

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 1987

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

Executive Secretary Pro Tem

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Janet Silva Executive Secretary Pro Tem for purposes of the minutes of this meeting.

Petition for Pole Attachments - Digital Equipment Corporation/NYNEX

Representing NYNEX Business Information Systems Company and Digital Equipment Corporation: Cynthia Leary, Project Manager; and Nancy S. Grodberg, Attorney, Rackemann, Sawyer & Brewster.

Project Manager Cynthia Leary informed the Board the purpose for the petition of NYNEX and Digital Equipment Corporation is to install and maintain a fiber optic network (one single line) which will run through Sudbury in order to link Digital's main headquarters in Maynard with the AT&T building in Framingham. It was her understanding that the New England Telephone conduit runs from Digital's headquarters in Maynard, continuing on Route 27, through the center of Sudbury, going out to Edgell Road, through Framingham Center. Ms. Leary submitted to the Board a list of the actual pole attachments on each street in the Town.

Ms. Leary informed the Board that NYNEX has submitted a petition to New England Telephone to use its underground ducts, if available, since NYNEX and Digital prefer underground installation. Although there is a strong indication these would be available, they will not know for certain until the end of the week. Chairman Frost stated that the Town presently has an ad hoc committee investigating the possibility of "undergrounding" certain areas of the Town. In response to Chairman Frost's inquiry, Ms. Leary stated if the lines must be installed overhead, NYNEX and Digital understand in the event of a decision by the Town to change from overhead to underground wiring, those companies will share the expense of effectuating this change. Mr. Frost indicated a similar arrangement has been entered into with Raytheon, who had submitted a similar petition some time ago, which petition has subsequently been approved. Chairman Frost indicated that the Board would appreciate Ms. Leary contacting Executive Secretary Thompson's office as soon as she is officially informed as to whether the underground conduits are available.

Chairman Frost supplied Ms. Leary with a copy of a communication dated February 26, 1987, the Board received from the Town's Fire Chief concerning costs of moving fire alarm cables, if needed, and concern over the height of the fire alarm cables. Ms. Leary indicated that, as with agreements with other towns, Digital will absorb the costs of any rearrangements required on the poles by those already "on line" (e.g., telephone, electrical, fire alarm, pay television).

After further discussion, on motion made by Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To take under advisement the petition and plan dated February 6, 1987, of Digital Equipment Corporation, to provide for a link in a communications network for twenty-seven of its plants; said cable to be installed by NYNEX Business Information Systems Company, in the following public ways: Maynard Road; Hudson Road; Concord Road; Union Avenue; Boston Post Road; Nobscot Road; and Old Framingham Road.

Appointment of Town Engineer

On motion of Chairman Frost, it was unanimously

VOTED: To appoint I. William Place, Six Ponderosa Drive, Townsend, Massachusetts, as Town Engineer, for a term to expire April 30, 1988, his employment to commence March 16, 1987, or at a subsequent time as agreed to between Mr. Place and the Executive Secretary; and to set Mr. Place's salary, in accordance with the Sudbury Supervisory Association contract, at Step 4, \$41,222 per annum, effective upon commencement of employment, and at Step 4, \$43,283 per annum, effective July 1, 1987--June 30, 1988; and to grant the following benefits: Town vehicle portal to portal, three (3) weeks' vacation in Fiscal Year 1988, and other benefits as provided for in the Sudbury Supervisory Association contract with the Town.

Signing Warrants for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting

Executive Secretary Pro Tem Janet Silva made note of the following changes pursuant to Article 22A in the ATM Warrant: (1) sponsorship changed to a joint sponsorship with the Planning Board; (2) article changed to a petition article due to its late finalization; and (3) amendment of the square footage to 967, with the Selectmen's position favoring the figure of 1,934 in the report.

Ms. Silva further advised that Article 34 (establishment of a Traffic Committee) was withdrawn at the request of the Route 20 Task Force; and that Special Town Meeting Article 7 (MetroWest Planning Funds) was deleted, since the Town Accountant was able to make the payment.

On motion of Selectman Donald, it was unanimously

VOTED: To sign the Warrants for the 1987 Annual Town Meeting and the April 6, 1987 Special Town Meeting.

Transfer of Deed #332 for Lot #40, Section 3A, New Town Cemetery

Upon request by the Superintendent of Cemeteries dated February 24, 1987, on motion of Selectman Donald, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the transfer of Deed #332 for Lot #40, Section 3A, New Town Cemetery, for four graves, from Weston A. Dreher to Marjorie J. Dreher.

Route 20 Task Force

On motion of Selectman Wallace, it was unanimously

VOTED: To continue the Route 20 Task Force for another year, keeping the current members; and to direct the Executive Secretary to work with Town Counsel to draft a bylaw to establish a permanent traffic commission.

Discussion followed the vote concerning filling the vacancy by Peter Anderson in the Task Force. It was agreed that the item should be placed on the agenda for the Board's meeting to be held March 9, 1987; in the meantime, Chairman Frost will contact members of the Task Force for further names of persons who may be interested. Selectman Wallace indicated he was aware of one applicant, and further expressed his desire that the appointment be made prior to the meeting with the State's Department of Public Works, whether or not there were further applicants.

Approval of Minutes, Town Forum, Executive Session

On motion of Selectman Donald, and seconded by Chairman Frost, with Selectman Wallace abstaining, it was

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session of February 23, 1987, as corrected; the minutes of the Town Forum of February 23, 1987, as corrected; and the minutes of the executive session of February 23, 1987, as drafted.

350th Celebration

Selectman Anne W. Donald informed the Board that the 350th Celebration Committee is holding its meeting Tuesday, March 3, 1987, and an open meeting Thursday, March 12, 1987. Selectman David A. Wallace indicated that Margaret Spengler, a former selectman of Arlington, Massachusetts--which town celebrated its 350th two years ago--would be pleased to visit Sudbury and share her knowledge concerning this event.

Sudbury River Diversion Resolution

As a result of an inquiry from Selectman Donald, the Board voiced its agreement with the final draft resolution concerning the proposed Sudbury River Diversion, referred to in the Board's minutes dated February 23, 1987.

Hosmer Memorial Fund

In accordance with the request of the Historical Commission, dated March 2, 1987, it was on motion by Selectman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve an expenditure in the amount of \$1,185.80 from the E. B. Hosmer Memorial Fund General Ledger Account, as partial payment for cup plates, payable to Holly City Bottle.

American Legion Liquor License Violation

Pursuant to discussion in executive session of February 23, 1987, the Board approved letter dated February 26, 1987, drafted by Executive Secretary

Richard E. Thompson, to American Legion Post #191, which is being sent as a result of a liquor license violation that occurred on February 19, 1987.

Water Quality Meeting with City of Marlborough

Executive Secretary Pro Tem Janet Silva reported that a meeting with representatives of the City of Marlborough has been scheduled for March 6, 1987, at the Mayor's Office, Marlborough City Hall to discuss Sudbury's concern about water quality in three ponds (Gristmill, Carding Mill, and Stearns). Selectman Donald indicated she would attend.

Low-income housing

The Board reviewed a letter dated February 15, 1987, from Bill Johnson, which letter summarized his major concerns with regard to the Sudbury Housing Authority's proposal to build low-income housing on the Fairbank and Horse Pond sites. It was agreed that the concerns and criticisms expressed by Mr. Johnson are shared by many of the townspeople and these issues must be addressed at Town Meeting.

After discussion, on motion of Selectman Wallace, it was unanimously

VOTED: To request Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson to draft a response to the letter from Bill Johnson dated February 15, 1987, for review by the Board at its meeting to be held Monday, March 9, 1987; which letter will be used as the basis for a presentation at Town Meeting on the issues pertaining to low-income housing.

Cluster Zoning

The Board reviewed a letter dated February 9, 1987, from Charles B. Cooper to Town Planner Lee Newman. Selectman Wallace noted the letter raises legitimate concerns and Selectman Donald stated the Board should be prepared to speak on these issues at Town Meeting. Selectman Donald further expressed her concern regarding the wording of the Warrant article as it pertains to acceptance of the land; that it does not make it clear the Town's option to refuse. Selectman Wallace stated that in his opinion the Selectmen could refuse to sign the deed.

Interviews of Candidates for Police Sergeant

Present: Police Chief Peter B. Lembo.

Three candidates, whose names are on the Civil Service Certification List #861017, were individually interviewed for the position of Police Sergeant: Police Officer Peter F. Fadgen (with a score of 87); Police Officer Thomas S. Miller (with a score of 82); and Police Officer Bruce C. Noah (with a score of 80). Letters setting forth a brief resume, interest and qualifications, and recommendations for command staff functions had been received from each candidate.

Chairman Frost congratulated each candidate on his high exam score and informed each of them that a final decision will be made by the Board's next meeting, Monday, March 9, 1987.

Police Officer Peter F. Fadgen:

Officer Fadgen spoke about his recommendations concerning staff meetings between Sergeants and the Lieutenant and Chief, as well as a personnel evaluation being implemented. Officer Fadgen stated it was his philosophy that once an individual has attained a job, he should work hard to advance within that field to better himself.

Police Chief Peter Lembo informed the Board that although he believed all three candidates were qualified and deserving of the promotion, he was recommending Officer Peter Fadgen over the remaining two. Chief Lembo feels Officer Fadgen has done an excellent job and is a team player. The Chief recounted to the Board that when he was Acting Police Chief, he had done an extensive background investigation into Officer Fadgen, at the time he transferred from the Clinton Police Department, and he has found him to be an excellent addition to the department. Chief Lembo stressed that Officer Fadgen is an excellent asset to the department, and maintains a high quality of work.

Police Officer Thomas S. Miller:

Officer Miller acknowledged his deep commitment to enforcing motor vehicle laws. Officer Miller's recommendations include evaluation of every member of the police department, since he feels it is important for a sergeant to use constructive criticism tempered with praise and acknowledgement of good work. Officer Miller also stressed the importance of proper, working radio equipment. He cited as an example an accident that had occurred earlier in the evening on Old Sudbury Road. He had to get out to investigate and if there were a call, he would have to run back to the cruiser, which could be a difficult or dangerous situation. He therefore would recommend a study be conducted to see what the Town's needs are.

Police Officer Bruce C. Noah:

Officer Noah stated he welcomes the opportunity to instill his sixteen years of training and experience into those who would be working under him. Officer Noah stressed his opinion that physical fitness may be a matter of life and death, and for that reason, he would like to initiate a physical fitness program. This program could be as simple as walking exercises or a workout in a designated area at the station, to an arrangement at a health/fitness club in the area for the officers.

The Board stated that Sudbury was fortunate to have three such highly qualified candidates and discussed with the Chief future advancement opportunities for all the candidates.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Attest: _____
Janet Silva
Executive Secretary-Clerk
Pro Tem