

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1983

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

At 9:00 p.m. Chairman Murray convened the 153rd Session of the Town Fathers Forum, and began by announcing the Selectmen's activities over the past month, as follows:

Utility Petitions were approved for Sylvan Way, Maynard Road, Stone Road, Peakham Road and Union Avenue.

The following site plans were approved:

- Prime Plus Two Realty Trust, 8-10 Concord Road, office building;
- Vana Trust, 435 Boston Post Road, further revisions approved; and
- Mill Village Realty Trust, 361 Boston Post Road, building addition.

The Board held preliminary meeting with Technology Concepts, Inc. re proposed site plan for Codjer Lane industrial park area.

Upon request by the Conservation Commission, hunting regulation signs signs were approved for placement at the borders of Routes 20 and 117.

Response was made jointly with the towns of Maynard and Stow on the draft Fort Devens/Sudbury Annex Environmental Impact Report.

Borrowing of \$1,000,000 and renewal borrowing of \$3,000,000 in tax anticipation notes were approved.

Final Audit Report was received from Laventhol & Horwath. A Reserve Fund transfer of \$3,349 was required to complete the audit, in addition to original appropriation of \$12,000.

A meeting was held with the Planning Board, interested boards and the local Chamber of Commerce to discuss the creation of a Town Planner position.

Appointments:

- Martha J. Coe to the Memorial Day Committee;
- Dava Dunne to the Town Report Preparation Committee;
- Robert Cusack, Gerald Orris, John Ryan to the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee;
- Thomas W. H. Phelps and James G. Hannoosh were appointed by joint vote of the Planning Board and Selectmen to serve on the Planning Board until the April election to fill existing vacancies.

At the request of Chairman Murray, the following Town officials and representatives of various Town boards and departments reported as follows:

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon

The Building Inspector reported that sixty-eight new house permits have been issued to date, compared to a total of forty-six for the whole year in 1982. Mr. Scammon reported on the significant amount of new developments under construction along Route 20, which he is currently dealing with, noting that he just received the Patti/Orr construction plans for review of their proposal.

Town Engineer James V. Merloni

Mr. Merloni reported his involvement with two monthly on-going projects - the filing of Landfill reports with the DEQE (noting an on-site meeting with DEQE engineers on December 6, 1:00 p.m.), and the monitoring of water at twenty-two locations along the Sudbury River. Mr. Merloni stated that the Engineering Department processes deeds for the Assessor's office, and that for the month of September there were fifty-nine transfers (not necessarily sales)! The Town Engineer, as general agent for the Planning Board, noted that the Planning Board approved two subdivisions last month - Barton Farms, off Woodmere Drive, a 7-lot subdivision with 700 feet of roadway, and the DaPrato Farms sub-division, off Haynes Road, a 12-lot sub-division with 850 feet of roadway. (Mr. Merloni stated that the Planning Board had also recently approved a sub-division of the Wright property, off Woodside Road.)

Fire Chief Michael Dunne

The Fire Chief announced that this month the Sudbury Fire Department began the Advance Life Support program with the Marlborough Hospital, a program the Town has been involved in for the past year with the Emerson Hospital - this will improve the emergency service to Sudbury with no cost to the Town.

Chief Dunne stated that with the help of call firefighter Harold Cutler, all the 1982 fire records have been computerized and he is in the process of doing the same with the 1983 records. The Chief stated he will be anxious to compare the data for the two years on the various type and locations of fire calls.

Chief Dunne stated that he had been accepted to the National Fire Academy (limited personnel) for a 2-week course in computerizing fire service - travel accommodations and lodging will be taken care of by the federal government.

Sunday, December 18th, Santa will ride the fire truck through Town!

Town Accountant James Vanar

Mr. Vanar announced that he has certified free cash at \$361,717, complementing the Town Treasurer for his accurate records, and stating that fortunately the Town will be approximately in the same position next March that it was in last March 31 going into Town Meeting.

Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes

Mr. Noyes stated that they are getting the snow equipment ready! He reported that the completion of Dutton Road construction is held up because Boston Edison has not yet moved the telephone poles.

Mr. Thompson asked Mr. Noyes for input on the Town Engineer's Landfill Operations report of November 7, 1983, prior to the Board's next meeting, December 5th.

Conservation Commission Chairman Richard O. Bell

Mr. Bell reported that the Commission will be meeting on Monday evenings now instead of Wednesdays; that the Commission has been spending a lot of time on the Open Space Plan; and that the Commission is anxious to fill their vacancy.

Selectman Fox suggested that they advertise the vacancy in the Sudbury Community Calendar.

Richard F. Brooks - Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee

Mr. Brooks sadly reported the death of Mr. Walsh, a vocational teacher at the High School. Relative to the teachers' contract, Mr. Brooks stated that the Committee has counsel representing them at the negotiations, who will be consulting with the people doing the negotiations for the other Town unions so that inconsistencies are not built in in the approach to the bargaining process. (The contracts are all coming up at the same time.) Mr. Brooks went on to say that the L-S School District Committee will be holding a public hearing, Thursday, December 30, at 8:00 p.m., in the faculty dining room at the High School to receive information and opinions from the community relative to collective bargaining.

There being no further reports, the meeting was adjourned for coffee and conversation.