

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1982

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

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

Utility Petitions

Present: Joseph D. Bausk, New England Telephone and Telegraph Company; James and Mary W. McCann, Jr.

In conformity with General Laws, Chapter 166, Sections 21 and 22, the Board considered the following Utility Petitions of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company:

UP82-22 - for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of direct buried cable with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following way of the Town:

Blandford Drive, on the southerly side, approximately 6 feet easterly from the intersection of Willis Road, beginning at existing P.1 and running easterly, approximately 250 feet of Buried Cable, and one (1) pedestal location.

UP82-23 - for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of conduits and service terminal, with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the Town:

Raymond Road, on the southerly side, beginning at existing P.6 located approximately 716 feet southerly and westerly from the intersection of Boston Post Road, conduit running approximately 20 feet southeasterly to one (1) proposed service terminal, also, one (1) conduit road crossing.

UP82-24 - for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of conduits and service terminal with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the Town:

Mossman Road and Farm Lane, on the easterly side, approximately 122 feet southerly from the intersection of Farm Lane, conduit beginning at existing P.52 and running northerly approximately 186 feet to existing P.51, also, approximately 13 feet of conduit to one (1) proposed service terminal on Farm Lane.

Following a brief explanation of each petition by Mr. Joseph Bausk of New England Telephone, and a brief conversation with Mr. and Mrs. James McCann, Jr., of 1 Farm Lane, during which Mr. Bausk satisfied their concerns relative to UP82-24, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petitions 82-22, 82-23 and 82-24, all as described above, and as shown on the following plans:

UP82-22 - Blandford Drive: "Plan for Proposed Buried Cable and Pedestal Location to Accompany Petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company", dated October 20, 1982;

UP82-23 - Raymond Road: "Plan for Proposed Conduit and Service Terminal Location to Accompany Petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company", dated October 28, 1982;

UP82-24 - Mossman Road, Farm Lane: "Plan for Proposed Conduit and Service Terminal to Accompany Petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company", dated October 28, 1982.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson noted for the record that all appropriate Town officials and abutters had been notified and that a favorable report, dated November 5, 1982, from both the Building Inspector and the Wiring Inspector had been received on the above petitions.

House Bill 6283 - Retirement System Reform

Present: Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that the Town Treasurer had expressed concern regarding the Town Accountant's expressed support of House Bill #6283, Middlesex County Retirement System reform, at the Board's October 25 meeting, and subsequently, the Board's support of a Massachusetts Selectmen's Association article recommending some form of pension reform. In the Town Treasurer's communication of November 9th to the Board, he points out that, although there is need for reform and improvements of the Middlesex County Retirement System, and House Bill #6283 provides some, Treasurers attending a meeting of the Middlesex County Retirement System on October 28, 1982, voted unanimously to oppose this bill because of the stipulation that "a single state retirement board would be created and that all retirement funds would pour into this single system. It was also felt that this single system would make it a great deal easier to take the next step of concern - integration with the Social Security System."

Following discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To support the Town Treasurer's concerns and opposition to House Bill #6283, as set forth in his communication of November 9, 1982.

Reimbursement Anticipation Note

Present: Town Clerk Betsey M. Powers and Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton.

It was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To sign a Reimbursement Anticipation Note, dated November 24, 1982, due February 10, 1983, in the amount of \$119,000, relative to Highway borrowing under the October 7, 1982 Special Town Meeting Article 9, in accordance with Selectmen's authority of November 1 and the recommendation of the Town Treasurer dated November 10, 1982.

The Town Treasurer indicated in his letter that he negotiated the bid with Bay Bank Middlesex at an interest rate of 4.30%, and the note carries the right of prepayment so that, if state reimbursement is received on schedule, the note can be paid prior to maturity.

Mr. Hamilton informed the Board that, as a result of the estimated tax bills having been sent out, payments are starting to come in already before the due date.

Printing 1982 Annual Town Report and Town Meeting Proceedings

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, and the verbal recommendation of the Town Report Preparation Committee, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To accept the bid dated October 22, 1982, for the printing of the 1982 Annual Town Report submitted by The Rene Press, Inc., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$35 per page, which includes typesetting of all pages, galley proofs, paste-up, and bind side-stitched with wrap around glued cover, in accordance with the Town's specifications;

and it was further

VOTED: To accept the bid dated October 22, 1982, for the printing of the 1982 Town Meeting Proceedings submitted by The Rene Press, Inc., of Fitchburg, Massachusetts, at a cost of \$7 per page, in accordance with the Town's specifications.

Accept Easements

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the following easements:

- Two Drainage Easements, Union Avenue, from Ernest R. Schofield, dated August 23, 1982, and November 9, 1982, as shown on two plans both entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land in Sudbury, Massachusetts Showing Drain Easement Union Avenue", dated September 5, 1979, and September 7, 1979 respectively;
- A Walkway Easement, Dutton Road, from Allan P. and Celia M. Snow, dated September 2, 1982, and shown on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land in Sudbury, Massachusetts Showing Walkway Easement Dutton Road", dated May 10, 1982;
- A Walkway Easement, Dutton Road, from Marion M. Snow, dated September 13, 1982, as shown on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land in Sudbury, Massachusetts Showing Easements Dutton Road", dated June 2, 1982, revised August 29, 1982;
- A Walkway Easement, Dutton Road, from David G. and Ann B. Kirk, dated August 31, 1982, and shown on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land in Sudbury, Massachusetts Showing Walkway Easement Dutton Road", dated May 11, 1982, and revised August 31, 1982; and

- A Highway Easement, Dutton Road, from William H. and Dorothy H. Eburn, as shown on a plan entitled, "Compiled Plan of Land in Sudbury, Massachusetts Showing Easements Dutton Road", dated June 1, 1982, revised August 30, 1982, subject to receipt and signing of said easement.

It was noted that all plans had been prepared by the Town of Sudbury Engineering Department.

Minutes

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Session of November 8, 1982, as drafted.

Closing of Town Hall for Holidays

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

VOTED: To close the Town Hall for the Christmas and New Year's holidays on Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31, 1982, in accordance with the Town Bylaws, Art. XI, 7(1).

Responding to the Selectmen, Mr. Thompson informed the Board that the Selectmen's Christmas Party is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 23.

Police Sergeant's Examination

On the question of requisitioning the Division of Personnel Administration for inclusion in the Sergeant's examination, the Board reviewed the schedule of examinations for fall of 1982 and for 1983.

Following discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Executive Secretary to request Sudbury's inclusion, by the December 3, 1982, deadline, in the Massachusetts Division of Personnel Administration's examination for police sergeants which is to be held April 23, 1983, and to further authorize the Executive Secretary to sign the appropriate documents related thereto.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson pointed out that this scheduling should allow enough study time for Sudbury's policemen who are interested in taking the sergeant's exam.

On the question of whether or not Sudbury should requisition for a lieutenant's exam, and whether Sudbury should even consider creating this position within the Department, there was a consensus that the exam for the position of police lieutenant should not be requisitioned at this time, and that the most appropriate time to discuss this position would be during the upcoming budget process. Selectman Donald pointed out that, if the position is put before the April 1983 Annual Town Meeting, and the same is approved, the Board could requisition for the lieutenant's exam by the June 3, 1983 deadline for the October 22, 1983 State lieutenant exam.

Use of Community Sign

In accordance with a request dated November 12, 1982, from Sally Wadman, Messiah Sing Coordinator for the Memorial Congregational Church, it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve the use of the Boston Post Road community sign between November 26 and December 13, 1982, to advertise the Messiah Sing on December 12, 1982, subject to Sign Review Board approval.

Selectman Donald commented on the numerous signs, both permanent and temporary, around Town, and particularly on the Town Common, which are in violation of the Town's Bylaws and which remain up long after such events take place. Many of these are on church properties or advertise events taking place at the various churches, and are erected either by the church or by other organizations using the facility.

The Selectmen agreed that this is becoming more of a problem in Town and directed the Executive Secretary to draft a letter to be sent to the various churches explaining the sign review process and asking assistance in complying with the same.

On that subject, Selectman Murray commented that the Outdoor Trading Company on the Boston Post Road constantly has banners and ribbons on the building which should be removed.

The Selectmen requested the Executive Secretary to bring these and other violations to the attention of the Zoning Enforcement Agent for action.

Christmas Trees

Responding to Chairman Cossart, Mr. Thompson stated that all interested parties have been notified of the Zoning Bylaws and procedures to follow as they pertain to the sale of Christmas trees, and informed the Board of the inquiries and action to date on that subject.

Junk Autos

At the direction of Selectmen Cossart, the Executive Secretary stated that he would relay to the Building Inspector, the Selectmen's concerns regarding unregistered motor vehicles on certain properties around Town. Town Counsel confirmed that unregistered motor vehicles cannot be visibly stored on private property.

Storage of Excess Police Equipment

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that the office had had a request from the Fire Academy to empty the one classroom at the Horse Pond School building that is being used to store the equipment belonging to the Auxiliary Police and some excessed from the police station during the new construction. The Board looked over the inventory list, provided by the Auxiliary when it disbanded, and following discussion, directed the Executive Secretary to contact

Police Sergeant Peter Lembo regarding his interest in using any of that equipment at the station. Selectman Donald suggested that in accordance with the Town Property Bylaw any remaining equipment could be offered to other Town officials/ departments and then offered for public sale, in the same manner as the School Department had disposed of its excessed equipment.

At the direction of Chairman Cossart, the Executive Secretary stated that he would confirm the status of the lease with the Fire Academy for the rental of the Horse Pond School building and whether or not that lease was for the entire building.

Mr. Thompson stated that there is also some furniture and equipment being stored that was privately donated specifically for the Police Department. The Board directed him to consult Town Counsel as to the legal disposition of those items.

Responding to Chairman Cossart, Mr. Thompson stated that some of the furniture and equipment listed is actually being used at the police station already. Chairman Cossart asked Town Counsel to accompany the Executive Secretary to the Fire Academy and update the inventory and related value(s). Chairman Cossart commented that, assuming some of the equipment is not in very good condition, it is probably of little value.

The Board agreed that nothing should be removed until the above-discussed issues have been dealt with.

Joint Meeting - Sudbury Players

Present: Ronald G. Adolph, President Janet Monahan, Janet Alford, Gerald Goldberg, Gerald R. and Gabrielle Swirsky, Charlotte Goss, Sudbury Players; Jane-Elizabeth E. Jakuc, Willow Hill School; Sudbury residents, Richard Davison, Donald Soule and Frederick Armstrong.

Chairman Cossart convened a joint meeting with the Sudbury Players regarding the use of Town facilities and, in particular, that organization's use of the upper Town Hall, the theater and stage.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that discussions regarding the Town Government office space needs began about 1½ years ago when additional space became available because of excessed schools. Much time was devoted to resolving the excessed elementary school issue. Selectmen's articles addressing both the disposition of the excessed schools and the additional space requirements of those Town departments located in the Town Hall were brought before both the 1982 Annual and Special Town Meetings, and appropriations, each in the amount of \$10,000, were approved by the Special Town Meeting for: 1) Fairbank School renovations of those items needing immediate attention; and 2) for the re-location of various Town departments including Fire Department expansion to the rear of Town Hall, relocation of the Accounting Department and the Town Treasurer's office to the Flynn Building, and utilization of the lower Town Hall for Town Government offices. Mr. Thompson stated that most recently the Board was in receipt of a communication from the Town Accountant stating reasons why the Town Accountant and the Town Treasurer should be re-located to the upper Town Hall rather than to the

Flynn Building, as proposed under the Special Town Meeting article. Mr. Thompson stated that he and the Town Engineer are looking into that plan, and that the unavailability of the lower, and possibly the upper, Town Hall precipitated tonight's meeting with the Sudbury Players as they are a major user of the facility (they use the Town Hall approximately 6 months of the year).

Mr. Thompson stated that he had met with the President of the Players, Janet Monahan, prior to tonight's meeting, to explain the situation and stated that he felt she clearly understood the problem involved - that this is a temporary solution to the Town departments' space requirements, and that she was agreeable to looking for space elsewhere, although many of those possibilities have been discussed before, i.e., using the High School stage, Fairbank School cafeteria, or the Loring School facility.

Selectman Murray pointed out, and reiterated throughout the meeting, the importance of the Treasurer, the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk having access to the large, walk-in vault in the rear of Town Hall at all times for records and other pertinent documents, which are confidential, yet used regularly by those departments.

Chairman Cossart stated that the current arrangement proposed for the use of the upper and lower Town Hall would be an interim arrangement and not acceptable as a long-term one; on the other hand, he said, it would be difficult to forecast the availability of the theater and stage for the Players in terms of a more permanent arrangement.

Selectman Donald commented on priorities, specifically on the crowded conditions of both the Fire Department and the Assessors, and expressed her opinion that "something has to be done for those people who work for the Town all year long, every day".

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson noted for the record receipt of a communication dated November 10, 1982, from Myron J. Fox, member of the Town Facilities Committee, supporting the Players' continued use of the upper Town Hall.

Chairman Cossart stated that he had received a note from Susan M. Weiss of 40 Intervale Road, expressing concern relative to the displacement of the Willow Hill School and the Sudbury Players in order to accommodate Town departments, which in her opinion could be relocated to the Nixon school building instead.

Chairman Cossart asked for a summary position from the Players.

Mr. Adolph read a prepared statement on behalf of the Players, of which he distributed copies to the members of the Board.

Following Mr. Adolph's statement, which in conclusion implied the Selectmen had broken a promise to allow the players a long-term arrangement for the use of Town Hall back in the spring of 1981, Chairman Cossart stated, on behalf of the Board, that he did not recall the meeting specifically, but assured the Players that the Selectmen would not have deliberately contradicted what they had told the Players, and reiterated that it was only because of the additional requirements

for space and the preference and necessity for various departments to remain within the Town Hall that the Selectmen are now considering using the lower, and possibly the upper, Town Hall for this purpose. Mr. Adolph commented that he thought it was a meeting with the Town Facilities Committee at which this conversation took place. Ms. Monahan commented that, because of these assurances, the Players had made costly improvements to the theater, and if they had to find another home, that would be a great financial loss.

On the question of the possibility of the Players using Loring or Fairbank School buildings as an alternative to the Town Hall theater, Mr. Adolph stated that the Players had conducted studies and reported the results to the Town Facilities Committee, which were in part, as follows:

- Excessed elementary schools are not suitable because the stages are neither deep enough nor wide enough, and the heating system ducts are 12' above the floor of the "platform", which would encumber placement of lighting and maneuverability of scenery. A 20' ceiling is ideal.
- The Players do not have the money to install the seats and the lights and sound booths that would be required, or to provide for any major stage renovations.

Mr. Adolph also pointed out that using the Town Hall facility eliminates the additional expense of paying a custodian, which they would have to do if they used one of the schools. Mr. Adolph stated that they do their own clean-up at the Town Hall.

There appeared to be agreement that scheduling would be a problem with, and prevent the Players from, using the High School and the Curtis School. Later in the evening, Mr. Adolph indicated that only the High School stage would be adequate; Curtis School stage does not have the proper lighting.

Ms. Jane-Elizabeth E. Jakuc of the Willow Hill School explained that they use the Town Hall usually three weeks during the year during the day and at night, and that the daytime use prohibited them in the past from using school facilities. (She indicated that she had not pursued use of the excessed schools.) Ms. Jakuc stated on behalf of the Willow Hill School, that it was quite a privilege to be able to use the Town Hall for these special education children who would otherwise never experience this worthwhile theater experience. She asked the Selectmen if there were any plans for a permanent solution. Chairman Cossart responded that there are none at the moment, and that the temporary arrangement could solve the space problem for a number of years.

Mr. Frederick Armstrong, as an interested citizen, stressed his opinion that there are many people in Town like himself, who have enjoyed the Players' performances for many years, who would like to see this group function in Sudbury in the future as it has in the past; as a member of the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee for the past 5 years, Mr. Armstrong indicated that he realized there is a serious space problem, however, he felt confident that there is a way out of this dilemma.

Mr. Richard Davison expressed his opinion that the Selectmen should be reluctant to authorize the use of the upper Town Hall for office space without Town Meeting approval.

Ms. Janet Alford stated that, speaking as a "preservationist-type" person, she sees the Town Hall as a historical place, even though it is not that old, and that she did not want to see it destroyed by these interior changes.

Chairman Cossart indicated that the Selectmen are acting in the best interest of the Town employees, who feel that the Town Hall is the place where people should conduct Town business and certain departments should be together to accommodate the public.

Mr. Gerald Swirsky stated that he has lived in Sudbury for 14 years and has been a member of the Players for the past 5 years. He questioned Selectmen Murray's reasoning for remodeling/relocating Town Offices around the necessity of proximity to the vault and asked why records could not be duplicated for use in another building. The Selectmen all commented and agreed that, because of the confidentiality and the amount of files kept in the vault, it would not be permissible or practical to duplicate them, and that it was not only the access to the vault but also the accessibility of the public to various Town departments for conducting multi-business transactions.

Responding to Ms. Alford's question, Mr. Thompson stated that State statute is very specific about the procedures for keeping public records - lengths of time various records must be stored, etc., and stressed that the Town has developed a very good Records Management Program which includes micro-filming as much as possible to alleviate cumbersome records. Mr. Thompson commented further that there is plenty of space available, but not necessarily in the right place!

One person who was present stated that it appears that the space problem has existed for a long time and suggested that Town Hall employees put up with it a little longer until there is a permanent solution, which might eliminate the necessity of using the upstairs and, thereby, destroy the theater.

Chairman Cossart commented that the \$10,000 appropriation approved by Special Town Meeting to be expended on the Town Hall would not be destructive in any way - it would merely cover the cost of partitions and telephone installations, etc., and that, in his opinion, this was a reasonable amount to spend to resolve the problem for at least two years. Selectman Cossart stated, that, from a practical standpoint, he would like to see a greater amount spent for a permanent solution but reiterated that there is nothing in the works at this time for the same.

Responding to one resident, the Executive Secretary and Selectman Murray both indicated that the Town Engineer had developed some plans which showed the amount of space every Town department now located in the three Town buildings would need, and that total amount of space was not available within the Town Hall.

Mr. Donald Soule of the Park and Recreation Commission expressed dissatisfaction with temporarily solving the problems of the Fire Department and Town offices at the expense of the Sudbury Players and others who use the Town Hall and speculated that the Players would not be able to revive themselves if they temporarily had no home for two years.

Mrs. Swirsky remarked on the poor heating conditions in the upper Town Hall and that the Board take into consideration the cost of adequately heating the building for every day office use.

Mr. Swirsky expressed his opinion, as a citizen of Sudbury, that the \$10,000 appropriation will be money ill spent, and that money should be spent on a proper study for a long-range plan.

Selectman Murray reported that the Selectmen are trying to advise the Town, keeping in mind Proposition 2 1/2 restraints.

Mr. Armstrong commented on the drastic alternative of moving the Fire Department into a new facility and moving Town Hall employees downstairs. It was noted that an article for the new fire station had been defeated on more than one occasion.

There was some discussion regarding how excessed Town buildings could be used at a profit to the Town and comparisons were made on uses of Town buildings in other towns. During this discussion, Chairman Cossart indicated the Selectmen's willingness to try and coordinate the use of the Town Hall with the Players; he pointed out that there is a yearly cost of approximately \$30,000 to maintain a building such as the Loring School.

Mr. Adolph again questioned the short-term solution of remodeling Town Hall and suggested distributing the locations of Town Hall departments by further utilizing the Flynn Building.

There was further discussion regarding relocation of some of the Town Hall offices to the Flynn Building and the expenses involved in having another vault and other equipment installed there.

There was some discussion regarding what priorities and financial motivation should have the most impact on the use of Town Hall - i.e., Town Hall employees, Players, other users, etc. Mrs. Charlotte Goss spoke adamantly regarding her impression that the Players and the Town of Sudbury do not get along, and stated that she has watched the Players die in Sudbury for the ten years she has lived in this Town. Selectman Donald stated that, as the oldest living member of the Sudbury Players (she has all their costumes in her attic), and as the newest member of the Board of Selectmen, she has had to establish the priorities for the use of the Town Hall and she stated she honestly could not see putting the Sudbury Players ahead of the working conditions of the people who are running the Town. Also, she stated that the proposal to use the upper Town Hall had only been received by the Selectmen last week and is the reason why the Town Engineer has not been able to fully address that plan. She expressed her opinion that she is not happy about having to expand to the upper Town Hall and made some personal recommendations regarding relocating other Town offices to avoid the same, i.e.,

moving the Selectmen to the Flynn Building and putting the Treasurer and the Accounting Department in the Loring Parsonage so that those two departments could be closer to the vault in the Town Hall, and/or the use of a temporary trailer in the parking lot of the Town Hall. Selectman Donald stated her opinion that the Selectmen should look at these problems in more detail before making any final decisions. Selectman Murray added that the Selectmen want to hear from the Town Engineer also. Also, responding to Mrs. Goss, Selectman Murray stated, it is not necessary to be a Player to enjoy the Players!

There was a brief discussion regarding the handicap access during which Selectman Murray explained that so long as under \$50,000 is expended on renovations to a building, it is not required to put in handicap ramps.

Mrs. Monahan told the Selectmen that their theater season was September through June, and that they are in the middle of a production now. She asked how they will know what to do about their spring production, noting that subscribers receive complementary tickets and that financially, subscribers mean a lot to the Players.

During concluding remarks there appeared to be a consensus by the Selectmen that, in all likelihood, the Sudbury Players would be able to continue to use the Town Hall for the duration of this theatrical season, which ends in June; that the Selectmen would carry out their obligation to the Sudbury Town employees in terms of resolving their space needs to their best advantage and in the most cost effective way by continuing to meet and resolve with the Town Engineer all proposals regarding the same.

Loring School Disposition & Fairbank School Renovations - Warrant Article Submission

Present: Douglas R. Lewis, Jr., Custodian/Security Guard for excessed schools.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson referenced Article 1 of the October 7 Special Town Meeting for which \$10,000 was appropriated for renovations to the Fairbank School for those items requiring immediate attention, i.e., furnace - \$5,000, roof - \$3,000 and security - \$2,000. Originally, before its amendment at the Special Town Meeting, the article requested an appropriation of \$60,000 which included \$50,000 for major repairs; Mr. Thompson suggested that, if the Fairbank School is to be renovated as a community center for the Town, the Selectmen could submit an article for the 1983 Annual Town Meeting requesting an appropriation of \$50,000 for these major repairs, i.e., demolition \$12,000; utility hardware \$10,000; enclosure wall \$5,000; doors \$10,000; general repairs \$8,000; and contingency \$5,000 - the suggested breakdown for the original article.

Mr. Douglas Lewis, Jr., Custodian/Security Guard for the excessed schools, stated that, if the Fairbank building is going to be used as a community center, he felt the front door and the exterior door in the gymnasium should be replaced. These would be metal door units and would cost approximately \$1,500 each or a total of \$3,000.

Regarding roof repairs and responding to Selectman Murray, Mr. Lewis stated that \$4,000 has been spent for roof panels.

Regarding furnace repairs, Mr. Lewis stated that some money has been spent on repairs, that the furnace is in good shape, and that a separate file is being kept on that in the Selectmen's office. Mr. Lewis stated that the additional maintenance and cleaning that is required could cost about \$1,200.

Regarding the security system, Chairman Cossart asked if \$2,000 is adequate. Mr. Lewis responded that the security system, which should be in within the week, will cost approximately \$1,200; this system will be wired into the police station.

Chairman Cossart stated that, if the furnace repairs did not exceed \$2,000, \$3,000 of the \$5,000 suggested under Article 1 could be applied toward the purchase of the new doors.

Mr. Lewis pointed out that \$6,000 for maintenance had been allocated in the Building Department budget prior to the \$10,000 appropriation under Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting, and suggested that perhaps some of that money could be expended toward the new doors also.

Chairman Cossart directed the Executive Secretary to provide the Selectmen with an accurate accounting of the monies set aside for Fairbank School.

On the subject of Loring School, Mr. Lewis commented on the heating system. He explained that there are two furnaces at Loring School; one had been re-worked, and the other needs to have some work done, which will cost approximately \$200, so that it can be used as a back-up system.

Chairman Cossart asked if any further requests for use have come forward, other than the weekend telephone request to him by a barbershop quartet which he had referred to Mr. Thompson. Mr. Thompson stated, he had asked for a detailed request in writing. Selectman Murray mentioned an inquiry to him regarding the purchase of the building for housing for the elderly.

Mr. Thompson suggested that, in view of there being no viable use proposals, the Selectmen should submit an article for partial demolition, i.e., leave the kitchen and cafeteria and demolish the classrooms. He asked if the Selectmen wanted another meeting with the neighborhood.

Selectman Cossart stated that he felt the Selectmen should not attempt to appease a neighborhood of 10-15 families, but rather should put forth the best recommendation they have, and that, in his opinion, it still appears there is no apparent use for the building.

Mr. Lewis suggested renting the facility in consideration of \$1 per year with total maintenance take over so that in the future the school would still be available to the Town if needed.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to once again advertise availability of the building in the GLOBE and THE MIDDLESEX NEWS and agreed that if there appeared to be no viable use for the building they would put forth an article for demolition at the next Annual Town Meeting.

Selectman Murray stated he wished to meet once more with the members of the Town Facilities Committee to solicit their input and concurrence with this procedure.

Communication from Dudley Road Resident

Present: Town Engineer James V. Merloni.

With respect to a communication from Stephen D. Rich, dated November 5, 1982, listing 6 areas of concern relative to speeding and dangerous conditions on Dudley Road, Town Engineer James V. Merloni stated that he plans to respond to Mr. Rich, as follows:

- 1) The yellow dividing line on Dudley Road has been repainted.
- 2) The yellow arrow corner sign, recently knocked down, has been replaced by the Highway Department.
- 3) Speed humps for Dudley Road would cost approximately \$200-300 each and are installed in pairs. He recommended installing two pairs on Dudley Road, one on each end, and explained that placement is important insofar as plowing and surface water flow. Additionally, there are certain legalities involved regarding the use of speed humps. The Board requested Town Counsel to advise the Board, asking for any comments and concerns he might have, relative to proceeding in this direction.
- 4) Relative to lowering the 30MPH speed on Dudley Road, Mr. Merloni explained that G.L.C.90, s.17 outlines speed limitations and can only be changed through the speed zone process through the Board of Selectmen and State Department of Public Works. Mr. Merloni commented further that, following that process, he understands that the speed is generally increased as a result of the investigation, and the Town would be obligated to conform to whatever speed is determined.
- 5) Rather than a white painted island to keep cars from cutting the blind corners at each end of Dudley Road, the Town Engineer recommended raised, painted islands for better prevention, but commented that land takings might be necessary in order to maintain the proper width of the road for the islands. The construction of islands would be a consideration if the road were to be reconstructed.
- 6) Relative to the Route 20 congestion at Friendly's and the problem of cars cutting through Star Market parking lot, and Mr. Rich's proposal to create a bypass through adjacent undeveloped land, Mr. Merloni commented that such a bypass on private property could only be achieved by eminent domain and would not be cost effective.

Space - Town Hall

Chairman Cossart told Mr. Merloni that the Selectmen needed his assistance in solving the space requirements at Town Hall. He stated that the point which keeps returning to him is that all Town offices should be located within the Town Hall building.

Mr. Merloni agreed that that would be the ideal situation because of the central location but stressed that the facility could not handle very much more usage in terms of electrical wiring, the ability of the present heating system in view of the high placement of the windows, the high ceilings, and the limited

heating ducts, and the capacity of the septic system; he also pointed out that most of the land around the Town Hall is ledge and, therefore, it would be very difficult to enlarge the present system.

At the conclusion of discussion, and at the direction of the Board, the Executive Secretary stated that he would meet with the Town Engineer and report back to the Board within a two-week period.

Massachusetts Municipal Association Meeting

Selectman Donald stated that she had attended the Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting in Danvers on Saturday, and that she had given the Executive Secretary some information on the proceedings of that meeting for distribution to the Board.

boston Magazine Article

Selectman Donald referenced an article entitled, "The Worst Little Court House in Mass.", in the November issue of the boston magazine, which she recommended the other Selectmen read.

Transfer Request - Acct. 320-71 Clothing Allowance, Police

Following a brief explanation by the Executive Secretary and on his recommendation, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Transfer Request No. 1068, dated October 27, 1982, from the Reserve Fund to Account #320-71, Police Clothing Allowance, in the amount of \$2,900 to accommodate a new contract agreement increase in clothing allowance of \$100 per year per policeman.

Juvenile Restitution Program Report

The Board acknowledged receipt of a Juvenile Restitution Program Activities Report from Juvenile/Safety Officer William B. Carroll, received November 10, 1982. Mr. Thompson informed the Board that Officer Carroll planned to follow up with Juvenile Probation Officer Robert Durand on the October 25 joint meeting relative to expanding Sudbury's Restitution Program to include private property.

Project Management - Notice of Filing Complaint

The Board acknowledged receipt by certified mail of a November 8, 1982, communication from Atty. Richard Scudellari of Hutchins & Wheeler, for Project Management, regarding a Notice of Filing of Complaint in Middlesex Superior Court, requesting annulment of the Board of Selectmen's October 4, 1982, decision not to extend approval of site plan 81-234 of Project Management.

"Dial, Don't Drive"

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that, at the direction of the Board at its November 8th meeting, he contacted Police Administrative Assistant Peter Lembo relative to the ICMA November 1, 1982, newsletter article entitled,

"Dial, Don't Drive". Mr. Thompson reported that Sergeant Lembo was not in favor of a formal policy at this time and he indicated that the Department has another type of informal policy - protective custody - which works well.

Town Historian

Chairman Cossart stated that he had received a telephone call from Forrest Bradshaw who is interested in being re-appointed Town Historian. There was a consensus of the Selectmen to appoint Mr. Bradshaw and Selectman Murray pointed out that, when Mr. Bradshaw resigned from that position, it was for personal reasons, and not because the Town was dissatisfied in any way with his service.

Chairman Cossart stated that Mr. Bradshaw requested that, if he were re-appointed, he would need a yearly budget, mainly for postage, of approximately \$100.

Following further discussion, Chairman Cossart stated that he would inform Mr. Bradshaw that the Board would be pleased to re-appoint him Town Historian, and that it would be appropriate, following that appointment, for him to approach the Finance Committee for his budget.

IEP Water/Sediment Quality Sampling Program Data

Responding to Chairman Cossart, Mr. Thompson stated that he had been in touch with Health Director John V. Sullivan relative to the Board's expressed concern at its November 8th meeting relative to the above-captioned data, compiled in conjunction with the proposed Sudbury River Diversion project. Mr. Thompson stated that Mr. Sullivan is trying to locate someone at I.E.P. who is knowledgeable on the subject and will report back to the Board accordingly.

Industrial Development Commission

Chairman Cossart informed the Board that he had spoken to Mr. Joseph E. Brown of the Industrial Development Commission, who had expressed concern regarding the lack of activity of that Commission. Following discussion, and at the recommendation of Chairman Cossart, the Executive Secretary was directed to schedule a social meeting, perhaps at the Wayside Inn, with the Industrial Development Commission for some general discussion regarding the future involvement of that Board in the appropriate Town affairs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk