

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1984

Present: Chairman Anne W. Donald, Myron J. Fox and Josiah F. Frost.

The statutory requirements as to notice of emergency meetings having been complied with, Chairman Donald convened an emergency special meeting at 9:30 a.m. in the Loring Parsonage, Old Sudbury Road.

Hosmer House Renovations

Present: Sudbury Historical Commission Chairman John C. Powers and Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reviewed the state of finances relative to the Hosmer House renovation as follows:

Through the summer the Sudbury Historical Commission has expended funds in excess of projected expenses. A vote of the Selectmen is needed to use \$1,593.05 from the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund to put toward the Hosmer renovations, since there is not enough money in the 1982 Special Town Meeting/Article 11 account to make the final payment of \$10,170 to the contractor. Today's meeting was called on an emergency basis because a complete project report which must include a copy of the cancelled check of the final contractor payment was due immediately (September 11) to the Massachusetts Historical Commission in order to comply with state grant requirements and receive the grant balance of \$5,000. Thus, the authorization to use a portion of the E. B. Hosmer Fund must take place at once to allow sufficient time to generate a check and process the payment to acquire a cancelled check. Mr. Thompson referred to a detailed recapitulation given to the Board of the monies used and still owed under 1982 STM Art. 11, the past use of the E. B. Hosmer Fund for the same, and action needed by the Board to resolve payment and grant obligations, which had been prepared by Elaine Jones of the Selectmen's Office dated September 5, 1984.

Selectman Fox asked for and received confirmation that the E. B. Hosmer Fund is made up of monies donated or earned to be at the disposal of the Sudbury Historical Commission for the purpose of renovation and upkeep of the Hosmer House, and, therefore, this would be an appropriate expenditure from that Fund.

It was noted that a very small balance would be left in the Fund account.

John C. Powers, Chairman of the Sudbury Historical Commission, responded to Selectman Fox that he did not anticipate needing further Town Meeting appropriations in order to open the Hosmer House to the public. He also stated his opinion, upon inquiry, that the Hosmer House should be open by next summer, in approximately ten months, following expenditure of the \$20,000 authorized by the 1984 Annual Town Meeting - work needs to be done restoring floors. Also, responding to Selectman Fox, Mr. Powers stated that he did not know if the Hosmer House project would be self-sufficient after expenses of a caretaker, etc.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize an expenditure of \$1,593.05 from the Edwin Barrett Hosmer Memorial Fund to be combined with STM82/Art.11 funds to pay Ferrazzani Construction its final bill for renovation work at the Hosmer House.

On a separate but related matter, the Board requested that Town Counsel be directed to expedite resolution of questions which had been raised concerning the vote under Article 14 of the 1984 Annual Town Meeting which would facilitate the use of \$20,000 of additional funds for Hosmer House renovations.

At the close of the meeting the Board signed a bills voucher authorizing a check drawn in the amount of \$10,170 payable to Ferrazzani Construction.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk