

TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1987

Present: Chairman Anne W. Donald, David A. Wallace and John C. Drobinski.

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Donald convened the 172nd session of the Town Forum.

Selectmen's Summary

Highlights of the board's actions since the January Forum were summarized by Chairman Donald as follows.

In addition to annual appointments, Carol Smith was appointed to the Sudbury Housing Authority and Judith Cope was appointed to the Planning Board by joint elections with the respective agencies. The Talent Search Committee and Insurance Advisory Committee were dissolved, the latter because of the necessity to utilize the services of a consultant in the volatile insurance market, and a new committee was established to review Town Bylaws and make recommendations concerning Town Meeting procedures. Peter F. Fadgen was promoted to Police Sergeant in March.

The Board approved with conditions a new site plan for Terrio Realty Trust (Country Living) which is planning enlargement of the existing building at 339 Boston Post Road.

In licensing matters, the Board renewed agreement with the Office for Children delegating the authority to license day care centers to the Board of Health, and approved a Class 2 Second Hand Motor Vehicle License for the new owners of Station Road Auto Body & Garage at 40 Station Road.

Design services for the Rt. 117 Fire Station and Highway Garage roofs were contracted with LEA Group, Inc. on recommendation of the Permanent Building Committee, and the Board accepted a bid for furnishing a new copier at the Town Hall.

The Board met with and supported Judith Kaskel, sponsor of the Safe Homes Program; Board members also attended hearings relative to the proposed Lowell-Sudbury Bike Trail.

Committee Reports

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee Chairman Beverly Bentley reported that the Committee had completed its first year's work this month which was largely devoted to organizational tasks and investigating ideas and fund-raising methods. Committee chairmen were appointed to handle various phases of the celebration and new members were added to the Committee. Meredith Palmer, winner of the logo contest, was presented with a T-shirt imprinted with her logo design which she explained. Sale of the T-shirts and visors, which will begin immediately, will provide funds for advertising and the purchase of stationery. Fall meeting plans include invitations to Wayland, and Sudbury, England and Sudbury, Ontario to participate in Sudbury's celebration, and solicitation to local businesses for financial support.

Town Clerk Jean MacKenzie reported that her office had applied for and received a grant of software from LOTUS Development Corporation. The office has been processing annual business certificate renewals, providing demographic data requests, licensing approximately 600 dogs, and microfilming Board of Appeals records. The office will soon be working with those departments with data on magnetic tape to microfilm their records.

Treasurer Chester Hamilton noted that borrowing was limited this year to only \$2M in Tax Anticipation Notes at a cost of \$13,000 in interest. While the Town will close its fiscal year with a cash balance of \$4,900,000, which includes the MBTA reimbursement, the fall pool purchase will take an immediate \$500,000 of that cash.

Tax Collector Isabelle Stone reported that the Service Bureau has informed the Tax Office that 95% of the 1987 real estate taxes has been paid and 98% of the 1987 personal property taxes has been paid to date. The Tax Office will be sending out demands in July.

Historic Districts Commission Chairman Burton Holmes informed the Forum that at mid-point in the year fifteen applications had been processed. Thanks to court action initiated by Assistant Town Counsel, after years of delay, outstanding items were being finalized at the Village Green.

Council on Aging member Donald Oasis reported that the Drop-In Center will be closed for the week of July 20. The Council hopes to provide one trip per month during the summer for seniors. Council members will be visiting senior centers in various other towns which have recently built or remodeled centers to help in formulating Sudbury's plans. It is the Council's intention to proceed with a Request for Proposal for architectural services with the aid of Town Counsel's Office and the Permanent Building Committee.

Conservation Coordinator Deborah Montemerlo stated that the Commission had been receiving two or three Wetland Protection Act (WPA) filings per week, mostly on individual house lots. Protection of wildlife has been added by the DEQE as a criterion for wetland regulation; therefore, members will be attending workshops relative to interpretation and administration. The Commission has been interviewing candidates for appointment to fill vacancies for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen and will be interviewing candidates for the part-time secretarial position approved by the 1987 Annual Town Meeting. Two back-up Self-Help applications have been made to the State on the Dickson property, still under consideration for purchase by the Department of Environmental Management in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Service, and the military land to be excessed by the federal GSA, under consideration for purchase by the State. Relative to maintenance of Conservation land, the Commission has been planning erection of a bridge over Hop Brook to provide another access to the Haynes Meadow conservation area. Quotes have been obtained from two firms relative to updating the wetlands maps.

Town Engineer I. William Place reported that he has been checking flood levels with the Corps of Engineers at the Grist Mill dam. He has been working to resolve the Sanitary Landfill situation with the DEQE and has succeeded in getting agreement to move operations to the northeast corner. The Goodman's Hill walkway survey is finished and the engineering design work is about to

begin. He has been reviewing a number of ANR, preliminary and definitive subdivision plans for the Planning Board and working with the Rt. 20 Task Force on accomplishment of its long and short-term projects which has included meeting with representatives of the MBTA to address access to Raytheon along the right-of-way. Other projects include Easy Street drainage, increasing the parking area for the Police Department and for the pool, and a traffic circulation plan for Peter Noyes School.

Town Accountant James Vanar noted that his Department is functioning as it should and that there is nothing out of the ordinary to report.

Long Range Planning Committee Chairman Joseph Mooney reported that the Committee is working on updating all capital plans, seeking a firm to prepare the open space study, and will be meeting with the School Department to discuss expansion of facilities.

Historical Commission Chairman Lyn MacLean stated that the show of Miss Hosmer's paintings on May 3 had netted \$272; 55 portraits were displayed and identities were sought for the subjects of the paintings from the attendees. The Commission expressed its appreciation to Helen Deck who had donated \$300 for restoration of her portrait. The Commission is sorting out excess books and papers and duplicated items in the Hosmer House in preparation for the Yankee Doodle Yard Sale, hoping that the proceeds will enable them to purchase a vacuum cleaner for the house. Sub-committees are being formed to work on various projects such as art restoration.

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional District Committee Chairman Lynn Donaldson expressed her thanks to the Executive Secretary for his work relative to the space requirements of Lincoln-Sudbury West at the Fairbank Community Center, and stated that refurbishing at the High School will be beginning shortly.

Finance Committee Chairman David Wilson noted that as a result of some preliminary budget work, the Finance Committee has found that Free Cash will be at a very low level of \$100,000; this does not portend well for the Town's financial picture since salary requirements will usurp such a large portion of its financial resources.

Moderator Thomas Dignan complimented the Town Clerk on facilitating a smooth Town Meeting and noted that a committee is being formed to study Town Meeting procedural issues.

League of Women Voters representative Sheena Pappalardo reported that the League was preparing a health needs survey for distribution in the fall.

Building Inspector Joseph Scammon informed the Forum that he has issued building permits for 43 new houses and 96 alterations to date.

Design Review Board Member Joyce Fantasia reported that the Board was working on long-range goals for a sign bylaw.

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk ,