

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1981

Present: Chairman John E. Murray and Anne W. Donald.

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.

Gypsy Moth Control

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication received March 9, 1981, from the Division of Forests and Parks, Department of Environmental Management, concerning the status of the Gypsy Moth population and recommendations for control.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Session of March 9, 1981, as amended, and the minutes of the Executive Session of March 9, 1981, and the Special Meeting of March 10, 1981, both as drafted.

Letter of Commendation: James Dowse Sanitary Landfill Worker

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter of commendation dated March 13, 1981, from the Chairman of the Sudbury Council on Aging for the helpfulness of James Dowse at the Sanitary Landfill to senior citizens, and directed the Executive Secretary to send a personal letter to James Dowse expressing the Board's appreciation and recognition of the thoughtfulness and kindly help to Sudbury residents.

Current Items of Interest

Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) Memorandum

Selectman Donald referenced a MMA Memorandum on the subject of Proposition 2 1/2: the Appropriation Process, and related items. There was a brief discussion.

Proposition 2 1/2

Chairman Murray stated that he had spoken to some legislators today on Beacon Hill, and the general feeling among them is that they will not vote to alter Proposition 2 1/2 the first year despite some public pressure to do so.

Town Facilities Committee

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To appoint the Chairman of the Finance Committee (following that Committee's re-organization to determine the same) to the Town Facilities Committee, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Finance Committee Chairman Joseph Slomski.

The Board will inform the Finance Committee of this action at a joint budget hearing meeting with the Finance Committee tomorrow evening, Thursday, March 19.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Thompson updated the Board regarding the procedure the Finance Committee will follow in dealing with the budgets. There was some discussion on the matter of unallocated funds and appropriating the maximum under Proposition 2 1/2 with any required future adjustments to be absorbed in the overlay reserve account. Mr. Thompson also stated that in preparation of tomorrow night's meeting, Town Accountant John H. Wilson will prepare and give to the Finance Committee a hypothetical tax rate recapitulation, based on the Finance Committee's recommendations plus an additional one million dollar projection of estimated unallocated funds, and that he would provide a copy for the Board prior to the meeting.

Sperry Rand

Mr. Thompson informed the Board of several dates when representatives of Sperry-Rand would be available to meet with the Board as part of the Board's on-going policy to meet annually with large businesses in Town; more specifically, to discuss with Sperry their newest project for a very large addition to their building. The Board requested the Executive Secretary to schedule the meeting at their earliest convenience.

Landfill Cover Material

Mr. Thompson suggested that the Board meet with the Water District to continue discussion and firm up negotiations on the landfill gravel site on Water District property off Route 117. The Water District's upcoming meetings are scheduled for March 31, April 14 and 28. The Board directed the Executive Secretary to schedule this joint meeting on March 31, if possible.

Energy Conservation Measures

Mr. Thompson gave the Board a copy of its vote of March 12, 1981, authorizing the Executive Secretary to file an application for Energy Conservation Measures with the State Office of Energy Resources, and execute related documents, stating that the application, because it is so lengthy, will be available in the Selectmen's office.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. in order to attend a joint meeting with the Lincoln Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee of both towns and the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee to discuss the Regional High School's budget for Fiscal 1982.

In the absence of Selectman Cossart, the Executive Session was postponed and tentatively scheduled for later in the evening.

Executive Session

At 9:00 p.m. it was on motion by roll call

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing strategy for collective bargaining where open discussion of the same may have a detrimental effect.

(Roll call vote: Chairman Murray, in favor; Selectman Donald, in favor; Selectman Cossart, in favor.)

Chairman Murray announced that open session would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk