

TOWN FORUM
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1986

Present: Chairman Josiah F. Frost, Anne W. Donald and David A. Wallace.

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 169th session of the Town Forum.

Selectmen's Summary

Chairman Frost summarized the Selectmen's activities; highlights were the establishment of a Resource Recovery Committee for the purpose of developing and implementing a Waste Management Master Plan with the appointment of Linda Bolton, Catherine Rader, Theodore Barten, Jeffrey Jacobson, John Drobinski, Neal Drawas and Thomas White to this Committee.

The Board also appointed four additional members to the 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee: Francis Koppeis, James Newton (representing LSRHS), Diana Weinburg, and Superintendent of Schools David Jackson.

Former Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee members Joseph Mooney, Robert Abrams, Theodore Barten and Robert Johnson were appointed to the newly established Long Range Planning Committee, and the Board voted to reactivate the Sudbury Employees Group Insurance Advisory Committee.

The Board regretfully accepted the resignation of John C. Powers from the Historical Commission.

The Board approved an application submitted by "99" Restaurants to add a disk jockey to its entertainment license on a trial basis, and awarded the Town's 1987 gasoline contract to Bursaw Oil & Gas, Inc.

In conjunction with preliminary discussion of articles for the forthcoming Annual Town Meeting, the Board held discussions with the Board of Assessors relative to a proposed hotel/moted room tax, and with representatives of CODE to discuss the funding of CODE hotline services for the Town.

The Board met with the Park and Recreation Commission for a discussion concerning the management and utilization of the Fairbank Community Center.

Committee Reports

Those in attendance and their reports were as follows:

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman Beverly D. Bentley - the committee has met and elected officers, and is discussing with other towns expenses for parades and other events. The Committee asked for input as to how much the Town wants to spend and also any ideas that individuals might have regarding the celebration.

Town Accountant James Vanar - wished all those present a Happy Thanksgiving.

Board of Health Michael W. Guernsey - reported that FY86 invoices for the septage facility were \$67,620 and to date \$72,486 has been collected. Demand charges of \$396 have been added to individual tax bills, resulting in fifteen

families with liens placed on their properties. Mr. Guernsey noted problems with insufficient parking space at the Flynn Building. There will be no household hazardous waste day due to lack of funds. Mr. Guernsey noted contamination of four ponds caused by sewage from the Marlboro sewage treatment plant. The Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE) is looking into this. Coatings Engineering has moved from Sudbury and the Board of Health is still working on the grounds. DEQE will soon approve sewage treatment plants within subdivisions. The Board of Health believes that discharge from treatment plants is cleaner, but that large parcels will be able to be developed and we should be aware of this. In response to a question from Chairman Frost, Mr. Guernsey said that Coatings Engineering is paying for the clean-up work that is still being done on that site, except for the one testing that we did for our own information.

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher F. Baum - reviewed the salary adjustment transfers for increases this year; in the future salaries will be in line with the grid. This should remove any discretion and prevent increases on an arbitrary basis. Town Report Committee Chairman Clay Allen - the committee is recommending a new printer. Mr. Allen requested that boards and committees submit their annual reports.

Council on Aging Chairman and Veterans' Agent Paul J. Leahy - reported that veteran financial requests are slow. There have been a few calls for grave markers, and assistance with pension problems. The Council on Aging drop-in center has been very active. The annual Christmas party has more applicants for tickets than are available. Space is limited because of the fire laws at the Wayside Inn.

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Joseph Mooney - the Committee has sent out forms to twenty-five boards requesting their five-year plans and projects for FY87-88. Twenty-one boards have responded. The total requested for five-year plans is \$11.9M, with \$3.2M requested for this year. The Committee notes that new groups are requesting funds this year and the Committee will keep in contact with representatives of all boards.

Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority Designee Clifford J. Hughes - Mr. Hughes attended a MBTA meeting and reports that based on the federal census, there will be a 2½% assessment increase next year, and that we should contact our state representative to request that \$5M should be budgeted to reimburse the seventeen communities that have no service provided by the MBTA. Mr. Hughes spoke to Leo Salvucci regarding another van for Sudbury's Council on Aging.

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon - there have been seventy-three permits taken out to date for new construction, compared to sixty-four for the entire year last year. The estimated cost of construction for each new residence is \$156,357, and the residences will sell for approximately three times that amount. This will provide an additional thirty-four million dollars on the tax rolls in a year or two. There have been one hundred thirty-four applications for alterations to date compared to one hundred twenty for the entire year last year.

Chairman Frost noted communications received from:

Historic Districts Commission Chairman Burton H. Holmes - reporting that twenty-two applications for Certificates of Appropriateness have been processed, and they anticipate two or three more applications. All proposals have been resolved. Town Counsel has heard from the Village Green's attorneys who have requested an out-of-court settlement concerning the Town's complaint against the shopping complex. They have promised to make the necessary corrections. The Commission intends to request that Town Counsel set a deadline for this work to be completed and if not, to press the Superior Court for immediate trial.

Planning Board, Lee Newman, Town Planner - reporting on four subdivision plans, Willis Hill, Algonquin Oaks, Meadowview Knoll, and Green Hill, a total of seventy-nine lots, including one hundred twenty-nine acres and 9,964 feet of roadway length. The Planning Board has prepared and will submit a Cluster Zoning Bylaw for action at the 1987 Annual Town Meeting; and has established a three-person subcommittee to rewrite the present Subdivision Rules and Regulations and plans to have this done by early spring.

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk