

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1987

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Frost.

Utility Petitions - 87-3, 87-4, 87-5

Representing Boston Edison Company: Edmund Kelly.

Executive Secretary Thompson confirmed that all abutters had been properly notified and favorable reports received from the Building and Wiring Inspectors. Mr. Thompson recommended approval of utility petitions numbered 87-3, 87-4 and 87-5 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone & Telegraph Company.

UP87-3, Marlboro Road

Upon motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To permit Boston Edison Company to lay and maintain such lines of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the Town: Marlboro Road - southeasterly approximately 394 feet northeast of Mossman Road, a distance of about three (3) feet - conduit; and southeasterly approximately 830 feet northeast of Mossman Road, a distance of about five (5) feet - conduit; as shown on Plan of Boston Edison Company, "Plan of Marlboro Rd., Sudbury", dated December 15, 1986, and plan entitled "N.E.T.&T. Co. No. 87-3 Plan for Conduit Location", dated February 5, 1987.

UP87-4, Concord Road

Upon motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To permit Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to erect or construct, and a location for, hip guy and anchor, to be used in common by them upon, in the following public way of the Town: Concord Road - southeasterly side approximately 85 feet southwest of Lincoln Road, as shown on plan of Boston Edison entitled, "Plan of Concord Rd. Sudbury" dated March 28, 1986 and made by F. J. Greenberg.

UP87-5, Union Avenue

Upon motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To permit Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to erect or construct, and a location for, hip guy and anchor, to be used in common by them upon, in the following public way of the Town: Union Avenue - southeasterly side approximately 260 feet southwest of Taylor Road, as shown on plan of Boston Edison entitled "Plan of Union Ave. Sudbury" dated December 8, 1986, and made by F. J. Greenberg.

Transfer Requests

Upon motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Transfer Request No. 87-54 of the Selectmen in the amount of \$400.00 from the Reserve Fund to Travel Account No. 146-501-410; and to approve Transfer Request No. 87-57 of the Selectmen in the amount of \$400.00 from Line Item 147-501-420 (Out-of-State Travel) to Line Item 146-501-410 (Travel).

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson informed the Board that the Transfer Request from the Police Department in the amount of \$6,117.66 is for payment of hospital bills for injury-related duties, and the Transfer Request from the Police Department in the amount of \$1,400.00 is for the purchase of two K35 Radar Units. Mr. Thompson recommended approval of both requests.

Upon motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve Transfer Request No. 87-55 of the Police Department in the amount of \$6,117.66 from the Reserve Fund to General Expense Account No. 320-210; and to approve Transfer Request No. 87-56 of the Police Department in the amount of \$1,400.00 from the Reserve Fund to Equipment Account No. 320-510.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

MetroWest Planning Funds:

Selectman Donald informed the Board that several days ago she told the Executive Secretary that Town Accountant James Vanar was unable to disburse any monies to MetroWest Growth Management Committee because of the wording of last year's vote. Unless there is some way the money can be paid out, Ms. Donald recommends that an Article as proposed by the Executive Secretary be included on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated he signed a voucher attaching new documentation on February 23, 1987 to request payment; he therefore recommended the Board approve submission of the Article, but with the provision the Article may be withdrawn if the Town Accountant is able to process the voucher.

Upon motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve submission of Warrant Article relating to Metrowest Planning Funds for the Special Town Meeting and that said Article be numbered "7"; subject to withdrawal if the Town Accountant may disburse the monies pursuant to the voucher signed and submitted by Executive Secretary Thompson.

Non-Criminal Disposition of ByLaw Violations:

Upon motion of Selectman Donald, it was unanimously VOTED: To approve submission of Warrant Article for the Special Town Meeting relating to enforcement of Town ByLaws by non-criminal method, as authorized by General Laws c. 40, §21D; and that said Article be numbered "8".

Presentation at Annual Town Meeting - Proposed Sudbury River Diversion

Selectman Donald informed the Board that she, together with Lael Meixsell of the Sudbury River Citizens Advisory Committee (SRCAC), have prepared a final draft of a resolution opposing interbasin transfer of waters from the Sudbury River. Ms. Donald requested that any comments pertaining to this resolution as drafted be submitted to her sometime next week. Ms. Donald suggested this resolution be presented at Town Meeting on the viewgraph, thus obviating the necessity of placing it on the Warrant. Ms. Donald will inform the Board of the name of the speaker who will be presenting this at Town Meeting as soon as he/she is chosen.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To review the final draft of the resolution opposing interbasin transfer of waters from the Sudbury River and submit their individual comments, if any, to Selectman Donald no later than March 2, 1987; to request Executive Secretary Thompson to forward a copy of said resolution to Dr. Chiang for his review; and to present such resolution at Town Meeting through use of a Viewgraph.

Annual Town Meeting Article Additions/Deletions

Article 35 (undergrounding utility wires):

Executive Secretary Thompson recommended the Board withdraw Article 35 from the Warrant, as requested by the Route 20 Task Force in a letter dated February 19, 1987.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To withdraw Article 35--Undergrounding of Utility Wires (Chapter 884 of the Acts of 1969) from the Warrant for Town Meeting, on behalf of the Route 20 Task Force.

Articles 39 (use variance guidelines) and 40 (sales stands):

Executive Secretary Thompson informed the Board that the Planning Board was meeting this same evening to determine what course of action it would take with regard to their Articles concerning use variance guidelines and sales stands. Mr. Thompson recommended that the Board of Selectmen allow the Planning Board to withdraw these Articles from the Warrant if the Planning Board so determines.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To permit the Planning Board to withdraw Article 39 (to amend Zoning Bylaws, Art. IX, VI, C, 6 - Use Variance Guidelines) and Article 40 (to amend Zoning Bylaws, Art. IX, I, D - Sales Stands) from the Warrant for Town Meeting if the Planning Board so determines.

Articles 45, 46, 47 and 48:

Executive Secretary Thompson noted for the record that the signatures were inadequate on the petition to withdraw four petition articles, submitted 12/23/86 on behalf of Park & Recreation. Mr. Thompson therefore recommended the petition be denied and the four Articles remain on the Warrant and numbered at the end. In order to avoid confusion at Town Meeting, Mr. Thompson further recommended that the intent of these articles be made clear to the Townspeople.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To retain on the Warrant for Town Meeting petition articles numbered 45, 46, 47 and 48, submitted December 23, 1986 on behalf of Park & Recreation Commission; and further, that the Board work together with the Moderator at Town Meeting to explain the intent of these articles.

Article 34 (establish Traffic Committee):

Executive Secretary Thompson reviewed with the Board the article submitted February 20, 1987 by the Route 20 Task Force pertaining to the establishment of a Traffic Committee, and he recommended--unless a majority of the members of the Route 20 Task Force sign the form of Article as submitted February 20, 1987--that Article 34 be placed on the Warrant as originally submitted with only one phrase, "To establish a traffic committee." Mr. Thompson pointed out that the Board of Selectmen is scheduled to meet with the Route 20 Task Force on Wednesday, February 25, 1987, at Flynn Building at 8:00 p.m., and the wording may be finalized at that time.

Selectman Donald concurred with Mr. Thompson's recommendation, stating that more discussion and information is required concerning the number of the committee and the terms to be served.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept the wording of Article 34 (to establish a Traffic Committee) for the Warrant as submitted February 20, 1987, provided a majority of the members of the Route 20 Task Force sign their assent to such wording on the February 20, 1987 submission. If not so signed, the Board will accept Article 34 for the Warrant with the following sentence only: "To establish a traffic committee."

Town Forum - 171st Session

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 171st Session of the Town Forum, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.

Chairman Frost recessed the meeting for coffee and conversation.

Joint Meeting with Finance Committee

Present: Finance Committee Chairman Christopher F. Baum; David P. Wilson; Daniel A. Wren.

Finance Committee Chairman Christopher F. Baum stated the Committee believes the Budget they have put together is a fair one to recommend to the Town. The Committee has tried to look into various priorities which it felt the Townspeople hold. Mr. Baum cautioned that it would, of course, not please everybody.

Committee Chairman Baum informed the Board that it was necessary this year to make more severe reductions than were necessary in prior years, and that the process employed was a much more critical review of many items. One area which proved unpredictable was personnel costs. Through whatever combination of circumstances, the Personnel Board adopted a salary classification plan in September 1986 that has "plugged into it" some very sizable year-to-year increases. The Budget Analyst determined, in rough terms, that the continuing employees of the Town would receive nine percent more dollars in FY88 than in FY87. Due to the mechanics of the plan with regard to salaries alone, the Town is faced with a very sizable increase in the costs of operations. Add to that the predictably-sizable numbers for benefits (health insurance, other sorts of insurance, workmen's compensation, medicare, etc.). By way of illustration of the problems facing the Town, the Finance Committee cited the situation with the Sudbury Public School Budget; the Committee found that its "piece" of the unclassified budget was going up 26% for FY87-88. The weighted average increase for salaries, personal services--which is the Lion's share of the budget--is going up at a rate which is barely sustainable in anything but this windfall year, with free cash. If the Finance Committee were going to Town Meeting with free cash of \$400,000, as in past years, they would be absolutely at their wit's end.

Finance Committee Chairman Baum pointed out that at some point the Town is going to be facing a year when there are no windfall monies and a very hard set of choices. It was Mr. Baum's opinion that the Town must consider the real necessities in determining the benefits and services it can provide.

Mr. Baum stated that the Finance Committee applied the usual scheme that they used in the past two years of ranking all the departments, looking at those which are considered essential versus those of less-essential need, down to those for which funding is more a matter of preference than necessity. The Committee also tried to look at various categories of expenditures by nature and asked themselves which of these should be acted upon. Last year's concern was to protect the existing staff from layoffs, unless layoffs were warranted. This year, the Committee adopted the same principle. The Committee only recommended adding new positions, or increasing hours in old positions, in those few cases where there was a very well-substantiated economic argument.

The Finance Committee was also concerned about general expense categories. The Finance Committee suggested that where there were contingency-nature items being budgeted for, those items be budgeted at zero or a very low level, and dealt with by transferring funds should the needs arise. Mr. Baum did not believe in locking up funds merely because, for instance, a vehicle might break down. It is his opinion the more reasonable route would be to apply for transfer of funds at such time the vehicle does in fact break down.

With capital items, the Finance Committee considered whether some capital purchases would greatly improve the capability of the particular department or board. In general, however, the Committee was unwilling to consider capital purchases for the sake of having more pieces of machinery, service contracts, furniture, etc. The Committee attempted to look at the balance of cost of additional capital expenditures and discourage acquisition of equipment where it would either not be adequately utilized or it could not be shared with other departments. The Committee found that the biggest hindrance to the rational use of human resources or equipment is the dispersion of Town departments, boards, agencies. They are not conveniently located next to one another.

At this point Finance Committeeman David P. Wilson re-emphasized that the Finance Committee believes in the future the budget with regard to personnel will be a tough thing to handle. Mr. Wilson stated that if the Town is going to increase personnel, the Committee will have an impossible task. At present, the Town would be very hard-pressed to add new departments or personnel.

No assurances could be made by the Committee that these problems could be resolved in the near future. Mr. Baum believed there is a perception that if things get bad enough, everyone will say, "Let's override". The problem, he felt, is how much breathing time does the Town gain between the time of override and the time of a second request for an override of the 2-1/2 cap. Mr. Baum informed the Board that when the Finance Committee met with the Lincoln-Sudbury Committee, joint with the Lincoln FinCom, Lincoln indicated they were at the end of their rope. The Sudbury Finance Committee went into that meeting informing Lincoln of the calculations for a fair increase of the school system, given that is a top priority; and the Committee was looking for around \$142,000 out of Lincoln's assessment, which translates to \$180,000-190,000 out of their budget. The response of Lincoln was that they did not have the money. Indeed, the high school ended up coming up with a "cut", albeit not a very painful one.

Finance Committee Chairman Baum further opined that this year has seen a tremendous amount of increased spending power, by virtue of very healthy new construction numbers; and that the extra Million Dollars in "free cash" is merely a charade of accounting. He stated emphatically that the Town cannot afford everything it wants. The Finance Committee attempted to anticipate future needs by recommending strongly that \$185,000 of the Million Dollars be put aside for stabilization contribution. The Committee feels this amount is far below what it should be, but that will be the Committee's request because it does not feel it will get support for a larger amount.

Finance Committeeman Wilson stated that it was his opinion that if the Town has issues that everyone is behind now, they should be exempted from Proposition 2-1/2. He felt that to use the high school as an example would be a good "test case." It should be a high priority for everyone to get the school in shape. Executive Secretary Thompson asked if he meant it should be brought up next year. Mr. Wilson responded by stating that if it goes to Town Meeting, why not put it on the Board's calendar next year to see if it can be exempted.

Finance Committee Chairman Baum indicated that he felt bonding would still be a problem; that it was not a panacea. Although on its face, bonding seems feasible, it still gives the "multi-year bulge" that could "finish" the budget. When the Committee looked at the various requests of the Conservation Commission, for example, it took into account that the Town is presently spending approximately \$70,000 in bonding money for conservation projects. The Town cannot avoid paying the bill eventually, and the same thing could happen with the high school or the local schools.

Mr. Baum did inform the Board that the Committee did recommend that the Noyes School roof be done as a budget expenditure. The Committee felt it was better to avoid spending the money twice. He stated that the alternative to that would be something akin to Stone Farm, where the Committee decided to do it on the presumption that it could be exempted. If the exemption gets turned down, the monies get spent on other projects and the Town would still end up paying the bill over a number of years. The Committee would prefer to spend some of the Million Dollars on this, get it done and removed from the list of things to do. It is Mr. Baum's fear that down the road, it will be impossible to make this type of expenditure from operating funds.

In response to an inquiry from Selectman Donald, Executive Secretary Thompson stated that the Town may vote for bonding now and then next year, at general election, exempt it.

Mr. Baum analogized the Town's bonding situation to that of an individual's rating with a credit bureau. That individual may have a good credit rating, no debts, but does he have the money in his paycheck to meet his obligation. If the Town wants to incur a large debt, then it will have to find a way of servicing it, either inside Proposition 2-1/2 or outside.

Executive Secretary Thompson pointed out that it is obvious to him that because of the age of the Town's facilities, Sudbury happens to be in the position of needing to spend money on them. Mr. Thompson believes it is appropriate for the high school to be preparing a bonding package for repairs. He informed the Board and Committee that he had spoken with John Wilson, and the Sudbury School Committee may be doing the same thing in the near future. Mr. Thompson further stated he also felt it would be reasonable to solicit a debt exemption if the need arises. Those would be his recommendations to the Board, for the high school and the local schools.

Executive Secretary Thompson stated he sees a real spirit of cooperation with the schools in trying to resolve the building space problem. He noted that the Finance Committee does want to separate the elderly out as far as that study goes (it supports the \$10,000 for planning the elderly center), so the remaining \$75,000 will be used for the rest of the Town; Mr. Thompson sees no problem with this. Mr. Thompson further believes the Town will combine some of its facilities in the future and save money in the operating budgets.

Finance Committee Chairman Baum assured the Board that there does not have to be a very hard look taken to know that the bargains struck for Town employees in terms of cost-of-living were very generous. Excesses in the cost-of-living raises clearly seem to be part of the problem. In the same sense, the step that comes from one year's seniority, because of the way the personnel plan presently stands, the non-union employee will also get a four percent increase year-to-year. The Committee had talked about that with the Personnel Board Chairman and suggested that serious thought be given to going back to restructure it so that people have the same earning potential but over a longer term. It seemed clear to Mr. Baum that to talk about five percent cost-of-living and four percent steps for many employees, would result in a crushing burden for the Town.

Mr. Baum noted that many people in Town are worried about health insurance increases. Budget Analyst Terri Ackerman has been doing a very good job in meeting with consultants and trying to get better cost estimates, but a considerable portion of that increase in cost is due not only to the increase in cost of coverage, but the fact that the Town is providing more generous coverage in terms of percentage-coverage than are many private employers. It is therefore Mr. Baum's feeling that the Town should be putting both wages and benefits on the bargaining table. It should be made clear that either wages would not be able to go up by five percent, or the Town cannot pay 75% of the health plan; something has to give.

Executive Secretary Thompson stated that now is an important time for the same message be given to the schools. The School Committee is in the middle of collective bargaining, and they are bargaining for three-year contracts. What the School Committee does at collective bargaining now sets the precedent for the Town next year. Mr. Thompson stated emphatically he would never recommend overrides to pay payroll costs. He would recommend cutting salaries or staff. He said the Town has taken this same position in prior years, and the union's response has been, "cut people." Mr. Thompson indicated that Dr. Jackson assured him the person hired to negotiate for the School Department would have communication with the Town.

Mr. Thompson stated he agreed with the Finance Committee that the increases given were above average when benefits are included, but it is difficult bargaining with five unions and saying the Town wants the unions to accept certain terms, when the surrounding towns' averages were also about five percent. Sudbury only gave what the surrounding towns do.

Finance Committee Chairman Baum clarified that the most serious problems are not merely salary monies. The Committee received a very good recitation from the Fire Chief about how the overtime is out of control because of his contractual difficulties in the way the contract reads. He cannot control how many people say they want a week off, within limits that are far wider than anyone would want to have.

Mr. Thompson stated he understands the frustrations concerning health insurance and hopes that the newly-appointed Budget Analyst, Terri Ackerman, continues her good work and resolves many problems. He emphasized that those

in Town Government are small in number, have had some bad experiences, and therefore it is impractical to summarily make drastic changes, such as going with a new company or cutting to 50% from 75%. He reminded those present that the Employees' Insurance Advisory Committee could not even agree to go to Health Plus, which would have saved the Town \$50,000. He therefore has no sympathy that if the Town does not have the funds, no increases can be paid employees. Mr. Thompson stated Sudbury offers the highest pay for school-teachers; and the town support staff's salaries are now competitive, thanks to the new salary schedule. By the same token, Mr. Thompson does not believe the Town is over-paying, to a large extent, in the non-school area. Mr. Thompson also stated parenthetically that he believes four percent was too much to build into a plan. He suggested that perhaps the Personnel Board should be asked to look into cutting it back.

Finance Committee Chairman Baum declared that the increase is a concept whereby an employee gets a raise because of merit. However, he stated, where a great deal could have been saved is if the Town were working at a four percent cost of living. He cautioned against thinking that it is advisable to lower the salaries of those non-union employees, even though that capability exists.

Mr. Baum felt that the danger exists to the high school whereby management has been driven into paying the salaries and making certain courses are retained, while the building falls down around them.

Chairman Frost thanked the Finance Committee for their input and acknowledged there is much "food for thought."

Executive Secretary Thompson urged the Finance Committee to attend the Warrant Review on April 1, 1987; and he further advised the Committee that the Board will endeavor to update the Committee on the changes in the Warrant as soon as possible.

Review of Speakers/Positions for Warrant Articles

Executive Secretary Thompson reminded the Board that at the February 9, 1987 meeting, it was voted to appoint the Selectman liaison to each committee as speaker for that committee's warrant article. It was Mr. Thompson's recommendation that Selectman Wallace be appointed speaker for Petition Articles 43 and 44 to transfer lands to Park & Recreation, which articles the Board had voted to oppose, subject to his agreement. Mr. Thompson further recommended Selectman Donald be appointed speaker for Article 7 (MetroWest Planning Funds) on the Warrant for Special Town Meeting; and he and Chairman Frost be appointed co-speakers for Article 8 (Bylaw Enforcement) on the Warrant for Special Town Meeting. The Board agreed.

Reports by Executive Secretary Thompson

Executive Secretary Thompson recommended the Board approve amendment of the requested budget figure for Account 950-800 Health Insurance from \$900,000 to \$853,203, and that the reduction realized therefrom be applied to reinstate certain requested items as part of the Finance Committee's recommendations at

Town Meeting, as more fully set forth in his letter to the Finance Committee dated February 19, 1987. Mr. Thompson further urged approval of revised requests for unclassified budget items.

With regard to Town Meeting Warrant Article 10 (Landfill Upgrading), Mr. Thompson informed the Board he was in agreement with the Finance Committee as to the \$70,000 appropriation figure and, therefore, recommended the Board revise the amount requested in the article.

Mr. Thompson further informed the Board that he had conferred with Town Planner Lee Newman and the Town Counsel's office, as well as the Town Planner for the Town of Concord, concerning Article 22A (downzoning the Sperry property), and the current revision before the Board was a result of those discussions. Ms. Newman had recommended to the Planning Board to downzone the Sperry property to 200,000 square feet of building area. Mr. Thompson recommended 1,934 square feet per acre as the Maximum Floor Area Ratio. Absent a traffic study for this site, Mr. Thompson utilized a traffic study completed for a similar area in Concord in order to make an informed recommendation to the Board as to square footage. That similar district is 3,000 square feet per acre for office space versus Sudbury's 1,934, and 6,000 square feet per acre for warehousing.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve an amendment of the requested budget figure for Account 950-800 Health Insurance from \$900,000 to \$853,203, and that the reduction therefrom be applied to reinstate certain requested items to be recommended by the Finance Committee at Town Meeting, as more specifically set forth in the letter from Executive Secretary Thompson to Christopher Baum, Chairman of the Finance Committee, dated February 19, 1987; and it was further

VOTED: To approve revised requests for Unclassified Budget Accounts 950-803 Town Insurance (\$425,000), 950-813 Retirement Assessment (\$625,000), and 950-953 Copier Equipment (\$5,550) for FY88; and it was further

VOTED: To support Town Meeting Warrant Article 10 requesting \$70,000 to be raised or appropriated for landfill upgrading; and it was further

VOTED: To approve revision of Town Meeting Warrant Article 22A regarding Intensity Regulations (Sperry downzoning) as drafted by Executive Secretary Thompson, which draft requires, among other things, the Maximum Floor Area Ratio to be 1,934 square feet per acre;

all of the above Votes being subject to comment by Selectman David A. Wallace.

Drainage and Sight Easements - Meadowview Knoll

The Board reviewed Sight Easements and Drainage Easements of Philip J. and Marjorie A. Newfell, and of Kenneth Moore and Dorothy H. Moore, relative to land shown on "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Meadowview Knoll, Sudbury, MA" dated September 12, 1986, revised January 14, 1987, by Colburn Engineering, Inc.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To accept and approve Drainage and Sight Easements on the following-described properties, all as shown on "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Meadowview Knoll, Sudbury, MA", dated September 12, 1986, revised January 14, 1987, by Colburn Engineering, Inc.": (1) given by Philip J. and Marjorie A. Newfell, dated January 26, 1987, relative to Lot 1; and (2) given by Kenneth Moore and Dorothy H. Moore dated January 26, 1987, relative to the northwesterly end of Frost Lane.

Possibility of Nepotism Conflict - Fire Chief

The Board reviewed communication dated February 19, 1987 from Michael Dunne, Fire Chief, wherein he advised the Board of a possible nepotism conflict of interest because of his relationship to FF/EMT William L. Miles, Jr. (brother-in-law) and requested approval to participate in matters relating to such potential conflict. It was the consensus of the Board that this situation did not warrant a conflict, and Executive Secretary Thompson recommended approval.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To grant approval to Fire Chief Michael Dunne to participate in matters relating to his brother-in-law, FF/EMT William L. Miles, Jr., in the administration of the Fire Department, a potential nepotism conflict of interest under GLc.268A.

Meeting with Commonwealth of Massachusetts DPW re: Route 20

The Board reviewed letter dated February 17, 1987, from Dr. Michael D. Meyer, P.E., Director Bureau of Transportation, Planning and Development, which letter acknowledged receipt of the Route 20 Task Force Final Report and requesting a meeting between Town officials and Commissioner Tierney. Executive Secretary Thompson recommended a meeting be arranged and that he speak with Dr. Meyer concerning who Commissioner Tierney would like to attend. Chairman Frost indicated March 17, 1987, would be inconvenient for him.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To contact Ms. Diana Burkhardt at 973-7800 to schedule a meeting between Town officials and Commissioner Tierney, and to request Executive Secretary Thompson to discuss with Dr. Michael Meyer concerning the individuals who should attend.

Site Plan 86-300, BayBank Kiosk

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To forward a communication dated February 18, 1987 from Town Counsel Paul Kenny to the Board of Selectmen regarding Site Plan 86-300, BayBank Kiosk, to Design Review Board member William R. Firth.

Minutes

It was on motion by Chairman Frost unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session of February 9, 1987, as drafted, subject to comment by Selectman David A. Wallace.

Meeting Schedule

Due to the Town Election being held March 30, 1987, and scheduled Warrant Review for Town Meeting on April 1, 1987, it was on motion by Chairman Frost unanimously

VOTED: To change the meeting date of March 30 to April 1, 1987; and to schedule meetings at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School prior to each night of Town Meeting, commencing April 6, 1987.

Current Items

Selectman Anne W. Donald reported that she attended the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of Explorer Scout Troop and the retirement party for Curt Garfield. Although she extended her congratulations on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, Mrs. Donald recommended that the Board provide some sort of written acknowledgement to Mr. Garfield, who has done a great deal for the young people of Sudbury.

Selectman Donald further informed the Board that the Girl Scouts will be celebrating their 75th Anniversary at a gathering to be held March 12, 1987. It was Mrs. Donald's recommendation that a congratulatory letter be presented to the Girl Scouts at that gathering.

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To forward congratulatory letters to Curt Garfield on the occasion of his retirement and to the Girl Scouts on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary.

Proposed Bill H-1745, Binding Arbitration

In response to letter from James W. Segel, Executive Director of Massachusetts Municipal Association dated February 18, 1987, concerning House Bill H-1745, which would reinstate a form of binding arbitration for public safety contracts, it was on motion of Selectman Anne W. Donald unanimously

VOTED: To forward strong letters of opposition to Bill H-1745, which Bill would reinstate a form of binding arbitration for public safety contracts to State Representative Cile Hicks and to State Senator A. Paul Cellucci.

Bike Trail

Executive Secretary Thompson acknowledged receipt of a letter with enclosures, dated January 31, 1987 and received February 9, 1987, from David Roddy and Nancy Clinton regarding the proposed Bike Trail.

Open House - Cable Television Studio

Executive Secretary Thompson informed the Board there will be an Open House on March 3, 1987, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School regarding the Town's cable television studio.

Special Town Meeting - Offset

On recommendation by Executive Secretary Thompson that the \$32,000+ additional FY87 Cherry Sheet reimbursement be used as an offset at Special Town Meeting, it was on motion of Chairman Frost unanimously

VOTED: To use the \$32,000+ at Special Town Meeting as Offset monies.

Housing Authority

Executive Secretary Thompson informed the Board that the Housing Authority will be conducting public meetings March 18, 1987, at Fairbank School and March 26, 1987, at Horse Pond School; and the Board has been asked to attend, if possible. Mr. Thompson indicated he would attend.

Executive Session

At 10:30 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing two matters: (1) a possible liquor violation; and (2) a zoning enforcement issue.

(Chairman Frost, aye; Selectman Donald, aye)

The Chairman announced that public session would not reconvene following the Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Attest: _____

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk