

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1983

Present: Chairman John E. Murray, Anne W. Donald and Myron J. Fox.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. at the Loring Parsonage by Chairman Murray.

Annual Licenses

The Board signed all annual license renewals approved by the Board November 21, 1983.

Street Acceptances - 1984

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary and in accordance with a communication, dated December 22, 1983, from Town Counsel, it was on motion by Chairman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To accept the schedule of required actions by the Selectmen for laying out streets to be accepted by the 84ATM, as set forth in Town Counsel's December 22 communication.

Thomas L. McManus/Wayside Package, 119 Boston Post Road

On the recommendation of Town Counsel conveyed through the Executive Secretary, it was on motion by Selectman Fox unanimously

VOTED: To deny the application of Thomas L. McManus, Manager, Wayside Package Store, Inc., for the renewal of his Package Store All Alcoholic Beverages License on the basis that Mr. McManus no longer operates Wayside Package Store, Inc., on the premises located at 119 Boston Post Road; also, because the application filed in the Selectmen's office was incomplete.

Zoning and Street Acceptance Articles/84ATM

It was on motion by Chairman Murray unanimously

VOTED: To refer to the Planning Board the seven articles to amend the Zoning Bylaw submitted for the 1984ATM, for its hearing and report in accordance with G.L.c.40A, s.5; also, to refer two street acceptance articles and Longfellow Street name change article to the Planning Board for report.

Police Chief Retirement

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson informed the Board that he is filing the Involuntary Retirement Superannuation application for Police Chief Nicholas Lombardi this week as previously voted by the Board on November 14, 1983, effective February 1, 1984.

Hosmer Fund Expenditure

Present: Chairman John C. Powers, Historical Commission.

Chairman John C. Powers of the Historical Commission explained to the Board that the Hosmer Fund totals \$16,373.86 to date and that uncommitted monies remaining in the appropriation account under 82STM, Article 11 total \$42,443.92, providing total available assets of \$58,817.78.

Mr. Powers stated that the Historical Commission voted on December 21 to accept the low bid for the Hosmer House Development Project of \$56,809, subject to the obligation of additional money from the Hosmer Fund; therefore, he is requesting a commitment from the Hosmer Fund of \$14,365.08 to augment the appropriation under 82STM, Article 11, for the development project.

The Historical Commission will pay an expected bill of approximately \$2,000 from Pairpoint Glass from the balance of \$2,008.78 which would remain in the Fund.

Mr. Powers referenced a December 22 communication from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Secretary of State's Office, agreeing to amend the work program of the current agreement for the Hosmer House project, as enumerated in the plans and specifications of "Attachment A", to eliminate those items identified in alternatives 1-5 on the bid sheet which will allow the State to provide full reimbursement of a \$20,000 grant award upon completion of the work included in the "base bid" and an expenditure equalling or exceeding the project budget of \$43,000.

Selectman Fox questioned in the long run what the Hosmer House would cost the Town. Mr. Powers stated that the Town will receive a grant for \$20,000 which the Historical Commission hopes the Town will apply to the Hosmer Fund rather than put back in the Town treasury. In any event, Mr. Powers stated, by taking this step to expend the money toward the low bid, the Selectmen will secure a \$20,000 grant to the Town.

Mr. Powers stated that the bid contract will accomplish getting the fundamentals done to get the building safe and then the Historical Commission will continue with the "fun stuff" - restoring the various rooms.

Selectman Fox asked what the future restoration cost and management costs are with respect to the Hosmer House.

Mr. Powers stated he hoped the costs would be low because of private fund-raising. Also, the Historical Commission would like to be able to rent the second floor of the building for weddings; he indicated that \$500 per wedding is the going rate and this would be a starter in fundraising.

Selectman Donald stated that in the meantime, the work contracted under this project should alleviate the high cost of maintaining the house, particularly in heating it.

Selectman Fox asked if in his opinion Mr. Powers could see this open as a museum in the near future. Mr. Powers stated he would like to have the house in condition so that it can be a more functional place.

Responding to Mr. Thompson, Mr. Powers stated that the \$2,000 plus architectural fee for preparing the grant application is not included in the budget figures presented here today.

Mr. Powers stated he is working with Assistant Town Counsel on an article for the use of the anticipated \$20,000 grant award money.

Responding to Selectman Donald, Mr. Powers stated that they will have to get started with the work before the first of January so that the Town will not lose the commitment for the matching grant.

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Historical Commission to expend \$14,365.08, from the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund to be added to the sum appropriated under Article 11 of the 82STM for the Hosmer House development project.

Selectman Fox commented that it would be hard for him to argue about allowing the Historical Commission to expend the money that it raised for the building, but that in the future, it would be hard for him to approve requested appropriations for the Hosmer House because the Town has so many needs; he stated further that he would leave that decision to Town Meeting in the future.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary - Clerk