

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, JUNE 27, 1988

The Chairman convened the 179th Session of the Town Forum at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Town Hall.

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District Committee

It was reported by Chairman Richard Brooks that Dr. Robert Gardner from Long Island is conducting a study to determine the feasibility of sharing the position of Superintendent of Schools with the elementary school system. This study should be completed sometime in September and at that time it will be determined if Town Meeting should be asked to change the structure of the School District. This would mean that Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee would consist of the elementary schools plus Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

It was further reported that the trees that had been cut down will be replaced and that landscaping will be done in the Fall.

It was pointed out that controversy is brewing with the METCO parents. The Committee feels the program has vastly improved, yet recognizes differing expectations. It is hoped that meetings concerning this will result in a successful school year.

Town Accountant/Director of Finance

James Vanar reported everything under control.

Finance Committee

John B. Hepting reported that the last two meetings of the Finance Committee were directed to establishing a goal to "cut any fat" from the budget; and that the Committee is not at this time ruling out the possibility of recommending an override. Mr. Hepting continued by stating that the Committee has a couple of questions regarding staffing, since it has been the policy not to increase departments. The Committee will not make that policy this year, but will stress that the requesting department will have to demonstrate a very good reason to so increase.

Mr. Hepting further reported a very good session with Town Accountant James Vanar, who had an idea to put together a financial plan for the Town that will look at more than one year. The goal is to put together guidelines for the budget process so that everyone does not end up "doing his own thing". The Committee would like to put together an ad hoc committee of nine or ten individuals to accomplish this.

Town Clerk

Jean MacKenzie reported the office of the Town Clerk to be very busy, and they are in the midst of preparing for the September primary, which has been changed to Thursday, September 15th, due to a Jewish holiday falling on Tuesday, September 13th. Ms. MacKenzie stated there is not too much assistance for publicity and promotion but they will do whatever they can. One poster will be

distributed to all retail merchants. There is a big thrust for increasing voter registration and starting tomorrow, there will be a special voter registration session at Raytheon. Ms. MacKenzie announced that if anyone needs home registration to please let the Town Clerk's office know and they will arrange for same. She also pointed out that there is a ramp at the back of Town Hall to accommodate the handicapped.

Ms. MacKenzie reported a very nice visit from Councillor Judith Luden, who left miniature china as a gift to the Town.

#### Town Engineer

I. William Place reported a very busy month. The drainage easements on Hudson Road were accepted, and they are attempting to address the problem on Willis Lake. There has been expansion of New Town Cemetery. Mr. Place will be meeting with abutters on Route 20 for their input regarding the enlargement of the Union Ave./Nobscot Road section of the highway.

Mr. Place further reported that the Landfill slopes have been stabilized; and that two new monitoring wells are needed.

#### Board of Health

Robert Leupold reported in his eighth week as Health Director that the Board has put together some package sewage treatment plant regulations which are being submitted to Town Counsel for his comment.

Mr. Leupold commented that about 75% of the Board's work concerns septage, and that the issues range from restaurants to horse manure.

#### Earth Removal Board

Jeffrey H. Jacobson reported the Board is currently working on three cases, including the Willis Hill Trust request for removal of earth in excess of the usual limits. The hearing on this matter has been continued a couple of times to enable maximum input of information.

#### Resource Recovery Committee

Jeffrey H. Jacobson reported completion of revised rules and regulations governing the Landfill and concerning recycling. Representatives of the Committee will attend a meeting to be convened by the Town of Millis, who is making a presentation for a joint recycling project.

#### Sudbury Housing Partnership Committee

Jeffrey H. Jacobson reported that they have been evaluating proposals for affordable housing, and that the Sperry land has come up in discussions. Mr. Jacobson will be attending a State conference on the matter of affordable housing.

### 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Beverly Bentley reported that a Dance Committee has been formed for planning the Saturday Night Dance, and that several churches have been contacted for use of their facilities.

Mrs. Bentley further reported that they will attempt to have bus runs from Raytheon (\$250 per bus for three hours), admission being by selling metal badges.

Plans are continuing for a Sunday Picnic and Laser Show; and they hope to have the Sweet Adelines and a Barbershop Quartet for entertainment. Recent donations have been made by area banks.

### Historic Districts Commission

Burton H. Holmes reported receipt of a number of applications for certificates of appropriateness.

Mr. Holmes further reported that the chimneys on the Village Green complex were erected about a year ago, but the brick veneer still is not there. Town Counsel has been in touch with their counsel, and the Commission has invited their Trustee to meet with them July 11th to attempt to resolve the situation.

### Sudbury School Committee

Stephen L. Bober reported that the Committee's major focus continues to have to do with space, and their time and effort has been devoted to finding and developing useful space. Schools Superintendent David E. Jackson and Mr. Bober have spent a great deal of time lobbying and making certain all are aware of how much they are relying upon funding for these projects.

Mr. Bober was pleased to announce that the Permanent Building Committee has selected Architectural Resources of Cambridge to assist in the design additions to Haynes, Nixon or Loring, as the case may be.

Mr. Bober concluded by stating a meeting will be held July 20th, at which time a decision will be made whether to utilize Nixon or Loring for the Town's expanding school needs.

### Fire Department

Fire Chief Michael Dunne reported his department's efforts to assist in the water crises. A large windstorm dropped many trees and wires, and he stated the situation was so severe in some areas that Boston Edison had problems.

The department was busy with emergencies resulting from the severe lightning storms and reported one home on Woodside Road burned out. Chief Dunne further reported a lot of brush fires, especially in the "Desert" area and on Blueberry Hill Lane.

Chief Dunne concluded by stating that the underground tanks have been removed from the Sharkey property.

Town Treasurer

Town Treasurer Chester Hamilton reported that his office has filed approximately one hundred Intention of Tax Takings. The violators will have six months and then the Town will proceed to foreclosure, if necessary.

Historical Commission

Marilyn A. MacLean reported that Hosmer House will be open for the Fourth of July from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Additional renovations have been made to the Hosmer House. Also, the Commission has met with three garden groups and some outside work has been completed, but all three groups have expressed problems with drainage. The paint on the Hosmer House is beginning to chip, and water is running into the cellar.

Mrs. MacLean further reported that requests have been received for use of Hosmer House and four bookings have already been made for the Fall.

Building Inspector

Joseph Scammon reported twenty-three house permits; 103 requests for additions.

Police Department

Police Chief Peter B. Lembo reported problems with parties have greatly increased, and he has assigned four extra men for party patrols. Chief Lembo stated that it is his department's policy to hold the home owners responsible, and that three families are presently being taken to court.

Chief Lembo further reported that the use of speed radar is being concentrated in areas where there have been a lot of accidents.

Chief Lembo stated one of five cars in Sudbury are unregistered, and pointed out that if an individual does not pay parking tickets, that person's car cannot be registered.

Commendation to Officer Skinnion

Selectman Wallace, with Police Chief Lembo, presented Officer Skinnion a plaque commending him for being at the top of his class at the Police Academy.

Conservation Commission

Muriel Plonko reported the Commission's year-end maintenance project is Ford's Folly Dam. She further reported the cleanup of the Wake Robin Road area, and that the parking and steps at the Nobscot Conservation land have been re-done.

The Committee has prepared a wetlands bylaw for Town Meeting, and she reported that there are about two wetlands WPA filings each week.

Ms. Blanco concluded by stating that the pending litigation regarding Cranberry Meadows and Liberty Ledge are hopefully being resolved through discussions.

There being no further reports, Town Forum was concluded and Chairman Wallace invited all to join the Selectmen in coffee and conversation.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson  
Secretary-Clerk