

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
NOVEMBER 25, 1985

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

At 8 00 p.m. Chairman Fox convened the 164th session of the Town Fathers Forum and began by summarizing the Selectmen's activities over the past month.

Chairman Fox stated that the Selectmen had received several reports from various Town officials/departments/boards/committees who could not be in attendance tonight; he read reports from Tax Collector Isabelle Stone, the Planning Board, the Historic Districts Commission, the Earth Removal Board, the Building Inspector, the School Committee and the Assessors. Also noted were verbal communications from the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee and the Committee on Town Administration stating no report and/or no current activity.

Those in attendance and/or reporting were: Town Accountant James Vanar; Finance Committee Chairman Marjorie Wallace; Board of Health and Operational Review Committee member Michael Guernsey; Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton; Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie; Council on Aging and Veterans' Agent Col. Paul J. Leahy; Fire Chief Michael Dunne; Police Chief Peter Lembo; League of Women Voters member Mary Jane Sanders; Sudbury Housing Authority member Virginia M. Allan; Town Moderator Thomas Dignan; Representative Lucile Hicks; Town Report Committee members Clayton F. and June E. Allen; and Director Wilma Lepore and Robert E. Mitchell, Jr., Goodnow Library Trustees.

A special report was given by Goodnow Library Director Wilma Lepore on ways in which the Library can help to preserve some of the records of the Town, what the Library can do for Town government, and how people can co-operate with the Library in these efforts, which is summarized as follows:

- The Library is recording records of the Town on microfilm and is keeping them updated, i.e., Town Reports, List of Persons, etc. This is being done with the help of the Town Clerk;

- There are special reports which are kept on hand and which are kept updated, i.e., Master Plan, revisions of Town Bylaws, Assessors' property value updates;

- The School Committee and other Town officials/boards deposit public information, i.e., minutes of Board of Appeals and School Committee meetings, budgets for public review, Town surveys (as was recently done for the Youth Commission); also, the Library is used by various committees as a drop-off and pick-up location by its members;

- In the future, the Library would like to have on file various reports which will address, for example, the quality of the Town's water, etc.;

- The Library provides a public bulletin board for posting public notices such as announcements for Town Meeting;

(Chairman Fox announced that there would be a meeting on December 11 at the Library with the State relative to the State's Route 20 widening project.)

- As of January 3, 1986, the Library will be using the computer system for circulation and computerized library cards will then be needed. This system gives Sudbury access to twenty libraries in eighteen surrounding towns!

At the conclusion of Ms. Lepore's presentation and discussion, Chairman Fox recessed the Town Fathers Forum for coffee and conversation.

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary