

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, JANUARY 26, 1987

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

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 87-1/Plympton Road & 87-2/Peakham Road

Present: Carol McManus, Boston Edison Company.

In conformity with General Laws, Chapter 166, Section 21 and 22, the Board considered Utility Petition 87-1 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the Town:

Plympton Road - southerly approximately 102 feet east of Clark Road, a distance of about 8 feet - conduit

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson noted that all appropriate abutters and Town officials had been notified and that approval had been recommended by the Inspector of Buildings and Wiring Inspector.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition 87-1, as described above, and as shown on plans entitled, "Boston Edison Company, Plan of Plympton Rd., Sudbury, Showing proposed location customer conduit", dated December 10, 1986, and "Plan for Conduit Location To Accompany Petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company", dated January 7, 1987.

In conformity with General Laws, Chapter 166, Sections 21 and 22, the Board considered Utility Petition 87-2 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone & Telegraph Company for permission to lay and maintain, and a location for, such a line of conduits and manholes with the necessary wires and cables therein, under the following public way of the Town:

Peakham Road - southeasterly side, southerly from Pole 1/25, approximately 350 feet southwest of Peakham Circle, a distance about 10 feet - conduit

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson noted that all appropriate abutters and Town officials had been notified and approval had been recommended by the Inspector of Buildings and the Wiring Inspector.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve Utility Petition 87-2, as described above, and as shown on plan entitled, "Boston Edison Company, Plan of Peakham Rd., Sudbury, Showing proposed location of customer conduit", dated December 5, 1986, and "Plan for Proposed Conduit Location To Accompany Petition of New England Telephone and Telegraph Company", dated January 8, 1987.

Transfer Requests

Relative to the Town Accountant's Reserve Fund transfer request of \$15,154 to supplement the Town's FY87 insurance line item, Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson explained that basically the transfer is to compensate for the difference between the estimated workman's compensation premium and that obtained by audit; the difference is directly proportional to the increased salaries of Town employees. Mr. Thompson noted that he and the Town Accountant have identified four choices with regard to workman's compensation coverage: self-insurance, joining the MIIA compensation program (municipal insurance pool sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association), re-bidding, or staying with the present carrier. Mr. Thompson stated that several communities have become self-insurers, Danvers being one, and this may be the most cost effective approach. He added that workman's compensation is regulated by law and the Town's experience, in general, has been good. He suggested that it would be advisable to get a resolution or consensus at Town Meeting relative to the Town becoming a self-insurer for workman's compensation. The Selectmen concurred.

Mr. Thompson also noted that Betterly Risk Consultants is reviewing all our insurance policies and needs.

The Board also noted that the current balance in the insurance account is \$13,481. Since the transfer requested will only allow payment of the audit premium for FY86 and a portion of the Town's current obligations, the Town Accountant also recommends that a Special Town Meeting be called within the Annual Town Meeting to seek an additional \$26,000, which would cover the balance of the current year's compensation premium and any changes in other policies.

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve transfer request 87-46, dated January 22, 1987, for transfer of \$15,154 from the Reserve Fund, to Account 950-803, Unclassified - Town Insurance, and to request an additional \$26,000 at a Special Town Meeting to be held within the Annual Town Meeting.

After discussion, it was on motion by Selectman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To approve transfer request 87-47, dated January 23, 1987, for transfer of \$1,000 from Line Item 501-110, Selectmen - Administrative Salaries, to Line Item 501-210, Selectmen - General Expense.

HMM Contract - Phase 2, Traffic Study

The Board considered recommendations from the Executive Secretary relative to the proposed Contract for Traffic Engineering and Transportation Services between the Town of Sudbury, MA and HMM Associates, Inc. for Phase 2 of a traffic study specified in the Town's Request for Proposal dated June 6, 1986, and in accordance with HMM Associate's Proposal for the Town of Sudbury Traffic Circulation Plan dated June 27, 1986, as amended, and HMM memorandum of July 8, 1986, and as described in Appendix A of said Proposal.

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To amend the Contract for Traffic Engineering and Transportation Services between the Town of Sudbury, MA and HMM Associates, Inc. to include the following provisions, subject to review of wording and incorporation within the contract document by Town Counsel:

- a) Any proposed changes beyond the scope of work must be approved by the Board of Selectmen before a change order is executed and work commences;
- b) Any reports or memoranda generated by HMM Associates, Inc. must be copied to the Selectmen for review before outside distribution. (See amended vote of February 2, 1987.)

#### Boy Scout Award

The Board signed a congratulatory letter to Mark C. Dunham for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Mark's civic project was to repair and replace bridges and to perform other maintenance work in Heritage Park, for which the Town is most appreciative.

#### Street Layouts

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To state the Board's intention to lay out Crescent Lane, Douglas Drive, Fox Run, Hawes Road, Mark Lane, Saddle Ridge, Tantamouse Trail, and Wildwood Lane, as described in Article 8 for the 1987 Annual Town Meeting, at its meeting of March 16, 1987, except that the layouts of Hawes Road and Tantamouse Trail are subject to issuance of a Certificate of Compliance under the Wetlands Protection Act by the Conservation Commission by March 16, 1987; that proper notice of the Board's intention to lay out those ways be given to the owners of the properties in question not less than seven days before such date; and that the proposed layouts be referred by January 29 to the Planning Board for its report.

#### Council on Aging Donation

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept, on behalf of the Town, \$72.40 in miscellaneous donations to be deposited in the Council on Aging Van Donation Account, and authorize the Council on Aging to expend the same for purposes of operating and maintaining the Council on Aging van.

#### Annual Town Meeting Schedule

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To propose the following schedule of adjournment dates for the April Annual Town Meeting: Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 6, 7, and 8; Wednesday and Thursday, April 15 and 16; and Monday, April 27.

#### Board of Selectmen Meeting Schedule

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the Board of Selectmen meeting scheduled for February 16 because of the Washington's Birthday holiday.

The Board postponed its decision on whether or not to reschedule the Board's meeting of February 16 to February 18.

Deputy Building Inspector Pay Rate

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson recommended that the Board increase the hourly pay rate for the Deputy Building Inspector to cover mileage expenses due to his taking on special projects and court litigation work for the Building Department.

It was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To increase the hourly pay rate for the Deputy Building Inspector from \$12 to \$15.

Sudbury Supervisory Association Hearing/Labor Relations Commission

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson reported that agreement was reached and a stipulation signed between the Town and the Sudbury Supervisory Association after separate and joint meetings with a Labor Relations Commission hearing officer. The agreement allows exclusion of the managerial positions of Fire Chief and Police Chief from the Supervisory Association and inclusion of the positions of Police Lieutenant/Administrative Assistant, Assistant Assessor, Supervisor of Town Buildings, Planning Administrator, and Town Accountant within the Association, except that the Town has the right to unilaterally expand the Town Accountant's duties in the future and can at any time petition the Commission again for exclusion of the Town Accountant from the Association.

Annual Town Election and Town Meeting

At the request of the Town Clerk in a letter dated January 23, 1987, it was on motion by Selectman Wallace unanimously

- VOTED:
- a. To set the 1987 Annual Town Election for the four precincts in Sudbury for Monday, March 30, 1987 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Peter Noyes School;
  - b. To establish that the Annual Regional School District Election shall be combined with and held as part of the Annual Town Election of Sudbury, that the ballot for the Annual Regional School District Election shall be included with and prepared as part of the ballot for the Annual Town Election;
  - c. To establish that the listing of the offices shall be the same as set forth in the Warrant for the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee Election and shall be printed as the last office on the ballot;

d. To set the opening session of the 1987 Annual Town Meeting on Monday, April 6, 1987, at 8:00 p.m., in the Auditorium of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School;

e. To approve allowing the Board of Registrars to hold special voter registration sessions prior to the Annual Town Election and the Annual Town Meeting at the Town Hall, in accordance with M.G.L. c.51, §30.

#### Sudbury Housing Authority

On the recommendation of the Executive Secretary it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To amend the vote of January 12, 1987, relative to the Board's support of the Sudbury Housing articles, to read:

VOTED: To authorize the Executive Secretary, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen to send a letter, together with documentation as required, to the State Executive Office of Communities and Development to indicate the Board's unanimous support of the Sudbury Housing Authority's warrant articles to transfer land presently owned by the Town to the Sudbury Housing Authority to enable construction of fourteen units of low and moderate income family housing.

With regard to the petition articles submitted to the Board of Selectmen on December 29, 1986 on behalf of the Sudbury Housing Authority, the Board acknowledged that formal withdrawals of the following four articles had been received:

- A. Transfer land off Fairbank Road to Selectmen for purpose of sale to Sudbury Housing Authority.
- B. Authorize sale of land off Fairbank Road to Sudbury Housing Authority.
- C. Transfer land off Fairbank Road, land off Horse Pond Road, and land off Pine Street to Selectmen for purpose of sale to Sudbury Housing Authority.
- D. Authorize sale of land off Fairbank Road, land off Horse Pond Road, and land off Pine Street to Sudbury Housing Authority.

#### Town Forum/170th Session

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Frost convened the 170th Session of the Town Forum, a copy of which is attached and made part of these minutes.

#### Minutes

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session of January 12, 1987, as amended, and the minutes of the regular session of January 21, 1987.

Town Meeting Articles

The Board acknowledged receipt of notification from the Planning Board, dated January 13, 1987, that it had voted to withdraw its zoning article amending Art. IX,III,A,1,e, Prohibited Uses.

Van Transportation of Disabled Citizens

The Board noted receipt of a communication dated January 14, 1987, from Mark Reich to Russell Thatcher, Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, relative to use of the Sudbury Council on Aging van by disabled citizens. Mr. Thompson stated that he is working toward resolution of the matter and would direct a letter to the State in the near future.

Executive Session

At 9:30 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session for the following purposes:

1. To consider the discipline or dismissal of, or to hear complaints or charges brought against an employee;
2. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation;
3. To discuss an expenditure from the Discretionary Fund.

(Chairman Frost, aye: Selectman Donald, aye: Selectman Wallace, 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 11:00 p.m.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk