

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1985

Present: Chairman Myron J. Fox and Josiah F. Frost.

At 8 00 p.m. Chairman Fox convened the 163rd session of the Town Fathers Forum and summarized the Selectmen's activities over the last month, giving particular attention to the fine work done by the Civil Defense Director and Fire Chief, Michael Dunne, and his crew, in the handling of emergencies during Hurricane Gloria and to Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes, and his crew, for the on-going job of cleanup. Chairman Fox stated that brush can be taken to the highway garage off Old Lancaster Road through Thursday, October 31; a site on Route 117 is being prepared for future stump disposal.

Chairman Fox asked for reports from Town officials/department heads/boards/-committees, and the following persons reported: Veterans Agent and Council on Aging Chairman Col. Paul J. Leahy; Fire Chief Michael Dunne; Police Chief Peter Lembo; Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes; Conservation Commission member Jeffrey W. Moore; Town Moderator Thomas D. Dignan, Jr. (no report); Historic Districts Commission Burton H. Holmes; League of Women Voters President Mary Jane Sanders; Personnel Board Chairman Jane C. Carroll, Board of Health Chairman and Wayland/Sudbury Operational Review Committee member Michael W. Guernsey; Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee Chairman Robert J. Cusack; Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon; Finance Committee Chairman Marjorie Wallace; Town Accountant James Vanar; Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie; Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton; Board of Assessors Chairman Patrick J. Delaney, III; Goodnow Library Director Wilma Lepore; Veterans Advisory Committee member Cletus A. Terwiske; Sudbury School Committee member Susan F. Abrams; and Permanent Landscape Committee Chairman Julia R. Barker.

Those not in attendance but who so notified the Selectmen and/or submitted reports were: Town Engineer James V. Merloni; Planning Board report dated October 25, 1985.

The following are some highlights of the reports presented:

- Police Chief: response to the Department's program offering video taping of children (and fingerprinting) has been overwhelming because of the recent kidnapping of a 9-year-old girl in neighboring Wayland. The Chief asked for patience and co-operation from Townspeople, stating that the Department is striving to get to everyone as quickly as it can.

- Fire Chief: reported that the Civil Defense headquarters in the lower Town Hall accommodated three families during Hurricane Gloria; commented that, despite some local complaint about extended loss of power, Boston Edison did the best possible job they could under the circumstances.

- Board of Health: recently learned that some grant money is available from the State for Hazardous Waste Day; if received, that money will have to be supplemented by Town funds;

- Operational Review Committee: waiting for a copy of the lien bill which has recently passed, bill collections going well, and anticipate a close to dealings with the contractor for the facility soon.

- Town Treasurer: stressed the importance of tax bills going out on time by giving the following comparison: \$3,000,000 borrowed last year cost the Town \$45,000 in interest; this year, only \$2,000,000 was borrowed on the basis that tax bills would go out on time, and partially because interest rates dropped, the Town paid only \$17,000 in interest; approximately \$40,000-50,000 in real estate taxes have been collected to date of the total \$7,000,000 (due November 12).

- Town Accountant: reported that notice to delinquent taxpayers will be going out this week and that it will be several months before the outcome will be finalized, i.e., real estate taxes paid or property into tax title; as of June 30, 1985, there were approximately \$1,600,000 in outstanding delinquent real estate taxes; FY85 Town audit completed.

- League of Women Voters: co-sponsoring with Boston Edison a meeting on energy conservation and public forum for Edison customers, to be held on November 12, at Curtis Middle School, at 7 30 p.m.

- Board of Assessors: accepting abatement applications until November 12 on tax bills which went out on October 10; getting ready for FY89 revaluation.

- Goodnow Library: free fines extended through November; anyone with outstanding fines or overdue books will not receive new library cards; sponsoring a photography contest - winning photographs, which must pertain to the Sudbury area, will be used for a calendar and proceeds of the calendar sales will go toward matching funds under a challenge grant received from the State - National Endowment of Humanities; looking for someone to shovel the walkways at the Library throughout the winter season - also needed on Saturdays and Sundays before the Library opens, hourly rate is \$7.32, person must be over 16-years-of-age.

- Conservation: only hunting allowed in Sudbury is on private land with permission of owner, and on two parcels of State land - next to Lincoln Meadows and one parcel on Route 117 next to the Water District land; no hunting allowed on Lincoln Meadows or any other Town-owned land. The Police Chief stated that the Department will be towing all cars parked in areas where no hunting is allowed or belonging to hunters who are hunting illegally in Sudbury, unlike previous years when cars were simply tagged.

- Permanent Landscape Committee: interested in landscaping the Hosmer House; advised to contact Chairman of the Historical Commission, John C. Powers.

At the conclusion of all other reports, a presentation was made by the Finance Committee Chairman (with input from the Committee) relative to budget preparation and submission to Finance Committee for budget hearings under required deadlines.

Chairman Fox recessed the Town Fathers Forum for coffee and conversation.

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