

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, JUNE 17, 1985

Present: Chairman Myron J. Fox and Anne W. Donald.

At 8:30 p.m. Chairman Fox convened the 161st session of the Town Fathers Forum.

In recognition of Firefighter Charles W. Anderson's twenty-five years of service in the Sudbury Fire Department, Chairman Fox asked former Fire Chief Albert St. Germain to present Mr. Anderson with a proclamation. Mr. St. Germain read the proclamation, on behalf of the Selectmen, which saluted Mr. Anderson for his years of service in the Fire Department, his heroism and dedication on the job and his involvement with local organizations.

Captain Jerry Spiller, on behalf of Fire Chief Michael Dunne, presented Mr. Anderson with a 25-year pin.

Selectman Donald read and presented a resolution to Pamela M. Hollocher who is retiring from the Sudbury Visiting Nurse Association on June 30, 1985. The Selectmen recognized Ms. Hollocher for more than sixteen years of dependable and dedicated service to the Town.

Relative to the activities of the Selectmen, Chairman Fox reported that later this evening the Selectmen will be reviewing a list of applicants to serve on an advisory cable television commission, that the Town received notification that approximately 254 acres in Sudbury and 35 acres in Hudson of the Fort Devens Training Annex off Hudson Road have been declared surplus and are open to application for purchase by local and state authorities and that Selectmen will be working with local officials to support a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management application to acquire the land for passive recreational use; the Selectmen have begun initial negotiations with the Algonquin Boy Scout Council for the sale of Town land off Pratt's Mill Road, which was authorized by the Annual Town Meeting; and last week an award was made for the Town Audit to the firm of Arthur Young.

Chairman Fox asked for reports from Town officials/department heads/-boards and committees, and the following persons reported: Captain Gerry Spiller, on behalf of the Fire Chief; Marjorie R. Wallace, Chairman of the Finance Committee; Representative Lucile Hicks; Michael W. Guernsey, Chairman of the Board of Health, also of the Wayland/Sudbury Operational Review Committee; Peter A. Berkel, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission; Rita C. Cobb, Chairman of the Insurance Advisory Committee; Town Accountant James Vanar; James L. Kates, Minuteman Regional Vocational School District Representative; W. B. Warren of the Historic Districts Commission; Mary Jane Sanders, President of the League of Women Voters; Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes; Stephen L. Bober, Sudbury School Committee; Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon; Russell P. Kirby, Chairman of the Ancient Documents Committee; Col. Paul J. Leahy, Council on Aging and Veterans' Agent; Michael E. Melnick, Chairman of the Permanent Building Committee; Winthrop H. Fairbank, Executive Secretary of the Sudbury Water District; John C. Powers, Chairman of the Historical Commission; Linda S. Gregory, Chairman of the Sudbury Housing Authority; Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie; Patrick J. Delaney III, Chairman of

the Board of Assessors; Town Engineer James V. Merloni; Robert B. Rowley, Personnel Board; Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton; and Town Moderator Thomas D. Dignan, Jr.

Those not in attendance but who so notified the Selectmen and/or submitted reports were: Morton L. Brond, Chairman of the Planning Board; William A. Burns, Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Committee; Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Superintendent Bradford Sargent; and Robert Cusack, Chairman of the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee.

The following are some highlights of the reports presented:

- Representative Hicks: the Wayland/Sudbury Septage Facility lien bill had to be redrafted so that it is not a general bill but specifically for Wayland and Sudbury (including future member towns) and is in its third reading in the House.

- Operational Review Committee: pleased with response and collections from Town of Sudbury compared to Town of Wayland - Sudbury's share of the \$30,502.41 collected in fees at the beginning of May was \$25,322.15, which is about a 90% collection rate - outstanding receivables are running at a constant \$5,000-6,000; Sudbury's usage is about 40% compared to Wayland's 60%.

- Park and Recreation: hosting a first time, end-of-year concert - featuring the "VETS" - at Lincoln-Sudbury High, Friday, June 21, 7:00 p.m.; \$18,000 still needed for lights at Feeley Park; Fire Department providing CPR and first aid training for all Park and Recreation summer employees; exploring a joint canoeing effort with the Town of Wayland on the Sudbury River; six-county soccer and four-county Little League tournaments will be held in Sudbury in August.

- Insurance Advisory: Ms. Cobb responded to the Selectmen's agenda item, a communication dated June 6, 1985 from MIIA informing the Town that it can expect increases from 100-400% for casualty insurance; submitted a written report with attachments to the Selectmen concurring with the concerns expressed by the MIIA.

- Town Accountant: more stringent tax collections to be enforced, with Town Counsel's assistance, letters will be sent to various categories of people who have outstanding taxes explaining that unless payment is made their property will be placed in tax title.

- Ancient Documents Committee: asked for Selectmen's help in getting Town agencies to respond to the Ancient Documents Committee's request for participation in the records management program; the Town Clerk said that her office would do all the microfilming and offered to help anyone who needed assistance in preparing material for microfilming.

- Council on Aging: appeal on the State bid is causing a two-three month delay in receiving the senior citizen (and handicap) bus.

- Permanent Building Committee: \$27,000 has been returned to the Town from the Committee's funded articles; will work with the Executive Secretary

in resolving monies left in the police building account and monies remaining in other articles, totaling almost \$40,000.

- Sudbury Water District: Town in excellent shape in terms of water; new well put in last year is producing 600 gallons a minute; well #3 produces 300 gallons a minute; water table in Hop Brook area within 1½' of what it was last year at this time despite lack of rain this spring; water table in Raymond area is about 4' down from what it was during the wettest part of last year; regarding Dr. Chiang's aquifer study, Mr. Fairbank agreed to provide the Selectmen with about a dozen copies, as soon as it is available, for circulation to the appropriate Town officials/boards and for the library.

- Board of Assessors: data survey completed for commercial/industrial properties plus dollar values calculated on each property based on cost, market and income; consultant now working on personal property after some delay; Assistant Assessor Dan Loughlin evaluated 300+ residential properties for which building permits have been issued and all 1984 and 1985 properties have been analyzed for "trends"; established a new policy for pricing out land that is in flood plain and wetland on the same basis - the wetland and flood plain price should be 20% of the normal excess land (i.e. land other than primary lot) price, last year excess land was assessed at \$3,000 and 20% of that equaled \$600 per acre for wetland and flood plain land. This year excess acreage will be valued at \$4,000 per acre or \$800 per acre for wetland and flood plain.

- Town Engineer: gave an update on the widening and signalization on Route 20 and the reasons for delays - should expect lights at the intersection of Union Avenue by July 1; have verbal approval for the signalization at the intersection of Nobscot Road and should have formal permission within 2-3 months; sometime this summer can expect to be looking at some plans for the widening of Route 20.

At the conclusion of reports, Chairman Fox recessed the Town Fathers Forum for coffee and conversation.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk