

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 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. in the Library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Discussion/85ATM Articles

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

Selectman Donald reviewed with the Board the viewgraph and summary she would use in presenting the Board's position on this article.

The Selectmen discussed their position on this article; it was agreed that Selectman Donald would state that the Selectmen urge Town Meeting to defeat this motion so that it can be further studied.

Wayside Package Store

The Board noted receipt of a communication from the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, dated April 4, 1985, notifying the Attorney for Wayside Package Store, Inc., that a hearing will be held Thursday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m., on the Selectmen's failure to accept the recommendation of the Commission, dated October 31, 1984, to renew the all alcoholic package store license of Wayside Package Store, Inc.

MMA Congressional Cities Conference

Selectman Fox noted a communication from the Massachusetts Municipal Association reporting relative to the recently held Congressional Cities Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by the National League of Cities and Towns.

GLOBE Article

Selectman Fox called the Board's attention to an April 3 article in the Globe entitled "State proposes cuts in aid if localities don't tax to limit".

Parker Academy

Town Counsel stated he was still researching the Parker Academy case. In response to Selectman Fox, Town Counsel responded that he had not had time yet to follow up on Atty. Hargreaves letter of April 1.

The Board directed Town Counsel to report back to the Board verbally on this case and the Executive Secretary to keep key abutters updated.

Cutting Subdivision

The Board directed Town Counsel to keep them updated regarding the suit to be filed by Mr. Cutting because of the Planning Board's denial of his subdivision.

Youth Advisory Commission

The Board noted receipt of a communication, dated March 12, 1985, from Rev. Randall K. Wilburn, relative to the establishment of the Youth Advisory Commission, its makeup and charge.

It was the consensus of the Board that much care had been taken in appointing the Commission and it should remain as established, for the present time.

Following discussion, the Board directed the Executive Secretary to relay to the Chairman of the Youth Advisory Commission that it is a firm opinion of the Board of Selectmen that the Commission try not to duplicate the services performed by other youth groups in Town, i.e., the Juvenile Restitution Program, the Teen Center, etc., and that the Selectmen encourage the Commission to deal with the issue of "drug and alcohol abuse, child and parent abuse, vandalism, depression, and the effects of stress upon our youth", as noted in Mr. Wilburn's communication.

Stanmar Sign

The Board was in receipt of a communication from James H. Snider, dated April 2, 1985, responding to a sign violation received from the Building Inspector.

Town Counsel expressed his opinion that, once a sign has been taken down and substituted by another, use of that original sign has been abandoned and could not be grandfathered.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that it is the position of the Building Inspector that if the "legal, non-conforming sign" at Stanmar, which had been blown down in a storm, had been replaced with a new sign with no changes it would have been all right; however, the new sign, although the same size, shows a change in the wording and, therefore, requires a variance from the Board of Appeals. The Building Inspector feels that, if the lettering is changed to reflect the same wording as the old sign, the sign could remain, as previously, a "legal, non-conforming sign".

The Board directed Town Counsel to forward an opinion to the Building Inspector on this issue if it is different from his understanding and, likewise, to so inform Stanmar.

Invitation/Emerson '90

The Board acknowledged receipt of an invitation dated March 29, 1985, to a breakfast for Emerson Corporators, to discuss plans to modernize the Emerson Hospital facility, on Wednesday, April 10 at the Colonial Inn; the Selectmen were unable to attend.

Article 23/Sale of Land Off Pratt's Mill Road

Selectman Fox stated that the Executive Secretary should follow through on the following issues with regard to the passage of Article 23 - Sale of Land Off Pratt's Mill Road:

- prepare a deed restriction stipulating that the property cannot be rezoned to commercial use; and

- the Planning Board should, along with the Selectmen, review any plans the developer(s) propose for the use of the entire parcel before a selling price is agreed to for the portion of land being transferred to the Algonquin Council Boy Scouts by the Town (which will be included in the entire parcel), as discussed at the Board's meeting of April 3 with the Planning Board. (The Executive Secretary was directed to review the minutes of the April 3 meeting to be sure that the Selectmen have a correct interpretation of this issue.)

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