

TOWN FORUM  
JANUARY 25, 1988

Present: Chairman Anne W. Donald and John C. Drobinski.

At 8:00 p.m. Chairman Donald convened the 176th Session of the Town Forum.

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

A representative of the 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee could not be present for this Forum, but Beverly D. Bentley, Chairman of that Committee, submitted the following written report:

"The 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee is meeting this evening, January 25. This is the first meeting in 1988 and therefore have little to report at this Town Father's Forum.

The various subcommittees have been active and work meetings are either planned for the near future or have already been held. Their reports are due tonight.

Our main money-raising activity, the sale of sweatshirts and T-shirts, was a rousing success during the holiday sale period. Approximately \$4,000 of shirts have been sold. We hope to encourage the wearing of the shirts at the opening of Town Meeting and will be getting back to the Selectmen on that one soon."

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reported that 2/3 of its budget hearings have been completed, and that to date requests are 12½-13% above those of last year. It is the Committee's goal to recommend a budget within Proposition 2½. It is anticipated that the budget will be voted on February 8, 1988.

Resource Recovery Committee

The Resource Recovery Committee reported that it has been working on two plans: (1) to reduce the amount of waste going into the Landfill; and (2) to increase Landfill fees to cover operating costs, earmarking some of the monies for the closing costs. The Committee further reported that the improved recycling of newspapers has resulted in the collections being tripled; and that a composting project is on its agenda for 1988.

Town Engineer

Town Engineer I. William Place reported that he continues to work with DEQE regarding expansion of the Landfill. Mr. Place further reports that his department has completed design work on certain walkways and is nearing completion on others. The 1988 Town Maps will be available in the next few weeks.

Representative Lucile P. Hicks

State Representative Cile Hicks expressed her disappointment with the Massachusetts Municipal Association regarding responses to communities such as Sudbury. Representative Hicks left copies of certain statutes that she feels would be of interest to the citizens of Sudbury with Executive Secretary Thompson and pointed out in particular the School Buildings' Assistance Bill, which provides for bonding authorization up to \$7.5 Million.

Historical Commission

Marilyn A. MacLean reported that 24 Hitchcock chairs have been delivered to the Hosmer House, and renovations continue to that site. The Commission expressed its thanks to Chairman Donald for her assistance with regard to the cup plates.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Michael Dunne reported a busy month for the Fire Department, with one fatality reported. Helicopter service has been good and the new ambulance has been delivered.

Sudbury School Committee

The Sudbury School Committee reported that the School Space Needs Committee has informed them that it is nearing completion of its task and that subcommittee will report its findings on Tuesday, February 2, and Thursday, February 4, 1988, at 8:00 p.m., at the Curtis School. Following these hearings, the subcommittee will make its recommendations to the School Committee.

Residential Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Committee

Dr. William Cooper reported that the Committee has been trying to put into place something that will allow the Town protection from the impact of small sewage treatment plants. There has been one meeting with Town Counsel concerning the drafting of an article for presentation to Town Meeting.

Park and Recreation Commission

Jane Neuhauser reported that the Park and Recreation Commission has a new secretary, Janet Wheeler, and a new member, Gerald Berenson. The Atkinson Pool Open House and formal dedication ceremonies were a success and over 1,000 people attended the pool's Open House, as well as the Teen Center's Open House, which was held simultaneously.

Council On Aging

Dr. Donald Oasis reported the Council is reviewing the bid offers of four architects for the proposed senior citizen's center, having received bids from twenty-five architects. There has been increased usage of the van, which is attributed to the hiring of a full-time driver. Dr. Oasis reported growth in all programs, with the exception of the lunch program. Jessie Cunningham has started an Opera Appreciation Group. The Valentine's Day party is scheduled for February 12, 1988, and a St. Patrick's Day luncheon for March 17, 1988.

Town Meeting Procedures Committee

The Town Meeting Procedures Committee reported that it is meeting with the Finance Committee on Tuesday.

Conservation Commission

Gordon Henley reported that the Commission has received the first Environmental Impact Report regarding the Willis Hill subdivision, and that the Report concerning Liberty Ledge is expected shortly. There are major articles on the Warrant, and the Commission is considering several major maintenance projects.

Route 20 Task Force

James McKinley reported there would be a meeting Tuesday, January 26 with HMM, and that the final reports and traffic data will be completed within the next two to three weeks. The Task Force is submitting a warrant article to establish a Traffic Management Committee for the Town.

League of Women Voters

Mary Jane Sanders reported that all candidates for Town Elections have been invited to speak at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium on Tuesday, March 15, 1988 (snow date: March 22). She invited all to attend and noted the event will be televised through cable television.

Selectmen's Notes

Chairman Donald reported there were resignations from the Long Range Planning Committee, Board of Registrars and the Library Board of Trustees; appointments were made to the Board of Appeals Associates and Earth Removal Board; Cable Television committee; Local Arts Council; Council On Aging; and Residential Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Committee; and joint interim appointments were made to the Park and Recreation Commission and the Library Board of Trustees.

Chairman Donald further reported following actions taken by the Board:

A Local Emergency Planning Committee acting under Title III Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act was appointed, to be chaired by the Fire Chief;

A hearing was held and approval given for transfer of the cable television franchise from Adams Russell to Cablevision Systems Corp., which has since been effectuated;

Abutters and residents were invited to a public meeting to discuss the feasibility of the proposed Lowell-Sudbury Bike Trail; and the Selectmen voted to support the design phase subject to conditions. A committee for this project will be appointed soon;

Annual licenses were renewed and several changes in licenses approved;

The Board voted to decline the Town's option to purchase Ch. 61A land to be sold by Codjer Lane Realty Trust - 16 acres off Codjer Lane;

The Board filed a notice of intent to exercise the Town's option to purchase Ch.. 61A land off Maple Avenue of 28.76 acres owned by Peirce Rose, Inc.;

A Massachusetts Housing Partnership Homeownership Program Application was approved for submission, which seeks to qualify Sudbury for designation as a Homeownership Partnership Community;

The Board is continuing its efforts to obtain implementation of the RIDE program in Sudbury through the MBTA, to provide transportation services for the handicapped and disabled;

The Atkinson Pool has officially been turned over to the Town and Jane Neuhauser accepted on behalf of the Park and Recreation Commission the symbolic keys to the Pool given to the Town.

There being no further reports, the Forum was adjourned.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk