

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1982

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Donald convened the 144th Session of the Town Fathers Forum and reported the activities of the Board of Selectmen during the past month, as follows:

- The Board appointed the following people to the newly formed Cable Advisory Committee: Roger Bump (Chairman), Joseph Bausk, Jeremy Smith, William Eburn, Margaret Ward, Kenneth Brown, Michael Shapanka and Anthony Kreisel. This committee will assist the Selectmen in developing plans and evaluating proposals for the Town's entry into the Cable Television market;
- The Board considered the two following site plan applications:
  - Gold Star Nurseries, Inc., for property located in the Industrial Park off Codjer Lane, which was approved; and
  - M&S Sudbury Realty Trust, for new construction at 474 Boston Post Road (opposite the Gibbs station), which is planned for the new location of The Colonial Spirits and is still under consideration;
- A public hearing was conducted on violations of the liquor license held by the Sudbury House culminating in a license suspension for 14 non-consecutive days;
- It was agreed by the Selectmen, with concurrence from the Conservation Commission, to lease a portion of the Parkinson land off Hudson Road to Sudbury Nurseries, Inc. for a 5-year period after public notice;
- After extensive discussion and work with the Conservation Commission, involving the Massachusetts Farm and Conservation Lands Trust and the Sudbury Valley Trustees, the Board, on behalf of the Town, submitted a matching bid to the Farmers Home Administration for the Shick Land off Hudson Road in order to obtain development rights on the agricultural land. In conjunction, two petitions have been accepted for inclusion in the 1982 Town Meeting Warrant to implement the process should the bid be accepted;
- The Board approved an art auctioneer's license for the L-S Student Exchange Committee's Benefit auction on May 15 in the Town Hall;
- The Board accepted a bid for the printing of the Town Meeting Warrant by The Rene Press of Fitchburg. The Warrant will be signed by the Selectmen on March 1, and prepared for delivery to townspeople by March 16;
- Service to the Town was acknowledged by the Board by Resolution honoring Helen Conroy, a retiring school teacher, and by letter to Bradley Reed, whose move from the Town necessitated his resignation from the Planning Board;

- Non-binding public advisory questions were approved for the Town Election ballot at the request of the Board of Assessors relative to open land and use of a Residential Factor;
- The Board voted unanimously not to place on the 1982 Town Election ballot a question calling for the exemption from the Proposition 2½ levy limit of the bonding of Articles 30 and 31 for the Curtis and Noyes School roofs, as had been requested by the Finance Committee.
- Several other matters which were the subject of Selectmen discussion included street layouts, insurance matters and off-street parking. With regard to the latter, Town Engineer James Merloni will be working with the Planning Board to revise the off-street parking bylaw.
- The Selectmen have also completed final interviews of the candidates for the Town Accountant/Director of Finance & Administration position.

It was on motion by Selectman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To appoint James Vanar, 426 Laws Brook Road, Concord, to the position of Town Accountant, effective March 15, 1982, at an annual salary of \$26,000.

At the request of the Selectmen, Mr. Thompson paraphrased Mr. Vanar's resume.

Chairman Donald asked for reports from those boards and committees that were present.

Richard O. Bell - Conservation Commission

Mr. Bell commented on the turn-over in membership during the past month(s), commenting that the Commission has four new members. Mr. Bell referenced the Shick property and the transfer of the Barton property, both of which the Commission has been actively involved with. Three Wetland Protection Act hearings have been held; an Order of Conditions has been completed on one.

Joseph E. Scammon, Building Inspector

Mr. Scammon reported as follows:

- during the month of January, three house permits were issued at an average valuation of approximately \$94,000;
- five additions were completed for a total valuation of \$60,000;
- six wood stove permits were issued, and site plan activity increased.

Mr. Scammon noted relative to fuel, #2 oil is costing the Town just under one dollar a gallon, regular gasoline, \$1.13, and unleaded gasoline, down to \$1.16.

Isabelle K. Stone, Collector of Taxes

Mrs. Stone reported that second notices for real estate tax bills will go out the end of this month; that she received 8,407 excise taxes today; that \$11,397,555 has been committed on real estate; that, as of January 22, \$5,433,295 had been collected, leaving a balance of \$5,964,259, of which approximately \$50,000 had been received after January 22nd.

Karen Rasile - Board of Health

Mrs. Rasile urged people to vote in favor of Article 8, to include Brimstone Lane in the Sudbury Water District; the annual Water District meeting is being held in the upper Town Hall this evening.

Martin F. Craine, Jr. - Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School

Mr. Craine reported that the Minuteman Regional School Committee is working on its budget and explained that any regional school district budget requires a 2/3 vote of the regional committee and then a 2/3 vote of the towns in the region. For the Minuteman school, this means approval by eleven of the sixteen member towns.

Chairman Donald stated that the Board of Selectmen supports the Minuteman budget (Sudbury's portion) as submitted and so recommended to the Sudbury Finance Committee.

Responding to Chairman Donald, Mr. Craine stated that seven or eight towns Finance Committees have approved it with no problems, and he knows of two or three towns which do have a problem with the budget.

Fire Chief Josiah F. Frost

Chief Frost reported that the Fire Department had contended with the usual number of emergency calls during the past month; also, the Department has been spending a great deal of time implementing legislation that went into effect on January 3, 1982 (Chapter 148, s.26F), which requires that smoke detectors are installed in all buildings that are being sold, by informing realtors, banks, etc.

Responding to the Chief's concern that the town may be placed in a position to absorb substantial expenses in conjunction with the wiring of cable television (common poles are used), Mr. Thompson stated that the Selectmen will be meeting with the Cable Advisory Committee and a representative of the Massachusetts Cable Television Commission at the March 1 Selectmen's meeting and suggested to the Chief that he may want to attend as well; additionally, Selectman Cossart suggested that Joseph Bausk, who is on the Committee, and who also works for New England Telephone, would be a good person to contact regarding these concerns.

Chairman Donald recessed the Town Fathers Forum at 8:25 p.m. for coffee and conversation.