Annual Town Meeting to completion and call Special Town Meeting, if necessary, at a later date).

2) All those in attendance, with the exception of one, favored setting a maximum tax levy allowed under Proposition 2½, recognizing the possible long-range impacts of Proposition 2½ not to do so.

3) On the subject of recommending distribution of possible funds not yet allocated, it was agreed that the Finance Committee would address this matter as soon as the Selectmen's Office is able to furnish an estimate of available unallocated funds. In connection with the foregoing, the Selectmen agreed that a meeting would be convened with the Assessors immediately to request an estimated January 1, 1981 full and fair cash valuation. Also, a copy of the written guidelines to the Assessors from the State to arrive at the same, which should be received March 2, would be forwarded to the Finance Committee by the Selectmen.

Chairman Murray thanked everyone for their attendance and informed them that he would keep them up-to-date on the subject of this meeting as matters progressed and developed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk