

TOWN FORUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1986

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 167th session of the Town Fathers Forum.

Introduction/Superintendent of Schools

School Committeeman Mr. Stephen Bober introduced the new Superintendent of Schools, Dr. David E. Jackson. The Selectmen's Board welcomed Dr. Jackson.

Committee Reports

Those in attendance and their reports were as follows:

Sudbury School Committee Stephen Bober - introduced Superintendent David Jackson and advised that the first steps to be taken by Dr. Jackson will be to look at the early release program on Wednesdays and curriculum development.

Planning Board, Chairman L. Michael Meixsell - the Planning Board is working on several projects, the Route 20 widening, and the Sperry Rand property. Recently several developers have submitted plans utilizing septic systems which are remote from the dwelling. This approach should be brought to the Town's attention and monitored closely.

Goodnow Library Trustees, Chairman George D. Max - fund raising efforts have nearly reached \$25,000 for the computer network.

Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee, Chairman Joseph W. Mooney - Article 14 is being submitted at fall Special Town Meeting to request the combining of the Committee on Town Administration (CTA) and the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee (LRCEC) and their functions.

Personnel Board, Chairman Leonard R. Costa - the Personnel Board's main project has been to prepare a comprehensive classification and salary plan.

Police Department, Chief Peter B. Lembo - reports that the crime rate was down about 30% in August. There has been an increase in motor vehicular violations especially in the Route 20 area between the Ninety-nine restaurant and the Marlboro line. A police department study on court cases, convictions verses a not-guilty finding, indicates a 98% conviction rate on the more serious crimes.

Fire Department, Chief Michael C. Dunne - reports that the town has received its first ladder truck. The Fire Department received notice from the federal government of the proposed program to reduce Medicare payments for emergency ambulance transportation from 75% to 25%.

Town Accountant/Director of Finance & Administration, James Vanar - preparation of FY86 audit should be completed this week.

Board of Health, Chairman Michael W. Guernsey - continuing to monitor Coatings Engineering, Chiswick Trading and Sperry Rand. The septic facility finished its first complete year and collections have been very good.

Town Clerk Jean M. MacKenzie - office just completed working on the Primary, now working on the preparation of the November election and a major Special Town Meeting. This year Town Clerk set up a sign on the common for the Primary which produced a healthy voter registration for elections.

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton - this fall the Town will experience its lowest borrowing in eight years, \$1.5M.

Building Inspector Joseph E. Scammon - heavy rate of building still going on with 69 new houses to date this year, compared to 70 houses for the entire year last. A large number of homeowners are having alterations done to their homes, 146 this year compared to 105 last year for equal periods of time.

Finance Committee, Chairman Christopher F. Baum - the committee has been busy preparing its positions on reports and articles for Special Town Meeting, and is studying the best strategy for handling the surplus of funds.

Town Report Committee, Chairman Clayton F. Allen - will be getting two new members. The committee will be seeking a new printer as the former one has gone out of business. Also the committee will be seeking ways to cut down on the report requirements and will be preparing guidelines for committees to utilize.

Tax Collector Isabelle K. Stone reported by letter dated September 22, that the second notice for real estate taxes due will be sent out.

Board of Assessors Chairman Linda Z. Buxbaum, reported under date of September 22: A new member has been appointed to the Board of Assessors, John T. Hannan. The Assessors have turned over \$566,509,290 in excess overlay funds to the Town. The computer hardware has been received and the Board is working to become familiar with its functions. The Assessors plan to calculate the tax rate at the conclusion of the Special Town Meeting.

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

Attest: _____
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary