

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1984

Present: Acting Chairman Myron J. Fox and Josiah F. Frost.

At 8:00 p.m. Acting Chairman Fox convened the 155th Session of the Town Fathers Forum and reported the following items which represent Board of Selectmen action since the end of January.

- The Board approved four site plan applications: the Mullen/Fafard two-story retail and office building at 410 Boston Post Road; the Desjardin 37-unit Coach House Inn at 758 Boston Post Road; Technology Concept's corporate headquarters off Codjer Lane within the now former Industrial Park; and Dr. Gail McNeill's veterinary office and kennel off Union Avenue. The application for the Dudley Square retail and office building at Dudley Road and Route 20, which will be coming before the Board on July 9 for hearing, had been denied without prejudice as the building was deemed too large for that site. Modifications were allowed on the Vana Sudbury Crossing project, the Mugar Sudbury Plaza building, and the Mobil plan for the corner of Union Avenue, in addition to a one-year extension of the McGreenery plan for 345 Boston Post Road. The Executive Secretary is continuing to meet with those concerned to resolve issues resulting from the conditions imposed on the Hall Mill Village site plan approval.

- In the Town's own property matters, the Selectmen once again solicited proposals for the Loring School but, lacking Town Meeting approval for its sale, is in the process of concluding a five-year lease with Congregation B'nai Torah which will allow continued use of the facility by the Sudbury Community Arts Council. The Selectmen have also concluded leasing arrangements with the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District for L-S West use of a portion of Fairbank School through June of 1985, and discussions are continuing with Park & Recreation as to its interest in the facility. Paperwork is currently being processed by the State for the purchase of the Horse Pond School to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy. The Town through the efforts of the Executive Secretary is proceeding with its own space planning - one result to be seen shortly is consolidation of the financial operations of the Town and Schools in one building upon the move of the Accounting and Treasurer's offices to the Nixon School in July.

- Appointments made in addition to those on an annual basis were: William Duvall to the Conservation Commission; Sibyl Drake to the Council on Aging; Marvis Fickett to the Historical Commission; Joseph Patti and Jane Carroll to the Personnel Board; and Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie as State Census Supervisor. A Growth Advisory Group of eleven members was formed to provide input to the consultant hired under a \$15,000 grant to update the Master Plan with regard to Route 20, and in joint session with the Planning Board; Morton Brond was elected to the Planning Board upon Ted Theodores' resignation.

- Resignations from Selectmen-appointed boards were received with regret during this time period from: Thomas McDonough from the Memorial Day Committee and Council on Aging; F. Crawford Reed from the Industrial Development Commission; Sara Bysshe from the Conservation Commission; Carol and John Stearns as Special Police and Carol Stearns as Constable. Town Police Department retirements took place as follows: Officer Vincent Patruno

and Chief Nicholas Lombardi, and Dorothy Roberts retired from the Accounting Department after fifteen years of service.

- Donations of approximately \$300 and \$700 in grant funds were received for the Council on Aging van transportation program, in addition to funds for a live Town Christmas tree for the Town Common donated by the Thursday Garden Club and a new flag from James Goodman for the Police Department.

- In financial matters, the Selectmen authorized Tax Anticipation Notes in the amount of two million dollars and renewed reimbursement anticipation notes on road construction borrowings in the amount of approximately \$230,000. Bids have been received on the Town's insurance requirements and are currently being reviewed, and an award has been made for the Town's computer funding under the Accounting budget for July purchase.

- With regard to personnel matters, all Town employees are now able to take advantage of a deferred compensation plan through the efforts of the Town Treasurer, the Building Services reorganization has been completed, and collective bargaining continues.

- A State of Emergency was called on March 29 to deal with the snow and wind storm which caused severe property damage as well as power failure. Through the efforts of the Fire, Police and Highway Departments, help was provided to many townspeople, and a successful Town volunteer clean-up was held during Earth Week May 5-12 thanks to the efforts of Administrative Secretary Janet Silva of the Selectmen's Office.

- In conclusion, completion of the CATV provisional license is expected in the not so distant future, and the Selectmen continue to concern themselves with the widening of Route 20, the Wayland-Sudbury Septage Facility, and the MDC Sudbury River Diversion project.

Acting Chairman Fox asked for reports from the various officials and members of Town boards/departments in attendance.

Town Accountant James Vanar

Mr. Vanar stated that bids for Town insurance coverage were opened on June 15th and that a recommendation will be forthcoming from consultant, Betterley Risk Consultants; he said that with the help of the Executive Secretary and Assistant Town Counsel Thomas M. French the transition from FY84 coverage to FY85 coverage will be as smooth as possible. Mr. Vanar stated he is cognizant of the 84ATM appropriation for the same of \$100,000.

Mr. Vanar reported further that, following the Selectmen's computer bid award, the Accounting Office hooked up to the Minuteman System and he hopes to have our system running by early fall; the local School Committee voted to hook into the system, as well.

Fire Chief Michael Dunne

The Chief expressed his appreciation to the American Legion for its donation of a water rescue suit which was demonstrated by Firefighter Robert Place. The Chief stated that this piece of rescue equipment is a vital

addition to the Department and that the men will be training in the water with the suit during the summer months.

The Chief reported an increase in fires, especially on conservation land, due to the illegal use of firecrackers. Chief Dunne stated that the Department has been faced with a greater number of house false alarms because of these alarms going off when people are on vacation, and stressed the importance of people leaving a key with a neighbor so that the Fire Department can disconnect the alarm. Selectman Fox suggested that the Chief consider charging for this associated fire service if the problem becomes a persistent one. Police Sergeant Lembo mentioned the associated liability problem because of response time and stated this is an issue he is working on with Assistant Town Counsel.

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton reported on the Town's present financial situation compared to 1-1½ years ago, noting that it would again be necessary for the Town to borrow in early September because of the Town's system of collecting taxes twice a year, and commented on the amount of money expected from the MBTA distribution - approximately \$200,000.

Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie

Mrs. MacKenzie encouraged continued efforts by, and offered her assistance to, all departments regarding individual records management programs, i.e., establishing permanent records for micro-filming. She thanked the Selectmen for responding to her plea to notify delinquent owners of unlicensed dogs, requesting their cooperation in licensing their dogs and informing them of the new bylaw which will require an annual license fee of ten dollars per dog (rather than one dollar per family) which will go into effect in August.

Lael M. Meixsell, Planning Board

Mr. Meixsell reported that the Planning Board has been interested in the following two regional issues: 1) the MDC proposal for the Sudbury River Diversion - the effect on the local water supply and the effect on the fish restoration project, and 2) the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Refuge - hunting and related effect to Hop Brook Marsh area. Mr. Meixsell briefly reviewed three of the Planning Board's on-going projects, as follows: 1) the Master Plan for Route 20, specifically, water issues; 2) the hiring of a Town Planner; and 3) whether the Town should request assistance from the MAPC on the Master Plan or on protection of water resources in light of the fact that only two weeks of free assistance is offered to cities and towns per year.

Mr. Meixsell thanked the Selectmen for appointing the Growth Advisory Committee and thanked the Conservation Commission for hosting a meeting with various Town boards on the Town's aquifers. Mr. Hannoosh felt that one of the major accomplishments of the Planning Board was the passage of 84ATM Article 17 to rezone the industrial park to residential land.

Representative Lucile Hicks

Mrs. Hicks gave an update on the major issues on the State budget currently being addressed by the Senate Ways & Means Committee; talked about other important areas the legislature has been busy with, i.e., a combined MDC sewer and water authority; of interest to Sudbury, she stated, is H5704, educational reform bill.

MAPC Representative David Grunebaum

Mr. Grunebaum stated that the major effort of the MAPC has been regional planning. The last meeting of the MetroWest working committee on this phase - to identify regional problems and initial procedures to deal with those problems - will be held in Sudbury at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 27. Mr. Grunebaum went on to say that the MAPC and the MetroWest towns of Ashland, Framingham, Natick, Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, Wellesley and Weston, have agreed that an intercommunity growth committee should be formed - a more permanent committee consisting of the same communities - to continue working on regional planning problems.

Mr. Grunebaum reported on commuter statistics prepared by the MAPC and commented on the Town forwarding issues raised by the consultant (hired to work on the Master Plan) and/or the Town Planner to the MAPC for its analysis.

Selectman Fox commented that after the study is completed by the consultant and there is time to look at it would be a good time to decide if the Town wants the MAPC to address Route 20 or water diversion/water resource protection, and suggested that any other boards considering approaching the MAPC should do so through the Executive Secretary so that the requests can be prioritized.

Mr. Grunebaum stated that the Governor has expressed some interest in the the MAPC's MetroWest working committee's work and is scheduling a conference, also, in Framingham, a pre-conference will be held on July 18.

Marjorie Wallace - Finance Committee

Ms. Wallace thanked outgoing members of the Finance Committee and announced the appointment of the following new members: Christopher F. Baum, Daniel A. Wren and Carmine L. Gentile. She thanked Town Accountant James Vanar for his support to the Committee. Ms. Wallace reported that during the summer months the FinCom will be looking at how to streamline the budget process in general and address, in particular, how to decrease the number of line item transfers.

Police Administrative Assistant Peter Lembo

Sergeant Lembo commented on the decrease in the number of "parties" this year during the months March through June, and expressed his opinion that it was due to the community being more aware of the Department's attitude and efforts in alerting teens (and the community) of the associated dangers of "parties" which get out of hand. Additionally, Sergeant Lembo commented on the fact that Sudbury is one of two towns in the area which does not have a Civil Liability (police brutality) suit against it and explained that Sudbury police officers are being educated through a 40-hour training course every

year at the Northeast Regional Police Institute in Tewksbury. He also added that class one crimes are almost non-existent in this town.

Linda S. Gregory - Sudbury Housing Authority

Ms. Gregory announced the new officers of the Sudbury Housing Authority (SHA) and reported on the following accomplishments: exterior staining of four buildings, the conversion in one unit of a bathroom to a handicap bath, and the instigation of a preventative maintenance program. She stated that plants had been donated for Musketahquid Village from the Hop Brook Garden Club in exchange for allowing the Club to hold committee meetings at the Village and announced that Mr. and Mrs. David Roddy, 189 Morse Road, donated a used stove to the SHA.

Michael W. Guernsey - Board of Health

Mr. Guernsey reported that, in conjunction with other Town officials and boards, the Board of Health is looking at hazardous material regulations and waiting for a copy of the "Right to Know" law from the State, has revised the subsurface disposal regulations so that they tie in better with Title V, which are the State's rules and regulations on septic systems; is working with the Water District on well tests for a comprehensive study of surface and drinking water; is working with Sudbury Visiting Nurses Association to decide if the needs of the Town are being met; is waiting to hear from the DEQE relative to Coatings Engineering; and is continually hoping that the Septage Facility Plant will be completed so that they can begin to instigate charges; and that the Board of Health has evaluated 237 lots to date this year!

Mr. Guernsey commented on the smooth transition of Director Michael Sullivan coming on board.

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon

Mr. Scammon commented on the "explosion" of house construction. To date, he stated, forty-seven new house permits have been issued compared to the year before last when there was a total of forty-nine and last year, a total of sixty-nine. For assessing purposes the forty-seven house permits equal 4.75 million dollars; last year the valuation of all permits issued totaled 6.42 million.

Mr. William Duckett, an abutter to the Longfellow Glen housing on Route 20, complained about a drainage problem on the property and the Selectmen suggested that he contact the Town Engineer. Mr. Thompson commented that the developer has been very responsive to comment and suggested that Mr. Duckett contact Mr. Brothers, Vice President of McNeil & Associates, Inc..

George D. Max - Goodnow Library Trustees

Mr. Max commented on the earlier discussion with the Board of Selectmen regarding the sale of Audubon's Quadrupeds; money from the proceeds to go into the Library's general fund. He stated that the Library has received the new terminals which hook into the Minuteman Computer Network.

Jane A. Neuhauser - Park and Recreation Commission

Mrs. Neuhauser reported that plans for the Haskell Land are well under way in accordance with the 84ATM appropriation of \$45,000; the Commission is looking into uses for the Fairbank Community Center and for a full-time recreation director who would initiate different programs for a broader spectrum of people in town and a supervisory person for the Teen Center.

During discussion the Selectmen indicated support of an office position at the Fairbank Community Center of approximately 10 hours per week for Park and Recreation administrative work and certain Teen Center related duties.

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Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk