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TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1988

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

At 8:00 p.m., Chairman Donald convened the 177th Session of the Town Forum.

Atkinson Pool

Donald Soule, Chairman of the Park and Recreation Commission, presented the first report on the Atkinson Pool. Mr. Soule dedicated this report to Sheila Stewart, who was one of the members of the original committee that made the dream of a town pool a reality, and asked Ms. Stewart to give the report.

Ms. Stewart reported that the pool has been in operation four weeks and has hosted several special events. The heating problems are near resolution and the depth markings in the pool have been painted. Although family memberships are off by 27%, the adult memberships exceeded expectations by 400%, and 60% of the income has been generated by guest fees.

At the conclusion of the report, Mr. Soule presented Ms. Stewart a mounted commemorative key to the pool in appreciation for her exhaustive and selfless efforts on behalf of the Town for the creation of the Atkinson Pool. There is a duplicate plaque that will be placed on the wall of the pool building. The Town Fathers were joined in their congratulations to Ms. Stewart by the public, who applauded.

Town Engineer

I. William Place reported his office is preparing the sketches which will be presented at Town Meeting. He met with HMM last week relative to the traffic model for the Town, and he is hopeful it will be completed soon.

Mr. Place stated he and others met with representatives of DEQE concerning the Solid Waste Bill, and he was told grant monies will be available for closures, expansion and composting.

Mr. Place met this morning with the new director of DEQE concerning the Landfill. As a result of that meeting, four issues were identified: (1) DEQE is seeking a certification from Town Engineer as to the quality of the materials there; (2) modification of plan to show cell locations in area 6; (3) placement of intermediate cover; and (4) vertical expansion.

Resource Recovery Committee

George Martin reported that the committee has been active about one year now educating themselves and working toward two initial goals: (1) recycling; and (2) adjustment of fees at the Landfill. Newspaper collections have tripled.

Mr. Martin further reported that the committee has prepared an article for Town Meeting on creation of a Landfill Enterprise Fund. He concluded by stating that the goal for the upcoming year is to put together a comprehensive

recycling program that will be ready for approval at the 1989 Annual Town Meeting.

#### Town Clerk

Jean MacKenzie reported that her office is preparing for the upcoming elections and they anticipate a sizeable outpouring of voters. There are 28 candidates for 22 openings on the ballot for Town elections.

Ms. MacKenzie further reported that the Town Report will be distributed by a Boy Scout Troop which is trying to raise funds for the Boy Scout Jamboree.

Ms. MacKenzie thanked the Town Crier and Middlesex News for their excellent coverage concerning the upcoming Town elections.

Regarding the Census, Ms. MacKenzie reported that there has been a return of approximately 90%.

With regard to Town Meeting, Ms. MacKenzie mentioned two articles she has submitted: the codification of Bylaws and the purchase of new voting equipment.

#### 350th Anniversary Celebration

Beverly D. Bentley reported that as chairman she is delighted with the way the subcommittees are moving forward with their plans. Working meetings of the dance and picnic committees were held in the past two weeks. Burt Mullen has received the promise of a military band and marching unit from Fort Devens. He is in the process of contacting other military units at the present time.

Mrs. Bentley further stated that, as we all know, anything worthwhile costs. This type of celebration usually only comes once in a lifetime. She is not at all sure she'll witness the 400th anniversary. She wants this one to be a very meaningful experience for the citizens of Sudbury.

She stated that it will mean that the Town will have to sell an awful lot of t-shirts and sweatshirts. Mrs. Bentley reminded the Selectmen that last spring she requested that the Town have a sale at the Town Meeting this year. Since all attending Town Meeting are citizens of Sudbury, she feels they most certainly would want to support the Town's Birthday Party. She would like to see at least one night (preferably the first) in which all attending should "show their colors" by wearing either a t-shirt, sweatshirt or visor. Should a citizen not be "properly attired" he or she would be fined a "donation" of his or her choice.

Mrs. Bentley requested from the assembled Town Fathers the procedure that the Committee should follow to implement the above "Dress Code" for Town Meeting. She stated that the Committee would be happy to entertain any suggestions the Selectmen might have to handle the above gracefully so that no one would be offended and would accept their "fines" in a lighthearted manner.

#### Board of Assessors

Patrick J. Delaney, III reported that the Assessors met with the Conservation Commission and reviewed some of the programs available for deferral of property taxes. The Assessors have started a program to review conservation property currently owned in the Town.

#### Treasurer's Office

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton reported that, financially, the Town is almost exactly where it was at this time last year. Although it will be necessary to borrow monies, he expressed his hope that it will not be larger than that borrowed last year.

#### Finance Committee

The Committee reported that the budget has been put together, and thanked everyone who participated in the process. The Committee tried to maintain current programs and personnel.

#### Town Accountant

Town Accountant James Vanar reported everything running smoothly.

#### Board of Health

Michael Guernsey reported that, to date, Fiscal Year 1988 is using 44% of the sewage plant, which is a little more than in previous years. Based on out-of-town contributions, Mr. Guernsey stated that the Board does not feel it will have to increase the fees and may in fact be able to reduce them. He further reported that liens have been placed and some bills have been paid.

Mr. Guernsey reported with regret that Michael Sullivan has tendered his resignation, and the Board will be seeking a replacement before the busy season begins.

The Board has been planning its Hazardous Waste Disposal Days and is trying to spread these over a four-to-five-day period.

The Board has "spotted" radon kits around Town at various schools. He was pleased to report that other than the Haynes School, tests are well below minimum levels. The average EPA level is 4 and the Haynes School came in at 4.5. Since this reading was for the lowest part of the school, the upper floors will be tested.

As a matter of interest, Mr. Guernsey reported that the Girl Scout Cookie Sale resulted in 16,544 boxes being sold.

#### Council On Aging

Dr. Donald Oasis reported that the Council is meeting with a new architect who has done a great job at the Winchester Senior Center. A Senior Aide has been hired--Bertha Hornsby--to assist Marge Van Houten and her salary is completely reimbursable.

#### School Committee

Stephen L. Bober reported that final recommendations concerning their proposals will be made this coming Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. He pointed out that one major aspect not included in their package involved which specific buildings should be used as grades K-8. He expressed the Committee's hope that the Board of Selectmen will assist in this decision-making process.

#### Building Inspector

Building Inspector Joseph Scammon reported 90 new house permits issued.

#### Sudbury Historical Commission

Chairman Donald read a report submitted by Marilyn MacLean, which stated that an insurance claim has been submitted for water damage to Hosmer House and prices are being determined for furniture restoration needed because of the damage. The report further stated that the Commission is waiting for prices for refinishing bedroom, dining room and kitchen floors of the Hosmer House.

The report concluded with a statement that the Commission is disappointed with cuts the Finance Committee is recommending, because the Commission is hoping to have the front room ready for the 350th Celebration, and now they will not be able to do that.

#### Fire Department

Fire Chief Michael Dunne reported that a boat capsized on the Sudbury River and the Department responded to same; and there was a fire at a barn on Raymond Road.

#### Selectmen's Summary

Chairman Donald reported that appointments were made to the Board of Registrars and Cable Television Committee.

Further actions taken by the Selectmen were as follows:

A fire control cooperative agreement was finalized with the United States Fisheries and Wildlife Service for Great Meadows, which much assistance from the Fire Chief and Town Counsel's Office;

The Selectmen and Finance Committee have approved deficit spending for Snow and Ice removal in the amount of \$60,000. A further request of \$25,000 has been received for consideration this evening;

The majority of time has been spent in preparing for Town Meeting.

In conclusion, Chairman Donald reminded those present that the Warrant Review will take place on Wednesday, March 30, 1988.

#### Recognition of Chairman Donald

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson informed the Forum that this is Chairman Donald's last Town Forum as an acting Selectman. He outlined her

many contributions to the Town, not only as a Selectman, but in her many other civic projects. The Floor rose to give her a standing ovation.

There being no further reports to be made, Town Forum was adjourned for coffee and conversation.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk