

TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1987

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 170th session of the Town Forum.

Selectmen's Summary

Highlights of the Board's actions in the two months between Forums were summarized by Chairman Frost as follows.

Following receipt of recommendations of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and the Board of Assessors, the Board entered into an agreement with the owners and developer of the so-called Hughes property off Concord Road relinquishing the Town's option to purchase under GLc.61A in return for conservation easements and restrictions, walkway easement, and housing development restrictions.

Through the efforts of the Conservation Commission, three small parcels of land and one 21-acre parcel off Concord Road owned by the Newfells were accepted, subject to finalization.

A grant of \$2,224 under the State Council on Aging Formula Grant Program was accepted from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, on behalf of the Council on Aging.

Annual license renewals were processed, Town Meeting articles finalized, and budgets under the Selectmen reviewed and submitted.

A hearing was held on the application of James S. DiGiandomenico for a site plan special permit for the 344 Boston Post Road site, at which time the applicant was allowed to withdraw his application without prejudice to seek approval from the Board of Appeals.

Lillian Balch was appointed to the Historical Commission, and Aleta Cane was appointed to the Board of Library Trustees by joint election with the Goodnow Library Trustees. Resignations of Eleanor Kelly from the Council on Aging and Peter Anderson from the Rt. 20 Task Force were accepted.

The Board met with the Rt. 20 Task Force to review its final report relative to the Phase I Traffic Study, and voted to refer those findings to the State Department of Public Works with a request to meet with the Selectmen on the same.

The Board also met with the Youth Commission relative to its upcoming budget and hotline service and the Long Range Planning Committee relative to its preparation of this year's five-year capital improvement plan.

Following passage of enabling legislation, a joint meeting with the Atkinson Pool Foundation was held to take necessary steps to facilitate pool construction.

Report - State Representative Lucile Hicks

State Representative Lucile Hicks received congratulations from Selectman Anne Donald relative to her appointment as Republican Whip in the House. Representative Hicks noted that, in spite of an unfavorable House report out of Committee, the Special Legislation relative to the Sudbury Pool was enacted, largely due to the efforts of Senator A. Paul Cellucci. It was also her opinion that, because of the pressure created by the Suburban Coalition, the administration was turning around on its local aid policies and has accepted the principle that the State should not penalize those communities which do not appropriate up to the levy limit.

Committee Reports

Conservation Commission Chairman Gordon Henley and Coordinator Deborah Montemerlo reported that relative to Town Meeting, the Commission will hold a public hearing on February 10 on the Land Bank article, and plans to co-sponsor the Cluster Zoning article with the Planning Board; the Commission will also meet with the Park and Recreation Commissioners and the Sudbury Housing Authority regarding their land articles. The State is four to six weeks away from making a decision on the Sudbury Self-Help application for the Dickson property, but is itself very interested in the property as it falls within the boundaries of the Bay Circuit Greenbelt. The Commission has erected a sign on Peakham Road for the Haynes Meadow Conservation Land (former Powers property) and is in the process of preparing a conservation trail map of the parcel. To date, no Self-Help money has been received as reimbursement for the Powers purchase and a major plumbing repair necessitated a transfer from the Reserve Fund. Wetland Protection filings are up 34%.

Building Inspector Joseph Scammon reported that 89 new housing construction permits were issued in Calendar 1986 at an estimated building cost of approximately \$13,500,000, as compared to 1982 when only 46 permits were issued, estimated at a building cost of approximately \$4,180,000. Mr. Scammon reported that the number of pre-site plan meetings had increased.

Fire Chief Michael Dunne was pleased to report that the proposed ambulance Medicare regulations change, which he and the Selectmen had opposed, was defeated. He requested that the media publicize his request that Townspeople shovel out the hydrants near their homes. Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson added that catch basins should be shovelled also.

Board of Health Chairman Michael Guernsey reported that the Board was working with Chiswick on the Coatings cleanup and the matter was almost resolved with the DEQE. The Boards of Sudbury and Wayland are sponsoring a Hazardous Waste Day on May 9; however, no State funds are available to offset the cost. It has been determined that quantities of septage processed at the Facility are 60% attributable to Wayland and 40% to Sudbury and that there is unused capacity. Other Towns will be approached as to use of the Facility.

Sudbury Schools School Committee member Susan Abrams reported that the Committee was working to resolve its budget issues, formulating a policy on drugs in conjunction with the Police Department, developing a classification plan in line with the Town's, formulating the School Calendar for 1987-88, and was pleased to have received many applications from Sudbury teachers for

Horace Mann grants. Superintendent David Jackson reported that the enrollment will be increasing next year in K-5 and that enrollment projections based upon census and live births show that in four years the Schools will have to recruit ten additional teachers and allocate additional space for classrooms.

Route 20 Task Force Chairman Susan LaTour reported that on December 22 the Committee's long-term and short-term recommendations were distributed and sent to the State. Phase II planning is underway and traffic data will be collected in the early spring and therefore completed at the end of June. It is hoped that a traffic destination and origin study can be distributed to the Townspeople with the Town Report. The Task Force has submitted, and is attempting to finalize, two bookmark articles for Town Meeting action on undergrounding of utility poles and establishment of a traffic committee.

Historical Commission Chairman Marilyn MacLean reported that the Commission now had five working members and was hoping to develop an organization of Friends of Hosmer House to help in fund-raising activities, redecorating and painting. Red cup plates will be available for sale by Valentine's Day with the "Mary Had a Little Lamb" School design. The Finance Committee had approved FY88 budget requests for chairs, coffee urns and a coffee service so that Hosmer House can be utilized for functions. The Commission was pleased to note that several of Miss Hosmer's paintings are to be shown in a forthcoming exhibition of women's works at the Danforth Museum. Also, the Commission plans to present a showing of Miss Hosmer's portraits in Sudbury in April, hoping through invitations to solicit information concerning the subject of the paintings from those who knew Miss Hosmer.

#### Other Reports

Chairman Frost noted that written reports had been received from the Long Range Planning Committee, Historic Districts Commission, Town Report Committee, and the Board of Assessors as follows.

Long Range Planning Committee is working with the Finance Committee on review of capital expenditure requests and is finalizing its five-year plan for March publication.

Historic Districts Commission reports two unfinished items: completion of Village Green, which is in the process of resolution in Court by Town Counsel, and a problem concerning execution of an approved application in the Wayside Inn area, which the Commission is attempting to resolve.

Town Report Committee reports that it has received the first Town Report proofs which will require much work with the printer.

Board of Assessors reports that it had received twenty-six abatement applications; Assistant Assessor Loughlin received designation as a Massachusetts Accredited Assessor. Assessor Buxbaum and Office Supervisor Walsh successfully completed the Department of Revenue's Course on Assessment Administration, Law, Procedures and Valuation, marking the first time a majority of the Board and full-time staff is formally certified in required courses; Assessor Hannan has announced he will not seek election.

Chairman Frost read to those assembled the Finance Committee letter dated January 21, 1987, relative to the status of Town budget deliberations and current projections.

League of Women Voters President Mary Jane Sanders extended an invitation to a League-sponsored panel discussion, January 28, at the Goodnow Library, entitled "Neighbors in Need...Are They Yours?" which concerns the meeting of basic human needs as it applies to the SVNA, Sudbury Youth Commission, Sudbury Housing Authority, and Sudbury Council on Aging. Ms. Sanders also noted that Candidates Night is scheduled for Tuesday evening, March 17.

Sudbury 350th Anniversary Committee member Anne Donald reported that the group has a tentative meeting scheduled for March 12 and was hoping to receive input from Townspeople relative to events desired as part of the celebration.

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk