

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 1982

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Anne W. Donald.

Reorganization of the Board

Chairman Donald thanked the Selectmen and staff for their help during her Chairmanship.

Selectman Murray expressed thanks and gratitude to Chairman Donald and complimented her for a fine job done throughout the past year.

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To elect William J. Cossart Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, effective immediately, until the next reorganization of the Board of Selectmen;

and it was further

VOTED: That Richard E. Thompson continue to serve as Clerk to the Board of Selectmen;

and it was further on motion by Selectman Donald

VOTED: To set the time and place of the Selectmen's meetings to be on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m., in the lower Town Hall;

and following defeat of a motion by Selectman Murray to appoint Chairman Cossart Designee of the Middlesex County Advisory Board (MCAB) since Selectman Donald expressed her willingness to continue in that capacity at the suggestion of Selectmen Cossart, it was further

VOTED: To appoint Anne W. Donald to continue in the capacity of MCAB Designee for the Town of Sudbury.

Selectman Donald stated that the next meeting of the MCAB is scheduled for Wednesday, April 14; there may be a conflict with Town Meeting that night.

Selectman Donald also informed the Board of a Citizens' County Caucus, open to all residents of the county, to be held Saturday, April 3, 1982, at 9:00 a.m., at the Minuteman Vocational School in Lexington.

Utility Petition 82-5 - Boston Post Road

Present: Joseph D. Bausk, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company.

In conformity with General Laws, Chapter 166, Sections 21 and 22, the Board considered Utility Petition 82-5 of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of conduits

and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the Town:

Boston Post Road (Route 20) - northerly side from pole 163 approximately 3 feet west of Brimstone Lane extending westerly approximately 120 feet of conduit and one (1) serving area cabinet.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that all appropriate Town officials and abutters had been notified and that a favorable report, dated March 19, 1982, had been received jointly from the Wiring and Building Inspectors.

Mr. Thompson noted receipt of a letter dated March 29, 1982, from abutter Bertha W. Smith stating that she would be unable to attend the hearing and requesting that the Selectmen take certain concerns under consideration; namely, 1) that any landscaping which is disturbed be restored to its present condition, and 2) questioning the location of Pole #163.

Mr. Bausk confirmed that Pole #163 is to be located as specified in the petition and stated that N. E. Telephone would take the responsibility of restoring any landscaping that is disturbed.

Mr. Bausk informed the Board that a box (serving area cabinet) would be required and would be located on a 5X7 pad and that N. E. Telephone had received approval from the County for the location.

It was on motion by Selectmen Murray unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition 82-5, as described above, and as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan for Proposed Serving Area Cabinet, Conduit and 900 pr. Aerial Cable Crossing To Accompany Petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company", dated February 25, 1982.

Group Health Services Contract

On the recommendation of Town Counsel it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To enter into a group health services contract with Tufts Associated Health Maintenance Organization, Inc., d/b/a Tufts Associated Health Plan, a qualified health maintenance organization; to establish the initial enrollment period as commencing on April 10, 1982, and ending on May 9, 1982, and the annual enrollment periods as extended for 30 days commencing on April 10 of each year; and to offer the benefits of the contract to the employees of the Town of Sudbury.

Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 16, 1982, and the Regular and Special Meetings of March 22, 1982, all as presented.

Resignation - Council on Aging

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To acknowledge Marion D. Letteney's ten years of service on behalf of Sudbury's elderly and her request, dated March 23, 1982, not to be reappointed as a member of the Council on Aging at the expiration of her term on April 30, 1982.

The Executive Secretary was directed to forward Mrs. Letteney a letter of appreciation, on behalf of the Board, thanking Mrs. Letteney for her services on behalf of the Town and on behalf of the Council on Aging.

Senate Bill No. 1764

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication from the Massachusetts Municipal Association dated March 18, 1982, relative to Senate Bill No. 1764, allowing the Selectmen to extend the opening of Town Meeting until June.

Memorandum of Agreement - State DPW

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion by Chairman Cossart unanimously

VOTED: To sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and the Town, under G. L. Ch. 90, s.34, Clause 2(a), for funds assigned under Ch. 732 of the Acts of 1981, for reimbursement of documented expenditures on approved projects in the amount of \$83,770.

Current Items of Interest

Arts Lottery

Selectman Donald informed the Board of a Coalition of Cities and Towns for the Arts Lottery meeting, Tuesday, April 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Copley Square, Boston.

Selectman Murray suggested that Joan Grathwohl, Chairman of the local Arts Council, be notified of this meeting.

Telephone Votes

The Board confirmed the following telephone votes:

- of March 25, 1982, to accept the amended proposal dated March 25, 1982, from the Massachusetts Department of Education, Firefighting Academy, to purchase the Horse Pond School building and 8.81 acres of land at a price of \$170,000, subject to clarification of requirement 4.
- of March 30, 1982, to authorize the Chairman to sign a grant application to the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs in the amount of \$436, to be used for new tires for the Senior Citizens van.

Chairman Cossart recessed the meeting at 7:55 p.m.; the meeting was called back to order at 8:00 p.m. for the Warrant Review.

Later in the evening, the following Current Items of Interest were discussed:

Coptic Orthodox Church

The Board acknowledged receipt of communications from St. Mark's Coptic Orthodox Church of Boston, one received March 25, 1982, reiterating that the Coptic Church bid \$160,000 for the Loring School and that the Town of Sudbury could reserve the land for recreational purposes; and the other, dated March 29, 1982, indicating that they had looked at the Horse Pond Road School property and would be interested in that building as a second choice - \$130,000 bid - and to negotiate with the Town regarding the land for Town recreational purposes.

Following discussion, the Executive Secretary was directed to notify the Coptic Church of the Board's position to negotiate with the Firefighting Academy relative to its purchase of the Horse Pond School, and that the Church's letter relative to the Loring School (March 26, 1982) was taken under advisement; the Coptic Church was to be notified by Friday, April 2, 1982.

Communication from Michael J. Quinn

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication received March 29, 1982, from Michael J. Quinn withdrawing his bid proposal of \$28,001 for the South Annex building. Mr. Thompson was directed to return Mr. Quinn's check in the amount of \$1,000.

Longfellow Glen

The Board was in receipt of a communication, dated March 24, 1982, from the State Housing Finance Agency, relative to the mortgage application for the Longfellow Glen project, which is to be considered by the Agency members at an April 6 Board meeting.

MMA 1982 Legislative Package

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, the Board expressed support of Items 1, 2 and 11 under "Specific Bills", listed in the Massachusetts Municipal Association's Legislative Package.

Revaluation - Qualified Sales Analysis

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication dated March 18, 1982, from Donald P. Peirce, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, relative to information regarding a qualified sales analysis done by McGee and Magane and an income and expense form to be submitted to all commercial and industrial properties in Town for FY83.

Lease by Sudbury Nurseries - Parkinson Land

Mr. Thompson referenced a plot plan of the Parkinson Land showing the area to be leased, approximately 5.8 acres, by Sudbury Nurseries and stated that a copy of the plan had been attached to the agreement.

The Board agreed that Mr. Thompson was to use his own discretion in regard to the use by the Boy and/or Girl Scouts of fire wood accumulated upon clearing of the land by Sudbury Nurseries.

Use of Flynn Building by LS West

The Board acknowledged receipt of a communication, dated March 25, 1982, from the Chairman of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee (LSRSDC) regarding a proposal for the use of the Flynn Building for the Alternative School.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to arrange a meeting with the LSRSDC as soon as possible, and indicated that it would most likely be after Town Meeting. Selectman Murray stated that, in the meantime, he would discuss space needs with those Town Departments who had previously requested an increase of their present departmental space.

1982 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Review

Present: Town Moderator J. Owen Todd; and Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers.

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Cossart welcomed the Moderator, the Town Clerk and other Town officials, and called the 1982 Annual Warrant Review to order.

There followed a review of the Warrant for the 1982 Annual Town Meeting, with motions, presentation, and procedures for each article discussed and agreed upon.

The meeting was recessed briefly at 9:00 p.m.

Meeting with Police Chief

Present: Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi.

Accept Bid for Police Cruisers

On the recommendation of the Police Chief, dated March 29, 1982, and following discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To accept the bid for three new police cruisers (1982 Ford LTD's) of Natick Auto Sales, Inc., 157 W. Central Street, Natick, Massachusetts, for a total net price of \$19,119 with trade-in of 3, 1981 Ford LTD's, as specified in their bid dated March 19, 1982, and in accordance with the Town's specifications.

The Police Chief explained that his recommendation not to accept the bid of the low bidder, Main Street Auto Sales and Service, Inc. of 1022 Main Street, Waltham, was based on past unsatisfactory service.

Transfer Request

The Board reviewed a communication of February 26, 1982, from the Police Chief explaining the reasons for requiring a transfer request; namely, to replenish the maintenance and overtime accounts.

Maintenance Account: The Chief stated that the remaining balance in the Police maintenance account is \$4,470; gasoline bills are only current through February 18 and approximately \$1,830 is used monthly for gasoline. One Thousand Dollars will be needed to get through the last quarter. The Chief stated that approximately \$3,000 is needed for maintenance, tires, etc. for a total transfer of \$4,000.

Responding to Chairman of the Finance Committee, Michael Cronin, the Executive Secretary stated that the original amount was \$31,000 for last year; for Fiscal '83, it is \$30,000.

Overtime Account: The Chief stated that the Overtime Account is within \$3,723 of being depleted; \$19,025 has been spent to date this quarter and another \$19,000 to maintain the present coverage plus the usual end-of-the-year problem with unpaid holidays and vacations still on the books.

The Chief stated that he took a survey of who wanted to be paid and who did not, and approximately \$7,934 would be required at this time, with some remaining time-and-a-half coverage to be paid off. The total transfer requested at this time for the overtime account, the Chief stated, is \$19,000.

Responding to Chairman Cossart, the Executive Secretary stated that the possible buyback for police now totals approximately \$15,000-20,000, and that he would report further to the Board at its next meeting. The Chief further stated that the Department is down three men, and that he is dealing with this shortage by shifting around the remaining personnel.

Mr. Thompson commented that this transfer to the overtime account will bring the account up to the prior year's expenditure.

At the conclusion of discussion, the Board expressed its support of the required transfers to the maintenance and overtime accounts, and asked the Chief to submit the necessary form for signing as soon as possible.

Detective Car

During discussion regarding the detective car, which is in very poor condition and which the Chief indicated he did not have the funds to replace, the Executive Secretary recommended that a program of replacing cars over the period of about five years by staggering vehicle purchases until the Department has its full complement of vehicles should be considered.

The subject will be further discussed at a later date.

Buyback

Mr. Thompson stated that he had discussed with the Finance Committee the possibility of including within line item 320-12, overtime/extra hire, an amount for Police buyback, approximately \$15,000-20,000. It is hoped that at least half of that will be absorbed this year by a transfer, rather than increasing the Police budget for FY83 by \$20,000 for buyback. The Board will further discuss this subject.

Executive Session

At 10:15 p.m. it was on motion by roll call

VOTED: To enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining and transactions in real estate property where open discussion may have a detrimental effect on such transactions.

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

Chairman Cossart announced that Open Session would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk