

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1985

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Fox in the Library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Discussion/85ATM Articles

Article 38 - Amend Bylaws, Art.IX,V,B - Off-street Parking

During a lengthy discussion relative to the above-noted article, Selectman Fox implied his support of this article, although he stated he had some mixed feelings. He felt that the decision to hold a preliminary, informal site plan hearing with all appropriate Town boards/officials represented would be one way of informing developers, during the early stages of their planning, that the Town's preference is to have parking in the rear, out of the view of Route 20, whenever possible. Putting parking in the rear, he stated, does not necessarily mean that the building would have to be made smaller as a second story might be added. Regarding abutting residential property to the rear of commercial property, Selectman Fox stated his concern regarding the effect of such a bylaw in those circumstances. Where abutters cannot be properly screened from rear parking areas, perhaps because of the slope of land or for whatever other reason, he felt parking in front would be preferable to those residents and, therefore, more beneficial for the Selectmen to have the flexibility of allowing parking other than to the rear of the building. This bylaw, in effect, would require parking in the rear in all cases unless a variance from the Board of Appeals is issued upon application.

Selectman Frost stated he had a problem with the proposed bylaw because it could force developers to have to reduce the size of their building in order to place parking in the rear, and it was his feeling that they should be able to maximize the use of their land to the extent that it is commercially zoned; also, he felt dealing with the issue of parking on each individual site plan should be left to the prerogative of the Selectmen, not the Board of Appeals.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson commented that passage of Article 24 - Amend Bylaws, Art.IX,V,B,1 - Off-street Parking, will require more parking (one parking space for every 180 square feet of total building space), whereas the current bylaw requires one parking space for every 180 square feet of first floor area and more for other building levels; that this would be an added impact on commercial properties as well.

Selectman Donald agreed with Selectman Frost's comment that decisions regarding parking should be left to the Selectmen to be dealt with on individual parcels, and commented further that she would like to see if the

preliminary, informal site plan hearings serve the purpose for which they were intended - for Town officials/boards to discuss preliminary plans and to weigh the advantages and disadvantages of each site with the developer(s) so that he understands, before drawing up his final plans, what some of the issues might be with regard to his particular site plan, one of those being parking.

At the conclusion of discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Donald

VOTED: To not support Article 38, Amend Bylaws, Art.IX,V,B,1 - Off-street Parking.

(Selectman Donald, in favor; Selectman Frost, in favor; Selectman Fox, opposed.)

Selectman Fox stated his opinion that this article should be referred back to the Planning Board for further study; that he would like the Planning Board to define the implications of this article. (The Selectmen were in receipt of the Planning Board's minutes of the March 25 public hearing on this article.)

Article 29, Raymond Road Access/Article 30, Nobscot Road Access

It was agreed that Selectman Donald would make the motions on these articles; the Selectmen indicated they would have no problem should the Planning Board decide to indefinitely postpone these articles and agreed that Selectman Donald should so report.

Article 24 - Amend Art.IX,V,B,1 - Off-street Parking

The Selectmen briefly discussed and amended a statement which Selectman Donald planned to make with regard to the above-captioned article.

Minutes

It was on motion by Selectman Frost unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the Regular Session of March 27, 1985, as corrected.

Fidelity Bonds/Local Officials

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman to sign fidelity bonds for local officials, indicating acceptance of the amounts of the bonds, as follows:

- a. Town Treasurer \$134,000 - Bond No. S-04-04-30
- b. Tax Collector \$136,000 - Bond No. S-58-68-34
- c. Town Clerk \$ 5,000 - Bond No. S-76-23-22
- d. Asst. Treasurer\$ 33,500 - Bond No. S-76-64-59

Designate Fire Lanes

Present: Fire Chief Michael Dunne.

Following a brief discussion with the Fire Chief, it was on motion by Selectman Fox unanimously

VOTED: To designate the following areas as fire lanes in accordance with the Town Bylaws Article V, Section 22, as requested by the Fire Chief in a letter dated March 28, 1985:

- a. The northerly side of the driveway between the Town Hall and Grange Hall, for a distance to be determined by the Fire Chief; and
- b. The east side of the driveway in front of the Town Hall, a distance of twelve feet from the curbing (steps), or as otherwise determined by the Chief, of Town Hall.

The above vote allows the Chief's discretion in coming back to the Selectmen to create one-way traffic patterns in these areas as well as designating the areas as fire lanes, as recommended by Selectman Donald.

With regard to the enforcement of parking restrictions in areas designated as fire lanes, the Board directed the Fire Chief to speak to the Police Chief regarding recurring violations at Star Market Plaza and Village Green.

Meeting Changes

It was on motion by Chairman Fox unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the Board's meeting of April 15 due to the holiday.

Note: The Board's meeting of April 22 is scheduled to begin at 7:00 p.m. rather than 7:30 p.m.

Appointments - Sudbury Employees Group Insurance Advisory Committee

Pursuant to the Board's vote of January 14, 1985, to proceed to appoint a Sudbury Group Insurance Advisory Committee, it was on motion by Selectman Fox unanimously

VOTED: To establish a Sudbury Employees Group Insurance Advisory Committee, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 3, to study whether or not the Town's current health insurance coverage and plan should be modified and make recommendations for the same, by appointing the following Town employees:

- 1) William Slavin, Engineering representative
- 2) John Harris, Police representative
- 3) Michael Callahan, Fire representative
- 4) Gerald Shea, Highway representative
- 5) Cynthia Gerry, Town, non-union representative

- 6) Shirley Green, Teachers' Association representative
- 7) John Wilson, Schools' non-union representative.

Bicycle Safety Week

It was on motion by Chairman Fox unanimously

VOTED: To declare the week of May 19 - May 25 as Bicycle Safety Week in the Town of Sudbury, in connection with the Governor's proclamation declaring the month of May Bicycle Safety Month in Massachusetts, and to suggest to the Police Department that educational programs on bicycle safety be conducted during this time period if possible.

Renew Sunday Entertainment License/99 Restaurant

Present: Fire Chief Michael Dunne.

On the advice of the Executive Secretary, and with the concurrence of the Fire Chief that there have been no license violations at the "99", it was on motion by Selectman Frost unanimously

VOTED: To renew the annual Sunday Public Entertainment License for 99 West, Inc., d/b/a "99", to be exercised at property located at 694-8 Boston Post Road, for the period beginning April 7, 1985, through March 30, 1986, for one or two folk singers with guitar (no change from previous license); subject to approval by the Department of Public Safety.

Participation/Minuteman Regional Planning Study

Following discussion and in accordance with a communication from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), dated March 22, 1985, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To direct the Executive Secretary to inform the Metropolitan Area Planning Council that Sudbury wishes to be included in the Minuteman Regional Planning Study; to designate Selectman Frost, and Richard E. Thompson as alternate, to the working group of the Minuteman Regional Planning Council; to submit a request for the MAPC to allocate 75 hours of Sudbury's FY86 free professional assistance to this project; and to direct the Executive Secretary to complete the provided data questionnaire to aid in this study.

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to inform MAPC Designee, David F. Grunebaum, of the above action of the Board.

Selectman Donald suggested that, at the Board's meeting of April 22, the Board discuss how to disseminate information to Town boards received on this subject from Minuteman Regional Planning and the MetroWest Growth Committee.

Communications Received

The Board noted receipt of the following communications:

- from the Fire Chief, dated April 5, 1985, relative to 85ATM Article 23, Sale of Land off Pratt's Mill Road. In his communication, the Chief stated that the access to Pratt's Mill Road through the MacLean property, as proposed in this article next to the Curtis School driveway, in his opinion, poses a serious threat to the safety of children and should not be allowed; and

- from the Park and Recreation Commission, dated March 27, 1985, stating its opposition to any proposal to create a shopping plaza exit from the rear of the Sudbury Farms location which empties out onto Raymond Road to the north side of the Water District building opposite Feeley Park.

Regional Dog Pounds & Incinerators

The Board directed the Executive Secretary to respond to a communication received from the State County Commissioners, dated March 26, 1985, on recommendation from the Dog Officer, that Sudbury does not support a regional dog pound and incinerator located either in Waltham or Billerica, the distance being inconvenient.

Selectman Donald commented that, if the proposal noted in the above communication goes through, dog license fees may go toward the proposed regional dog pound and incinerator and, therefore, libraries would lose those County funds.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk