

TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1986

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 168th session of the Town Fathers Forum.

Selectmen's Summary

Chairman Frost summarized the Selectmen's activities; highlights were the hiring of Budget Analyst Terri Ackerman and the establishment of the Sudbury 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

Under the new zoning regulations the Board has approved four Site Plan Special Permits.

Contracts were awarded for the Town Audit to Arthur Young & Co.; to HMM Associates for traffic studies, and to Employee Benefit Specialists for health insurance claims monitoring.

The Board held discussions relative to waste management; amended the Landfill regulations; met with the Planning Board and Conservation Commission relative to the Sperry Land; met with the MetroWest Growth Management Committee; and held a tax classification hearing.

Committee Reports

Those in attendance and their reports were as follows:

Town Accountant James Vanar - the tax rate has been set, the residential rate went up 3% or \$100 per household on a \$200,000 value, per year. (For 1987 expenses are up 11.79% including the pool or 9.21% not including the pool expense.) Mr. Vanar is meeting with the auditors and is confident that the \$1.4 million surplus is mostly due to the conversion to U.M.A.S.S. Mr. Vanar will be attending a meeting in Lexington regarding the impacts of the new tax law on municipalities.

Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes - clean up of leaves is completed and paving has ended until spring. Mr. Noyes is still working to improve the Landfill.

Board of Health Michael W. Guernsey - continuing to monitor the wells at Chiswick Trading and Coatings Engineering. Mr. Guernsey will attend a meeting next month with the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and representatives of the Marlboro Sewerage Treatment Plant to see if the discharge into Hager Pond is having an effect on Hop Brook. The Board of Health may require additional funding for this study. There will be no state aid this year for clean up of hazardous household waste. The air stripper at Sperry Rand is operational and is cleaning up the ground water. Last year, Sudbury's share of the expenses at the septage facility were \$62,000 and income was \$68,000. It is now in its second year of operation.

Fire Chief Michael C. Dunne - awarded the contract for a new fire engine, to be delivered in April, 1987. Engine 3 is back in operation.

Board of Assessors Chairman Linda Buxbaum - the tax rate has been calculated and signed off by the Department of Revenue. The tax bills have arrived. The current project that the Assessors are involved in requires that the Assessors visit each property once every ten years. This must be accomplished by FY89. In a three-year plan, they will visit and evaluate 1,000 residences in 1987, 2,500 residences in 1988 and the balance in 1989. Currently they have hired a consultant who has already inspected about 250 homes in Sudbury. The visit is preceded by a letter advising the homeowner of the procedure, and to date residents have been very cooperative.

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton - stated that the lock box method of deposit will be used for the first time on real estate tax bills and will help the Town with its collection of taxes, making additional borrowing unnecessary, thus saving the town on interest cost.

Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie - the Clerk's office will do a town-wide mailing to help voters with the large number of ballot questions, and is preparing for the upcoming Town census.

Historic Districts Commission Chairman Burton H. Holmes - applications for certificates of appropriateness have either been approved or otherwise handled. The complaint against the Village Green has been filed with the Superior Court.

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher F. Baum - reviewed the new Budget Package with department heads that were present. Responding to the question of whether or not the up-graded salaries should show the salary adjustment for FY87 itemized separately, Mr. Baum said yes.

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon - there have been sixty-nine new residences constructed to date, one hundred fifty-seven additions, and sixteen new pools. Collections from building and plumbing permits have been up.

Goodnow Library Trustee George D. Max - deferred comments because of the Red Sox Championship game about to start!

Collector of Taxes Isabelle K. Stone - submitted a written report that tax bills have been received by the Collector's office and are expected to be mailed by Friday, October 31. They will be due for payment thirty days from the mailing date. They have had a good response on delinquent taxes.

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

Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk