

TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1987

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

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Donald convened the 175th Session of the Town Forum.

Veterans Advisory Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported that the Committee stands ready to assist the Director of Veterans Services when needed.

Memorial Day Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported that last year the Committee received a donation of \$464 from John Bartlett; however, since donations are not something guaranteed, the Committee may have to request monies for the same. She stated that this year, as in the past, the clergy will send a representative to pray at just one memorial. Mrs. Hillery therefore requested that any layperson who wishes to say a prayer at various memorials to please contact the Committee.

Board of Assessors

Thomas H. Hillery reported that data collection is continuing and that the new assessments will not be utilized for taxing purposes until 1989. The tax bills were submitted to the Tax Collector on October 7, 1987, and mailed October 9, 1987. The deadlines for filing tax abatements has passed and there are thirty-two abatement applications received.

Town Engineer

Town Engineer I. William Place reported that the operational plan concerning the landfill was submitted to the State Department of Environmental Quality Engineering. The work along Route 20 is ongoing and the pole has been removed from the Nobscot Road area near Casual Male and it is hoped that the curb cuts will be closed soon. Walkways plans have been finalized on Route 20.

Pursuant to request of the Council On Aging, the Engineering Department submitted two rough plans for a Senior Citizen Center, showing a 10,000 square foot and an 8,000 square foot building located on property currently administered held by the Goodnow Library Trustees. Further soil testing has been completed and the results will be submitted soon.

In conclusion, Mr. Place reported that the Hewlett Packard Plotter, software and 86B computer system has arrived and, once operational, it is expected that it will enable the engineers to do a greater amount of work.

Representative Lucile P. Hicks

State Representative Cile Hicks reported on activities during the last month of the Legislative Session. The package treatment plant bill she had filed is now ensconsed in a special committee, which will mean no action. Ms. Hicks stated that she re-filed the Bill in November, and although there has

been no appreciable interest shown in it, she has been assured that DEQE is going to come up with regulations by July 1, 1988, that will satisfy proponents of her Bill.

Three environmental bills have come back from the Senate. One of these is for \$500,000,000 open space land acquisition; and the others are the solid waste bill and the radioactive waste bill.

Marilyn A. MacLean of the Historical Commission asked Representative Hicks if she had any information concerning a bill which would allow the preservation of individual historical homes not in designated historic districts. Representative Hicks did not have knowledge of such a bill but stated she would look into it and report her findings to Mrs. MacLean.

#### Council On Aging

Dr. Donald Oasis reported that December will be a fairly active month. On December 2, a lecture on breast cancer will take place and on December 3 and 4 a van will be in Town equipped to do mammography screenings. December 8 is the planned date for the Annual Christmas Party at the Wayside Inn and the 140-odd tickets have already been sold. On December 9, the quarterly commodities distribution will take place and on December 10, Margie Van Houten and Martha Curran will participate in Human Rights Day at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Dr. Oasis further stated that with the assistance of the Selectmen's Office, the Request For Proposal for the Senior Citizens' Center is being prepared. Chosen to work with the architect are Barbara McBride, Marge Van Houten and Karl Clough. The sum of \$2,000 in grant money has been received and the Center purchased a VCR and copier machine. The remainder of the money will be used to finance the creation of the position of "Trips Coordinator".

#### Historical Commission

Marilyn A. MacLean reported further work completed to the Hosmer House. It is hoped that an order for the Hitchcock chairs will be placed this month, and the new issue of cup plates will be available December 5-12. The Commission is working with Town Counsel to prepare an article for submission at Town Meeting which would increase the number of members from five to seven. The addition of two individuals would enable the Historical Commission to have a liaison with Massachusetts Historical Commission and a recorder of old homes in Sudbury to provide the paperwork necessary to put them on the National Register. The Lions Club will be attending the Commission's next meeting and will give them a donation.

#### Historic Districts Commission

Burton Holmes reported that the Commission has approved twenty-five certificates of application for appropriateness. Of these, one was submitted to the Planning Board and is currently under review.

#### Finance Commission

David Wilson reported last year's revenue growth related to new construction was about ten percent and this year's preliminary figure is about five percent.

Sudbury School Committee

Susan F. Abrams reported that the Committee is in the middle of budget preparations and there have been dramatic increases in enrollment. A special committee is investigating options for meeting the needs of such increased enrollment.

Long Range Planning Committee

Joseph Mooney submitted to the Board the updated requested capital improvement programs, which so far total \$1.7Million. Regarding the Space Needs Committee, Mr. Mooney stated that the first departmental meeting was held November 18, 1987. Some of the requests for capital improvement programs this year indicate a revival of computer equipment purchases.

In conclusion, Mr. Mooney appealed to the townspeople for individuals who would be willing to fill the vacancies on the Committee.

Fire Department

Chief Michael Dunne reported no major fires. He further reported the resignation of Thomas Dawson from the Department and anticipated having the vacancy filled within the month.

Town Treasurer

Chester Hamilton reported that approximately 1/4 Million Dollars has been collected in taxes thus far. Mr. Hamilton expressed a problem his office has been experiencing in the restrictive wording of bequests made to the town. He requested any individuals wishing to make a bequest to the Town in his/her Will, to please consider using the least-restrictive language as to its use (investment) as possible.

Mr. Hamilton concluded by stating that approximately 300 notices will be going out to delinquent taxpayers and stated that he wanted to see these delinquencies dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

Board of Health

Michael W. Guernsey reported that the Hop Brook study has commenced and the first round of results from testing will be available. He reported that the Board is disappointed that the EPA draft permit has been issued for the Marlboro plant. Sudbury was never notified of the hearings, so no representatives were present. He stated that his office is still receiving communications regarding the residential sewage treatment plants, and it is his personal opinion that now is the time to discuss and come up with solutions.

He concluded by stating that sixteen liens have been placed on properties for non-payments of septage disposal facility service.

Veterans' Agent

Colonel Paul J. Leahy reported the necessity of having to pay only one veteran benefits.

### Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission was unable to attend Town Forum but submitted the following written report.

The majority of the Commission's time over the last month has been devoted to three major projects. A summary of these projects follows:

1. Wetlands Protection - Prior to the November 1, 1987, change in the wetlands regulations, the Commission received eight wetlands filings.
2. MEPA Reviews -the Commission is in the process of responding to five Environmental Notification Forms or Environmental Impact Reports under the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act. The projects in various stages of review include the Draft EIR for Willis Hill subdivision, the Draft EIR for the Indian Hill development on the Marlboro/Sudbury line at Hager Pond, the ENF for Liberty Ledge Estates, the ENF for Rose Hill on the Peirce property, and the ENF for a major project in Maynard on the Sudbury line for Digital Equipment Corporation.
3. Maintenance Projects - Final quotes are expected this week for both the installation of a fence on Ford's Folly dam and the reconstruction of the retaining wall and steps at the Nobscot Conservation Land. It is anticipated that these projects will begin within one week to ten days. New signs for the Haynes Meadow Conservation Land Blueberry Hill Lane entrance, replacement sign for Nobscot and new sign for the Barton Farms Conservation Land will be ready for installation of December 4, 1987.

Additional projects in progress include the submission of the draft Fiscal Year 1989 budget on November 20, 1987, and ongoing work on Warrant Articles as discussed with the Selectmen on November 16, 1987.

### Selectmen's Summary

The Board's actions since the last Forum were summarized by Chairman Donald and highlighted as follows:

A hearing was held to consider the transfer of Sudbury's cable television franchise to Cablevision Systems Corporation and was continued from November 16, 1987, to the date of November 30, 1987, at 8:30 p.m. Chairman Donald asked if the press could note the time will be 8:30 p.m., instead of 8:00 p.m., as originally discussed.

A liquor license transfer was approved for the 117 House. The new restaurant will be Rosario's, to open soon following renovations.

In accordance with recommendations of the Route 20 Task Force and the Town Engineer, the Selectmen have agreed to contract for traffic signal work and improvements to Route 20 in the Nobscot Road/Union Avenue area.

Chairman Donald reminded those present of the dates for submission of town meeting articles, budgets and Town reports.

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

A representative of the 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee could not be present for this Forum, but Beverly Bentley of that Committee reported to Chairman Donald that plans are proceeding and the various subcommittees are being formed and staffed.

Commendation to Todd Eadie, Police Officer

Chairman Donald introduced Police Chief Peter B. Lembo, who together with the Board, presented Police Officer Todd Eadie with a special commendation and award for his heroic actions on the night of November 14, 1987.

On Saturday, November 14, 1987, Officer Todd F. Eadie responded to a motor vehicle accident on Maynard Road, Sudbury. Officer Eadie arrived at the accident scene within minutes, and observed a motor vehicle totally engulfed in flames. Officer Eadie reacted immediately, with total disregard for his own safety, and removed one of the occupants from the vehicle. After extracting the occupant from the burning vehicle, he extinguished the flames on the subject's clothing with snow found by the roadside. While extinguishing the flames, he continued to instruct others at the scene to stay clear of the burning vehicle which the officer believed had the potential danger of exploding. Officer Eadie's unselfish actions saved a life, and possibly the lives of others. Officer Eadie's actions displayed extraordinary courage and valor, the highest commendation awarded a member of the Sudbury Police Department.

Following presentation of the award, Officer Eadie was joined by family members and friends, and enjoyed refreshments and conversation.

There being no further reports, the Forum was adjourned.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk