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IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1988

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

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Kick-Off

At the invitation of Chairman Donald, Girl Scout Cookie Sale Chairman Michael Guernsey announced the 1988 Patriots Trail Girl Scout Cookie Sale has begun. Mr. Guernsey stated the price of the cookies this year is \$2.50, reflecting the first price increase in six years. The profits from the sale contribute 42% of Patriots Trail's \$3,000,000 budget; and Mr. Guernsey further reported that last year the Sudbury Girl Scouts sold over 15,000 boxes. He explained that the local troops will receive 35¢ per box profit this year, which money may be spent however they wish.

Mr. Guernsey pointed out that this Cookie Sale provides a learning experience for the girls by teaching sales techniques, presenting oneself, organizational skills, record keeping, money management, and meeting deadlines.

Mr. Guernsey next introduced Allison Ball of 14 Hillside Place, who was last year's top seller (over 350 boxes), and who has already sold over 300 boxes for this year's campaign. Ms. Ball presented a box of Girl Scout Mint Cookies to Chairman Donald, and expressed the thanks of the more than 200 Sudbury Girl Scouts for the opportunity to sell cookies in Town.

Following the presentation by Ms. Ball, Mr. Guernsey introduced Jody Lukens-Bober of 20 Linden Road, who presented Chairman Donald a box of Girl Scout Chocolate Cream Cookies, the Scout's newest addition to their cookie line.

Cable Television Committee - Appointment

On recommendation by the Cable Television Committee, and upon review of an application for appointment, it was on motion of Selectman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To appoint R. Christopher Trimper of 31 Emerson Way to the Cable Television Committee, for a term to expire April 30, 1989.

Land Management Reports - Conservation Commission

The Board reviewed memorandum from the Conservation Commission dated January 7, 1988 containing 1987 Land Management Reports of the following parcels: Surrey Lane, Raymond Land (East and West), and Parkinson.

With regard to the 12-acre Parkinson parcel, Chairman Donald was concerned about the recommendation by the Commission that the lease of Sudbury Nurseries, due to expire August 31, 1988, be renewed for periods of only six months at a time. Executive Secretary Thompson explained that John Cutting, owner of Sudbury Nurseries, has been on notice for the past couple of years concerning the tenuous nature of this parcel; but Mr. Thompson assured the Board that Mr. Cutting would be kept apprised of developments as they occur.

It was thereupon on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept 1987 land management reports as submitted by the Conservation Commission in its memorandum dated January 7, 1988.

Cancellation and Scheduling of Future Selectmen's Meetings

It was on motion of unanimously

VOTED: To cancel the Board's regular meeting of February 15, 1988, due to the Washington's Birthday Holiday; to cancel the Board's regular meeting and March Town Forum of March 28, 1988; and to schedule a meeting of the Board on Wednesday, March 30, 1988, including the Town Meeting Warrant Review that night at 8:00 p.m..

Fiscal Year 1988 and Fiscal Year 1989 Budget Matters

The Board considered Fiscal Years 1988 and 1989 budget matters as noted below, and was informed by Executive Secretary Thompson that the Finance Committee has given their approval for same. Mr. Thompson explained that the purpose for the addition of a new line item numbered 950-950, Volunteers Reimbursement Expenses, is to obviate the necessity for the volunteer advisory committees or task forces having to have small individual budgets, or use the Town's Reserve Fund account.

Upon review, it was on motion of Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve inter-line item transfers for Fiscal Year 1988, as follows:

1. Approximately \$10,500 from Account No. 950-803, Property/Liability Insurance, to Account No. 950-953, Copiers;
2. Approximately \$25,000 from Account No. 950-803, Property/Liability Insurance, to Account No. 950-800, Health Insurance; and
3. Approximately \$8,500 from Account No. 950-813, Retirement Fund, to Account No. 950-810, FICA; and it was further

VOTED: To amend the Unclassified Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1989 as follows:

1. Amend Account No. 950-810, FICA, from \$22,000 to \$28,000;
2. Amend Account No. 950-803, Property/Liability Insurance, from \$250,000 to \$230,000; and
3. Add new line item No. 950-950, Volunteers Reimbursement Expenses, in the amount of \$2,500.

Presidential Primary - Signing of Warrant

The Board reviewed and signed the Warrant For Presidential Primary to be held March 8, 1988, to be posted by a Town Constable.

April 4, 1988 Special Town Meeting - FY88 Salaries Article and Report

Upon review of the wording of a proposed Article and Report concerning Fiscal Year 1988 Salaries, it was on motion of Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To approve the proposed Article and Report regarding Fiscal Year 1988 Salaries, as presented, for the April 4, 1988 Special Town Meeting Warrant.

1988 Annual Town Meeting

After review and discussion, it was on motion of Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To accept new petition articles for placement in the Warrant for the 1988 Annual Town Meeting, and to number said articles as follows:

No. 72 - Petition Article to Amend Article IX, II.A.1; III.A.1; IV.B, to create a Wayside Inn Historic Preservation Residential Zone;

No. 73 - Petition Article to amend Article IX,II,B, to delineate the parcels, and outline the boundaries of, a new residential zoning district: to wit, the Wayside Inn Historic Preservation Residential Zone; and

No. 74 - Petition Article to amend Article IX,IV,D, to permit cluster development in a newly-created residential zone, the Wayside Inn Historic Preservation Residential Zone, and to enumerate the minimum lot restrictions required in that area; and it was further

VOTED: To take no position with regard to the aforementioned Petition Articles at this time; and to refer said articles to the Planning Board for review and hearing and report, in accordance with G. L. c. 40A, §5.

Upon review of memorandum dated February 1, 1988, from Town Planner Lee Newman, it was on motion of Selectman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To place Article 58, Amend Zoning Bylaw, Article IX, I.D.3 - Non-Conforming Buildings and Uses, on the Consent Calendar for the 1988 Annual Town Meeting.

There was a discussion concerning Article 20 - Hop Brook Bridge Construction, wherein Chairman Donald expressed her desire to see a plan or diagram outlining what is being proposed sometime prior to Town Meeting. Selectman Drobinski concurred with this request and Executive Secretary Thompson stated he would contact the appropriate parties to request same.

Following further discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To support Article No. 53, Amend Bylaws, Art. XI(A), Council On Aging - Add Members; and to support Article No. 54, Council On Aging Appointment Procedure.

Based on report from Executive Secretary Thompson, wherein he stated that the Town of Lincoln has rejected a portion of the proposed Article and a revision is therefore anticipated, it was unanimously

VOTED: To take no position at this time on Article No. 70, Amend Lincoln-Sudbury Regional Agreement (3 amendments).

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To table designation of speakers for the Board on the articles to February 8, 1988.

Joint Meeting With Sudbury Housing Authority

Present: Chairman Steven J. Swanger, Richard D. Paris, Executive Director Jo-Ann Howe, Sudbury Housing Authority (SHA); Linda Wallace, Sudbury League of Women Voters.

It being 8:00 p.m., Chairman Donald called to order a joint meeting with the Sudbury Housing Authority regarding SHA's articles for 1988 Annual Town Meeting.

Sudbury Housing Authority Chairman Steven J. Swanger reminded the Board of SHA's plan for construction of approximately eight units at the Fairbank location, one duplex at the end of Old Meadow Road, and another at the end of Pine Street, for a total of twelve units.

Mr. Swanger announced that the Department of Economic Office of Community Development (EOCD) will be accepting applications for funding in March 1988. This is an important change from that department's former procedures in that it will allow the Town to make application and obtain preliminary commitment from EOCD prior to an affirmative vote at Town Meeting. It will, he explained, allow the Town to immediately commence implementation of the affirmative vote at Town Meeting, if given. Upon inquiry by Selectman Drobinski, Mr. Swanger stated he believed EOCD would have approximately \$90,000 available per unit for funding. He further noted that the biggest change from EOCD's last year's policy is its willingness to allow single duplexes. It is Mr. Swanger's opinion that the reason for this change is that the proposed construction sites are close enough to prove the economies of scale.

Mr. Swanger continued that the SHA was buoyed by the fact that the numbers of neighbors once vociferously opposed to this type of construction have dramatically decreased. He attributes this to the fact that the SHA has listened to constructive complaints and issues and has attempted to work toward a mutually-beneficial presentation.

With regard to the Parkinson Land, Mr. Swanger stated that the Authority is hoping to formulate a Home Ownership Committee that could take over that project and help create a mixed-income development. That Committee, he explained, could put together a Request for Proposal from private developers, which would outline that, in exchange for being given the land at an extremely reasonable cost, the developer would be able to make tremendous concessions to allow first-time buyers to purchase at reduced rates and low-income residents to obtain affordable housing. Mr. Swanger opined that if successful, this would be the first development in many years that will offer new housing in Sudbury for under \$250,000.

Upon inquiry by Selectman Drobinski, Mr. Swanger stated he believed a developer would have access to a comprehensive permit, and the SHA would be working with the developer and the various Town boards to accomplish its goals.

With regard to formation of the Home Ownership Committee, the League of Women Voters of Sudbury has, Mr. Swanger stated, generously offered to work with the SHA in order to assist in the establishment and recruitment of members to that Committee. Linda Wallace of the League of Women Voters confirmed the League's commitment and submitted a list of individuals the League has contacted by letter to see if those individuals have an interest in being appointed to such a Committee, if established. Executive Secretary Thompson stated that the Selectmen's Office has received a couple of names as well, and will give that information to Jo-Ann Howe.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Board would run an ad immediately, seeking applicants to this Committee.

In response to inquiry by Selectman Wallace, Mr. Swanger stated that there are no minimum/maximum requirements as to the number of persons who may be appointed to a Home Ownership Committee, but EOCD does suggest the types of individuals who would be most beneficial for the Committee. Mr. Swanger also stated that SHA is in the process of sending in a proposal to EOCD for planning grant to hire a consultant. EOCD will not be able to make an award of monies until the Town has a complete list of at least an initial Committee. It is therefore the hope of the SHA that a Committee can be established and appointments made by the end of February. The Board was receptive to this, and Executive Secretary Thompson was requested to place this matter on the agenda for February 22, 1988, for appointments.

Chairman Donald brought to the attention of the SHA that the Board had received a report from the Conservation Commission concerning the Parkinson Land, and the Commission expressed its desire to work with the SHA regarding time-frame and other issues, including the lease situation with Sudbury Nurseries. Mr. Swanger concurred with this, and further stated that the proposal, as well as the application for the "705" monies, will require the signature of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, and the Board's endorsement.

In conclusion, the Sudbury Housing Authority was congratulated by Executive Secretary Thompson for the tremendous amount of work it has done this past year and the exhaustive planning and foresight, especially in seeking to develop the Parkinson Land. It is, Mr. Thompson opined, a good piece of land and one of the few remaining parcels which will afford the Town the opportunity to meet its affordable housing commitments without adversely affecting the residents of Sudbury.

In response, Mr. Swanger thanked the Board for its support and assistance.

Atkinson Pool - Adult Membership Fees

The Board reviewed letter dated January 17, 1988, from Pool Liaison Peter A. Berkel of 68 Surrey Lane, to Park & Recreation Commission Chairman Donald Soule, relative to charging individual adult membership fees for dependents over 18 years of age.

The Board concurred with Mr. Berkel that if a student or other individual eighteen years or older is declared a dependent in the household, that person should be allowed to be included in the family membership. However, the Board believes this should not become an open-ended inclusion, which would invite abuse of the privilege.

It was after discussion, on motion of Chairman Donald unanimously

VOTED: To request the Park & Recreation Commission amend its current position relative to charging individual adult membership fees for dependents over eighteen years of age, to allow all individuals through the age of twenty years, who are claimed dependent in a household, to be included in the family membership with the Atkinson Pool.

Middlesex County Advisory Board - Resignation of Diane Norris

The Board noted receipt of letter dated February 1, 1988, from Theodore D. Mann, Chairman of the Middlesex County Advisory Board, advising that Diane Norris has recently assumed the position of Assistant Town Manager of Danvers and would be unable to continue to serve the Middlesex County Advisory Board.

After discussion of the many contributions made by Ms. Norris, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request Executive Secretary Thompson forward a letter of appreciation to Diane Norris for her years of dedicated service since the inception of the Middlesex County Advisory Board to Theodore D. Mann, Chairman of the Middlesex County Advisory Board, which will be presented to Ms. Norris at the annual meeting of the Advisory Board on March 30, 1988.

Repurchase of Graves - New Town Cemetery, Lot No. 13, Section 9

Following review of letter dated January 29, 1988, from Superintendent of Cemeteries Robert A. Noyes, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To repurchase four graves in New Town Cemetery, Section 9, Lot 13, (Deed #385) from Anita E. Cohen, Two Astra, Wayland, Massachusetts, for the amount of \$500 (\$125 from Sale of Lots; \$375 from Perpetual Care).

Executive Session

At 8:35 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining matters.

(Chairman Donald, aye; Selectman Wallace, aye; Selectman Drobinski, aye.)

The Chairman announced that public session would not reconvene following Executive Session.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk