

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1988

Present: Chairman David A. Wallace, John C. Drobinski, Judith A. Cope.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman David A. Wallace at the Library of the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Goodnow Library Trustees Request

Present: Co-trustee of Town Donations Chester Hamilton.

The Board acknowledged receipt of request dated March 28, 1988, from Carol Hull, Chair of the Goodnow Library Board of Trustees, that \$1,200 be made available from the Goodnow Income Account for the purpose of paying the library consultants for the space needs study and report submitted January 1988. Upon inquiry by Trustee Chester Hamilton, Executive Secretary Thompson reported that there are sufficient funds in the account to cover this request.

On motion of Chairman Wallace, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve a request dated March 28, 1988, by the Goodnow Library board of Trustees, to expend \$1,200 from the Goodnow Library Trust Fund Income Account to pay consultants, Fish, Fish and Katz, for a space needs study completed January 1988.

(Chairman Wallace, aye; Selectman Drobinski, aye; Selectman Cope, aye; Co-trustee Hamilton, aye.)

Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 88-24

The Board reviewed letter dated April 1, 1988, from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes, which detailed Reserve Transfer Request No. 88-24 in the amount of \$3,122 for siltation control at the Landfill.

Executive Secretary Thompson stated that this area suffered what is referred to as a "fifty-year storm", which washed out some of the new cover at the Landfill. Mr. Thompson reported that Town Engineer I. William Place expressed his concern to him concerning DEQE and asked if the Board of Health could be requested to test the materials. Upon inquiry by Selectman Drobinski, Mr. Thompson explained that the less-expensive method of placing a cloth mesh over the area is not recommended by the Town Engineer for a number of reasons. First, the method being recommended would last for a much longer term. Second, this method is re-usable. Mr. Thompson further pointed out that the Town is attempting to get an extension of the elevation of the Landfill; thus, it would be helpful to have this method used. In conclusion, Mr. Thompson stated this request has no connection with the prior request for cover material; this is a supplemental project due to the erosion on the steep slope.

It was on motion of Selectman Drobinski, unanimously

VOTED: To approve Transfer Request No. 88-24 in the amount of \$3,122 to Account 410-450, Highway Landfill, for siltation control, as set forth in letter dated April 1, 1988, from Highway Surveyor Robert A. Noyes.

"State of the Town" Address

Upon review of the "State of the Town" address dated April 4, 1988, it was on motion of Chairman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To approve the reading at Town Meeting of the "State of the Town" address dated April 4, 1988, by Chairman Wallace, with minor revisions.

"Statement by the Executive Secretary"

Upon review of the "Statement by the Executive Secretary", it was on motion of Chairman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To approve the reading of the "Statement by the Executive Secretary" at the 1988 Special Town Meeting concerning Article No. 3, Supervisory Salaries, by Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson.

1988 Town Meeting Articles 31, 32 and 33

The Board acknowledged receipt of petition dated March 28, 1988, signed by approximately 39 residents, requesting the Board consider visiting the area of Willis Lake Drive and Pine Lakes, with a view to revising Town Meeting Articles 31, 32 and 33 to allow sale of the subject parcels of land only to abutting residents located on Willis Lake Drive.

It was on motion of Chairman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To request Executive Secretary Thompson arrange a time to visit the Willis Lake Drive/Pine Lakes area sometime prior to Articles 31, 32 and 33 being presented at 1988 Town Meeting.

1988 Town Meeting Article 5

Executive Secretary Thompson reported that he met with Schools Superintendent David E. Jackson, who informed him that after careful consideration, the School Committee has decided to withdraw its request for additional budget money, pursuant to Article No. 5. Dr. Jackson stated that it is the Committee's intention to wait for recertification of Free Cash, at which time additional funds will be made available. When that occurs, the Committee will request a Special Town Meeting and request that these funds be applied to the monies requested in Article 5.

Mr. Thompson expressed his opinion that he did not believe this action contemplated by the School Committee would be a sound fiscal policy and would set a dangerous precedent for the future.

After further discussion, and upon the recommendation of Executive Secretary Thompson, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To not proceed with pursuing on Town Meeting floor the various budget items which are not being recommended by the Finance Committee.

The Board next discussed that portion of 1988 Town Meeting Article No. 5 relating to creation and funding of the position of Assistant Building Inspector. The selectmen concurred with Executive Secretary Thompson's opinion that the Building Inspector carries a heavy work load and as a result enforcements have been a problem. Mr. Thompson reminded the Board that the Building Inspector's support staff was reduced because of Proposition 2½, yet that department remains as busy, if not busier than in the past.

Selectman Cope pointed out that when the Route 20 Task Force completes its study and submits its findings, there will be documented proof of violations. It is her opinion that this will greatly assist the Building Inspector's enforcement procedures. Mr. Thompson stated that, although the Task Force's findings will certainly be helpful, he doubted it would significantly ease the burden of the Building Inspector's Department, since if the violators are not immediately cooperative, it is that Department that will have to follow up.

Chairman Wallace stated that it is his opinion that, at the very least, the townspeople should have the question presented to them, informing them that the selectmen have carefully considered the issue and suggesting that creation of this position will help alleviate the problem. Mr. Wallace continued that the selectmen should let the townspeople know that they realize funds are limited; however, the selectmen are aware of the townspeople's concern about enforcement issues and the selectmen believe creation of the position of Assistant Building Inspector is a viable solution to the problem.

The selectmen concluded this discussion by stating they would further consider the issue and make a decision tomorrow, April 5, 1988, about whether to present this request at Town Meeting.

Annual Town Meeting Articles - Redesignation of Speakers

Pursuant to discussion and vote of the selectmen on February 8, 1988, it was on motion of Chairman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To amend the vote of February 8, 1988, designating Selectmen Wallace and Drobinski to speak on Annual and Special Town Meeting articles by designating Selectman Cope to speak on Annual Town Meeting Articles 9, 22, 51, 56, 62, 72, 73 and 74.

There being no further business to come before the Board, and being mindful on Town Meeting commencing at 8:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk