

TOWN FORUM
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1987

Present: Chairman Josiah F. Frost and Selectman Anne W. Donald.

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 171st Session of the Town Fathers Forum and invited the representatives of the various Town departments to report.

League of Women Voters:

Marilyn Ellsworth, Chairperson for the Health Care Committee of the League of Women Voters, gave a presentation concerning a two-year study of health care services in the Sudbury area, which study has culminated in the publication of a resource booklet in many areas of health care, including nursing homes, mental health and "hot line" telephone numbers. Ms. Ellsworth acknowledged Raytheon and the Sudbury Foundation for their contributions which made publication possible, and expressed the Committee's pleasure in welcoming Selectman Anne Donald to its Committee for next year.

Ms. Ellsworth informed the Forum that it is the goal of the Health Care Committee next year to survey Sudbury residents to assess the quality and accessibility of health care in and around Sudbury.

The Board accepted a copy of the booklet, and Ms. Ellsworth noted that copies will be sent to every household in Town.

Mary Jane Sanders reminded the Forum that Candidates Night would be held March 17, 1987 (snow date: March 18, 1987) at the Goodnow Library, unless notified otherwise.

Town Clerk:

Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie reported that with regard to elections, absentee ballots will be available approximately March 9, 1987. Ms. MacKenzie stated that there appears to be only one contested race. There are no candidates for Park & Recreation; three people inquired about the Board of Health position, but no applications have been received; Housing Authority has one opening for a one-year term.

Town Treasurer:

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton was present but had nothing to report.

Historical Commission:

Marilyn MacLean reported sales of \$405 to date on the new red cup plate series, which will be added to the Hosmer House Fund. The Commission hopes to have sold enough of the plates to pay the \$2,300 bill very soon.

Ms. MacLean informed the Forum the next project of the Commission is restoration of a storeroom, two bathrooms and the hall of the Hosmer House. An historical expert visited the House and offered many suggestions. She further

stated that the Building Department has been fully cooperating. Due to the cold spell, a pipe burst in one of the rooms but it has been repaired.

Ms. MacLean acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Board of Selectmen concerning the Constitution Committee and assured the Board the Commission will respond as soon as it has its next meeting.

Ms. MacLean concluded her report by stating the Commission has been receiving requests to use the ballroom. Once the Commission obtains cups and saucers and a coffee urn, they will be able to rent the room out.

350th Celebration Committee:

Mrs. Beverly Bentley informed the Forum the Committee will be holding an open meeting March 12, 1987 at the Lower Town Hall for suggestions and input for new ideas for the Celebration. One idea contributed by a citizen and which is being looked into is to bring the Clydesdale horses to Sudbury.

The Committee is also planning a contest for a logo for the 350th Celebration. There are tentatively three categories: Juveniles, adult, and professional.

Mrs. Bentley reported that Mr. Jeffrey Wallingford, who printed the bumper stickers for the BiCentennial, is willing to work on this celebration's stickers. Also being discussed is a series of tee-shirts. Another fund-raising idea is a tour to Sudbury, England. She emphasized the need for fund-raising suggestions as well as individuals to work on the various committees. It is the hope of the Committee that the Saturday and Sunday affairs will be funded 100%; parade funding by the sale of items and donations.

It was noted that Hal Cutler has agreed to Chair the subcommittee for crowd control and safety. Sunday's affair will be co-chaired by Jeannette Fullerton and Diane Weinberg. Bert Mullen will Chair the Parade Committee. A Chairperson is still needed for Saturday evening.

Finance Committee:

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher Baum informed the Forum that a draft budget had been put together on February 9, 1987 and again on February 12, 1987, and the Committee is presently working on finalizing its form for the warrant.

Mr. Baum stated the Committee will be considering a large number of transfers commencing the week of February 23, 1987 and will be making adjustments in its proposed budget between that date and Town Meeting. If there are cases clearly where there are misunderstandings or problems, the Committee expects to hear from the various departments before Town Meeting.

Mr. Baum made it known that the State has informed the Committee that there is an increase in lottery revenues at the State level and the trickle-down effect is that the Town will be receiving an additional \$32,000. There is a general consensus that this money will be used to offset the April 6, 1987 special town meeting.

Sudbury Schools Superintendent:

Sudbury Schools Superintendent David E. Jackson reported that a mailing has been made to all parents in the school district of the results of the standardized test program. Mr. Jackson was pleased to report that on the average the scores yielded a range from the eighty percentile to the ninety-third percentile, meaning the Town's students scored 80-93% higher than students nationwide.

Town Accountant:

Town Accountant James Vanar was present and reported everything under control at the Accounting Office.

Board of Health:

It was reported that the low use of the septic facilities during January and February is becoming a source of concern. To date, the Town is at 55,835 gallons, compared with 78,000 gallons last year. Negotiations have begun with the Town of Walpole for them to bring their septage to Sudbury. If this can be accomplished, it will bring the cost of processing down.

The Board of Health is currently working on restaurant regulations concerning non-smoking areas. Two restaurants already have non-smoking areas, segregated on an "as-needed" basis. It is felt minimum requirements should be set.

There are still no candidates to replace Richard Grant. As reported by the Town Clerk, although there were three inquiries for the position, no formal application has been made. One of those interested in applying, Audrey Levington, of Two Woodland Road, is willing to run with a write-in campaign since she was unable to obtain the required number of signatures to be formally placed on the ballot.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Michael C. Dunne was present and reported everything under control.

Police Department:

Police Chief Peter B. Lembo reported the State Police now have new fingerprint machines that resulted in the apprehension of a suspect in a 1979 break-in.

It was further noted that in the month of January, two commendations were given to members of the Police Department: (1) Sgt. Woodward, Det. John Longo, Det. Sgt. Peter Langmaid, Officer Wayne Shurling, Officer Tony Deldon, and Officer George Burney, for apprehending a suspect of a breaking-and-entering of a residence on Peakham Road. It was a day of very heavy snow, tracking the suspect through the woods. As a result of this arrest, a number of cases involving theft of motor vehicles and motor vehicle violations were cleared up. There was also an apprehension of an individual for indecent exposure at the

Sophisticated Lady in 1776 Plaza; (2) Officers Tony Deldon and Neil McGilvray apprehended two burglars which cleared up a lot of cases in the area.

Building Inspection:

Building Inspector Joseph Scammon noted that the holding cells in the police station have been fitted with plexiglass for suicide prevention.

Mr. Scammon's staff are working on preparations for the construction of the pool.

Board of Selectmen:

Chairman Josiah F. Frost reported that much of the Board's time has been spent in reviewing articles with various boards and in finalizing warrant reports.

Mr. Frost further reported the following:

Selectmen are proposing the following adjournment dates for the Annual Town Meeting, for consideration by the voters: Monday, April 6, 1987 - Town Meeting begins. Adjourn to April 7, and 8, 1987; then to Wednesday, April 15, 1987. Then to Monday, April 26, 1987, unless at the Wednesday night meeting the Townspeople vote to come back on Thursday, April 16.

Together with the Finance Committee, the Selectmen approved expenditures of up to \$114,293 in excess of appropriations for snow and ice removal, under G.L. c. 44, §31D, to become an assessment in FY1988.

Notice has been received that the Fiscal Year 1987 Cherry Sheet estimated receipt distribution from the Lottery will be increased by \$32,245 for Sudbury and this amount may be applied at the Special Town Meeting.

At the request of the Water District, the Selectmen have requested the Department of Public Works and Highway Department to limit use of salt along Route 20 between Dudley road and Union Avenue, and along Raymond Road between Feeley Field and Warren Road, for protection of well sites.

The Town Meeting Warrant Review will be held on April 1, 1987, a Wednesday, at 8:00 p.m. This meeting is to expedite speaking arrangements and not to discuss merits of articles. All boards and petitioners sponsoring articles are requested to attend.

On May 21, 1987, in the Lower Level, Town Hall, there will be a joint meeting of MetroWest and MAGIC.

The Historic District Commission submitted its five-year-plan to Chairman Frost.

The Conservation Commission apologizes for not having reported this evening, but they are holding several hearings tonight. The Commission does advise that the second public hearing on the Land Bank proposal is scheduled for March 25, 1987; and it is currently working on a trail brochure for the Haynes Meadow Conservation Land.

Council on Aging:

Dr. Donald Oasis reported that Ms. Kelly Klune is now working as an intern at the Drop-in-Center. The Council is attempting to fill its vacancy and will interview one woman who is applying for the position of director.

Lastly, Chairman Frost reported that Isabelle Stone, Collector of Taxes, submitted a report stating \$7,698,803 has been collected for the first half of 1987, and \$99,000+ for personal property.

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

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Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary