

TOWN FATHERS FORUM  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 1985

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Fox convened the 162nd session of the Town Fathers Forum.

Chairman Fox summarized the Selectmen's summer and September activities, as follows:

- The Board accepted a proposal from Total Communications & Maintenance, Inc. of Woburn, for the installation of a new Town and School Department telephone system to be accomplished this fall, and entered into a contract with Nelson Communications to monitor the installation.

- Approval was voted for new license and application fees, a revised Police Manual, driveway location approval rules and regulations (from the Town Engineer), and new precinct boundaries to complete the State Census.

Note: The Selectmen have scheduled a public hearing on the new precinct boundaries on September 30. Chairman Fox explained that, because of new State regulations, it was necessary to change the boundaries of Precincts 1, 2 and 4 (Precinct 3 boundaries are unchanged); he stated that maps showing the new boundaries are available in the Selectmen's office and will be posted in the Town Clerk's office. (The Town Clerk stated that the precinct maps which are changed should be posted in each of the three affected precincts after approval by the State.)

- Particular and continuing attention was given to insurance matters of the Town, both health and casualty, in response to ongoing concerns and new fiscal year rates. These matters were also the focus of two articles at the September Special Town Meeting.

- Common Victualler licenses were approved for new licensees: the Coach House Inn, which opened this summer, and The Bagel Baker, to be located at the site vacated by Sudbury Variety on the Boston Post Road.

- The Board joined with the Planning Board and MetroWest Planner Virginia Welles to explore the Town's growth policy in relation to the region as a whole.

- Performance reviews were scheduled and salaries set for individually-rated positions and department heads under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen. Resignations were accepted from Rita Cobb of the Insurance Advisory Committee, and from David Berry, Board of Appeals. Chairman Fox stated that Marshall Karol had been interviewed this evening and that anyone else interested in serving on the Board of Appeals Associates/Earth Removal Board should contact the Selectmen's office. Also, a seven-member Cable Television Committee was selected and a charter voted. Todd Eadie has been appointed as a temporary full-time Police Officer and will take his place on the force after training. New appointments were: Thomas Irby to the Personnel Board, Frances Clark to the Conservation Commission, William Duckett to the Memorial Day Committee,

Eben Stevens to the Board of Appeals, Theodore Barten, Robert Johnson, Joseph W. Mooney and Robert Abrams to the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee and Karl Clough to the Council on Aging.

- An extension of Technology Concepts site plan was granted to allow completion of the project and a site plan for Willow Hill's arts/multipurpose building on Haynes Road was approved.

- In conjunction with recommendations from the Conservation Commission, supported by the Assessors and Planning Board, the Selectmen voted to exercise the Town's option to purchase the Walker Farm land off Goodman's Hill Road planned for conversion from its agricultural assessment. Self-help applications for 80% State reimbursement has been applied for and ATM appropriation approval is required for the purchase (remaining 20% balance).

- At its last meeting the Board held a tax classification hearing required preparatory to the setting of the tax rate by the Board of Assessors.

Chairman Fox asked for reports from Town officials/department heads/-boards/committees, and the following persons reported: Senator Argeo Paul Cellucci; Stephen L. Bober, Sudbury School Committee; Col. Paul J. Leahy, Council on Aging and Veterans' Agent; Police Chief Peter Lembo; Town Engineer James V. Merloni; Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes; Morton L. Brond, Planning Board Chairman; Gordon D. Henley, Conservation Commission Chairman; Town Moderator Thomas D. Dignan, Jr. (no report); Sally B. Lukesh, Historic Districts Commission; Russell P. Kirby, Ancient Documents Committee Chairman; Mary Jane Sanders, League of Women Voters President; Jane C. Carroll, Personnel Board Chairman; Michael W. Guernsey, Board of Health Chairman, also representing the Wayland/Sudbury Operational Review Committee; Robert J. Cusack, Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee Chairman; Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon; Marjorie Wallace, Finance Committee Chairman; Town Accountant James Vanar; Fire Chief Michael Dunne; Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie, and Winthrop Fairbank, Executive Secretary, Sudbury Water District.

Those not in attendance but who so notified the Selectmen and/or submitted reports were: Representative Lucile Hicks, Tax Collector Isabelle Stone and Gerry Nogelo, Earth Removal Board Chairman.

The following are some highlights of the reports presented:

- Senator Cellucci: attended with Representative Hicks the September 11 public hearing held in Sudbury regarding the Route 20 widening project to offer their continued support for this project. The widening will involve the creation of four lanes along Route 20 in Sudbury for approximately 9/10 of a mile; State plans are 25% complete. Abutting Town of Marlboro generates a lot of traffic on Route 20 and money has been allocated for a traffic study on Route 20 - encompassing Towns of Sudbury, Marlboro and Northboro - in order to address long-term solutions and needs for Route 20 and in anticipation of Raytheon's proposed expansion plans in Marlboro - out to bid in 1987.

The State is continuing to seek open space to complement what towns in the area are doing, as well as the Sudbury Valley Trustees. The State recently purchased the O'Donell property adjacent to the Sudbury Valley

Trustee's property and is now looking into the Glick property (adjacent to the SVT's property) which runs into the Town of Framingham).

Contact regarding Aquifer Protection Program applications is Mike Stroman, Project Manager (292-5526) or contact Senator Cellucci's office to set up a meeting.

Relative to current legislation, the Education Reform Package has been signed by the legislature and the Governor; expressed support of the concept of stabilization funds being used as a source of State aid; appears as of January 1 seat belts will be mandatory; appears surtax will be appealed; graduated income tax bill will be argued; lien bill has gone through the House and Senate and waiting for the Governor's signature.

- Police Chief Lembo: fingerprinting of children, as well as video taping, will begin in October; three police officers have joined a narcotics task force and are working undercover; will have roadblocks in Sudbury in November and December at holidays; crime up 19% over last year at this time -- many of the crimes due to the Town's new development, i.e., shop lifting, check problems, stolen material at construction sites, damage to cars at shopping centers, etc.

- Town Engineer: Route 20 widening plans available for public viewing in the Engineering office (responding to the Town Clerk, the Town Engineer stated that she may have a copy to post in the Clerk's office); have been meeting with Raytheon representatives and Town officials regarding the intersection improvements at Nobscot Road and Route 20 - Raytheon is about ready to let out the contract for the improvements at that intersection; as a result of Town Meeting action, the Engineering Department is working on plans for the Raymond Road and Peakham Road walkways; new fees collected for driveway permits netted \$400 to date.

- Planning Board: updating Rules and Regulations; new fee schedule adopted; have established a limit of 500' for subdivision roadways; would like to discuss with the Selectmen the Planning Administrator's performance review recently completed (see communication from Morton L. Brond, dated September 9); westerly portion of Codjer Lane from Horse Pond Road to Technology Concepts has been officially changed to Tall Pine Drive; requested lighting improvements at the entrance drive (at Route 27) to the Flynn Building and parking spaces to the rear of the parking lot.

- Conservation Commission: have submitted six self-help applications for 80% State funding but do not feel all six parcels are feasible this year; September 30, hunting hearing scheduled; working with a Boy Scout on his Eagle Scout project on a wetland protection act project. Mr. Thompson asked that anyone knowing of an appropriate Eagle Scout project to contact the Selectmen's office because the office receives many calls inquiring about Town projects for Eagle Scouts.

- Ancient Documents Committee: will be providing the Town with a policy regarding how to retain information prepared and maintained on Town computers.

- League of Women Voters: soon to print new edition of "This is Sudbury"; sponsoring three lectures on local security, October 22, January 23 and April 28.

- Operational Review Committee: Wayland/Sudbury Septage Facility substantially complete; voted to keep the fee rate the same; usage to date 43.3 %, Sudbury and 56.7 Wayland; in June, 49%, Sudbury and 51% Wayland; waiting for federal and state reimbursements; final inspections are done; Dr. Cooper resigned, Michael Guernsey replaces him on the Committee and as Chairman; Judy Cope is secretary and Bruce Ey appointed as Board of Health representative to ORC. (Responding to Selectman Fox, Mr. Guernsey stated that in consideration of allowing other towns to use the facility for a fee, the ORC has to make a determination first whether the operation is running to capacity with just the Towns of Wayland and Sudbury.

- Board of Health: Hazardous Waste Day will not be held this year due to exorbitant increase in costs for manpower, truck(s) and to have drums hauled; will continue to pursue and try and get the cost down for next year. Responding to questioning from Planning Board member Mike Meixsell, Mr. Guernsey said that Sperry Rand has approval from the DEQE to put up a water purifying tower to clean up its past contamination problem; also, reports indicate that they are reconsidering whether they will sell or remain at the Sudbury site; regarding Hop Brook, sample testing was done at the outflow at Hager Pond and found nothing to show that Marlboro is putting anything into the water that would cause problems.

- School Committee: enrollment is 1707, down from 1740 of last year but up from earlier projections; seat belts have been installed in school busses;

- Town Clerk: new regulations which require accessibility to Town Hall by the handicapped and the elderly for voter registration.

Chairman Fox stated that the Selectmen have instigated a Town Fathers Forum procedure whereby a presentation is given each month at the Forum for a greater understanding of a particular subject of interest to the Town. Chairman Fox stated that Winthrop Fairbank, Executive Secretary of the Sudbury Water District, will give a presentation tonight on the aquifer study being conducted by consultant, Dr. Chiang, new well possibilities, and water matters in general.

Mr. Fairbank stated that the Aquifer Study will be completed in November and distributed at that time; additionally, he spoke on the following:

- Bid opening will take place tomorrow for a million gallon water tank on Nobscot Hill; developer, Al Maillet contributed \$95,000 for the tank which will service his development.

- The District is pursuing well #9\* to be located on Town land westerly off Raymond Road. Mr. Fairbank referred to this area as an "eloquent water aquifer". He stated that the only peril would be contamination from the north, i.e., train catastrophe, diesel fuel spillage.

\*Note: Selectman Fox informed Mr. Fairbank that permission would be required from the Selectmen for the District to file an application with the Board of Appeals for this installation on Town land.

- The Town's overall pumping capacity is five million gallons per day and Sudbury's largest amount pumped in a day was 3.2 million gallons (rule of thumb - to have a storage capacity of daily pumping). Mr. Fairbank stated Sudbury had enough water for several more years; he sees no shortage in the near future.

- District has an on-going maintenance program for keeping hydrants clear;

Selectman Frost expressed his concern about having too much of the Town's water supply in one aquifer area in case of catastrophe, and suggested that, in place of the #9 well on Raymond Road, the District consider another well on the East Street site instead.

Mr. Brond recommended that Town officials are given an opportunity to review Dr. Chiang's report as soon as possible and to follow up with a meeting to discuss the same and have an exchange of ideas well before Town Meeting and/or before the Water District's Annual Meeting. The Selectmen concurred and directed the Water District and the Planning Administrator to schedule the same.

There was some discussion regarding the over use of underground sprinklers by certain residents in Town; Selectman Fox suggested a notice be enclosed with the next water bills, informing residents of the consternation this has caused the District and the reasons why; Mr. Meixsell suggested a bylaw to restrict the amount of water used by each household; another suggestion was a surcharge for homes with automatic sprinkler systems on the basis that the District would have some benefit from those who use a greater amount of water.

At the conclusion of discussion, Chairman Fox thanked Mr. Fairbank for his presentation and recessed the Town Fathers Forum for coffee and conversation.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk