

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, JANUARY 27, 1986

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Fox convened the 165th session of the Town Fathers Forum and began by summarizing the Selectmen's activities over the past month.

Finance Committee Chairman Marjorie Wallace gave a status report on the FY86 budget and article requests which total a 15.5% increase over last FY's budget. She stated that the total requested article appropriations for FY86 are 1,000,000 compared to \$439,000 last year; that, to date, the Town's budget (budget and articles) is \$1,293,000 over the Proposition 2½ limit. Ms. Wallace explained the ways in which the Finance Committee had cut that figure down from \$1,700,000. Ms. Wallace stated that 90% of the total budget is salaries, and that, if the Town continues to increase salaries at a rate higher than 2½%, it is going to become necessary to cut services and necessities. Ms. Wallace stated that the Finance Committee is contacting Department heads now; they will be voting a recommended budget at their February 3 meeting and at their February 6 meeting they will be voting recommendations on articles.

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 the Assessors, Tax Collector Isabelle Stone, Town Accountant James Vanar; Town Engineer James Merloni; and James Katz, Minuteman School Representative.

Those in attendance and/or reporting were: Board of Health and Operational Review Committee member Michael Guernsey; Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton; Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie; Fire Chief Michael Dunne; Police Chief Peter Lembo; League of Women Voters member Mary Jane Sanders; Town Report Committee members Clayton F. and June E. Allen; Director, Goodnow Library, Wilma Lepore; Historical Committee Chairman John C. Powers; Chamber of Commerce Member Frank Vana; Personnel Board Vice-Chairman John Patti; Conservation Committee Chairman Gordon D. Henley; Historic Districts Commission member Louis H. Hough; Board of Appeals member Harvey R. Peters; Sudbury School Committee members Stephen L. Bober and Susan F. Abrams.

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

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary