

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1982

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Donald convened the 143rd Session of the Town Fathers Forum.

Chairman Donald reported the following activities over the past months:

- The Board supported House Bill #7336 relative to the establishment of community residence facilities.
- Donations to the Council on Aging totalling \$164.60 were accepted.
- The Board executed two Agricultural Preservation Restriction agreements and a perpetual Trail easement for the Barton Land, in addition to endorsing a Preservation Restriction for the Barton barns and outbuildings.
- The Board approved a site plan of Ti-Sales, Hudson Road, for a building expansion; approved extension of Frank Vana's site plan, 435 Boston Post Road, to January 1983; and denied site plans for Vesta, Inc., 57 Codjer Lane, and West Sport for location at 225 Boston Post Road.
- Annual licenses were renewed.
- Eight utility petitions were approved.
- Resignations were received from Conservation Commission members Richard Passalacqua, Joan Irish and Carolyn Woolley. To fill the vacancies on the Commission, James Binder, Sara Bysse, Lynne Remington, and Frank Scofield were appointed.
- The Board has been working with Wayland on resolution of boundary problems affecting a few residents in the Victoria Road and Pelham Island Road area.
- The FY82 Transportation Improvement Program for the Boston Region was endorsed - unchanged from previous years in relation to Sudbury's projects. (Route 20 widening is slated for bidding in October 1982.)
- The Board received the report of the Town Facilities Committee with final recommendations on the disposition of excessed schools. Bids for the sale of the South Annex will be opened March 1. Proposals for purchase or lease of the Fairbank, Horse Pond, and Loring Schools will be received February 12.
- The Board adopted Section 20A 1/2 of General Laws Chapter 90, which will allow the Town to continue to process parking fines. Acceptance of this statute is also required by the upcoming Town Meeting.
- On December 14, the Board initiated the cable television licensing process, has advertised for receipt of applications by April 1 by Cable television companies and will be appointing a Cable Advisory Committee.

- At the request of the managers of the restaurant Something Simple, its hours of operation were extended.
- A bid was accepted to supply gasoline for town vehicles.
- Agreement was reached with contractor Stephen Doyle to exchange Town gravel for clay material needed at the Landfill.
- The Board authorized the Dog Officer to proceed with court action as necessary relative to unlicensed dogs.
- Applicants are currently being interviewed for the position of Town Accountant.
- A request for permission to pledge its liquor license as collateral for a loan was approved for Winchesters of Sudbury.
- The Town Engineer and Town Counsel have been preparing a zoning amendment dealing with Flood Plains to comply with Federal Emergency Management Agency requirements, which the Board supports in order for Sudbury to qualify under the federal flood insurance program.
- A joint meeting with boards and departments is planned tentatively for February 27, at 9:30 a.m. in the lower Town Hall, to confer on finances and procedural suggestions in conjunction with the Annual Town Meeting. Please give us your thoughts in advance.
- It is urgent that any missing reports needed for the Annual Town Report be turned in to the Selectmen's office immediately.

Chairman Donald stated that the Executive Secretary would report on Town finances following which she would ask for reports from the various Town and community representatives.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson distributed information regarding the "Preliminary Estimated Appropriation - Receipts/Offsets", comparing the years 1981-82, 1983, 1984, prepared in conjunction with the Town Accountant under date of December, 1981, and a "Section-By-Section Analysis of Proposition 2 1/2 Technical Amendments", and briefly discussed the material and referenced the Selectmen's Annual Report which contains preliminary estimated appropriation projections over the next few years.

Mr. Thompson emphasized that the main theme is that it can work if there is a "balance of service", and stressed that officials in the Town of Sudbury have paid attention to their budgets and have curtailed services in this Town for some time, indicating that Sudbury is in a better financial state than most surrounding towns.

State Representative Lucile Hicks

Representative Hicks stated that much time is being spent on the Proposition 2 1/2 legislation, and recently, on the "Tregor" bill; that February vacation/recess is coming up; and asked for citizen input either for new legislation they would like to have filed or areas which they wish her to pay attention to.

Joan C. Irish, Conservation Commission

Mrs. Irish stated that the Conservation Commission recently held a Wetlands Protection Act hearing for property located on Wildwood Lane; that the Commission's budget was tentatively approved by the Finance Committee at a recent budget hearing, which included an appropriation for the Conservation fund; the Commission met with the Park and Recreation Commission regarding land management for next year; that four new appointments have been made to the Commission; and that Mr. Gordon Henley of Spring Street, who is a newcomer to Sudbury, has agreed to manage the Sudbury Community Gardens for the upcoming season.

Aleta F. Cane, Goodnow Library Trustees

Mrs. Cane reported that circulation for last year was up 18% in the adult section and up 9% in the children's. Regarding recent vandalism at the Library, Mrs. Cane stated that there was a court hearing held today, and that of the three boys involved, one will make financial restitution, one will be placed on probation for six months, and the other received a suspended sentence. (A fourth boy who is in a correctional institution did not appear.) Mrs. Cane further reported that the Library budget was approved in preliminary voting last week by the Finance Committee; the Friends of the Library held a membership drive party and increased the membership by eighty new people; and Virginia L. Howard, Trustee, will retire this year.

Eileen M. Todd, Talent Search Committee

Mrs. Todd stated that the talent search list has been updated to some extent and the Committee is waiting to find out how they can work with the High School for an updated computer print-out.

J. Owen Todd, Moderator

Mr. Todd noted receipt of a communication from Ted Theodores regarding generating interest at Town Meeting; reported that the 36-article Warrant for the 1982 Annual Town Meeting had been ordered last week with the Board of Selectmen.

Chester Hamilton, Town Treasurer

Mr. Hamilton reported that cash flow is fine now, but he feels TAN borrowing may be necessary in March; briefly commented on the current debt status; and reported that the Treasurer's office would have to update the disclosure document, if school roofing articles are bonded this year - the funds for the same should be included in any appropriation article.

Joseph E. Scammon, Building Inspector

Mr. Scammon gave the year-end report as follows:

48 new house permits in 1981, 32 last year.

134 permits for additions; 132 last year.

109 permits for wood stoves; down from 130 last year.

21 solar energy improvement permits; 11 last year

William P. Reed, Insurance Advisory Committee

Mr. Reed stated that the Committee had turned in report on surviving spouse insurance and long-term disability, at the request of the Selectmen, last week; that they are working on specifications for bidding purposes regarding Town insurance; that they are investigating the money-saving aspect to the Town of having Blue Cross-Blue Shield handle, on a supervisory basis, a procedure whereby the Town pays the cost of losses and buys stock loss policy, as being done in the Town of Medfield, which saved \$100,000 and pays only 50% of the benefits premiums; Sudbury pays 75% and, therefore, should be able to save more. Mr. Reed stated that he would report back to the Board on behalf of the Insurance Advisory Committee.

Chairman Donald recessed the meeting for coffee and conversation.

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk