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IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN FORUM
MONDAY, MAY 23, 1988

The Chairman convened the 178th Session of the Town Forum at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Town Hall.

Presentation of Artwork Awards For 1987 Town Report

The Town honored students for artwork included in the 1987 Town Report. Town Report Committeepersons Clayton F. Allen and June E. Allen presented an award of artistic merit for each to each of the students, after which they received a standing ovation and enjoyed refreshments and conversation.

Selectmen's Summary

Chairman David A. Wallace reported that the predominant theme of Selectmen activities in the months of March and April was Annual Town Meeting, taking the form of meetings with various Boards and Committees, article review, warrant review, and the required public hearing relating to street acceptance. Public hearings were also held relative to a dog complaint and removal of underground fuel storage tanks.

The Board made the following appointments:

- Charles Orr to the Historical Commission, replacing Lillian Balch whose resignation was accepted;
- Marjorie Bergstrom, Anne Strauss, John Thurber, Ellen Pirozzi and George Hanow to the newly created Sudbury Housing Partnership Committee in conjunction with Sudbury's designation by the State as a Housing Partnership Community; and
- Anne Donald and Richard E. Thompson to Sudbury's 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee.

In other personnel matters, the Board accepted the resignation of Thomas Irby from the Personnel Board, and expressed its intent to appoint a Senior Center Task Force as suggested by the Council on Aging, with broad-based representation from various Town agencies, to assist with planning and siting a senior center. The Selectmen have also begun working on the annual appointment process.

With regard to environmental affairs, the Board has requested that the EPA Water Management Division and the DEQE Division of Water Pollution Control hold a public hearing to address the nutrient loading from the Marlboro Treatment Plant on the waters in Sudbury; has supported Conservation Commission and Planning Board comments relative to the draft Environmental Impact Review for Liberty Hill Estates; and has sponsored a Town clean-up day in conjunction with Sudbury's Earth Week. The Board wishes to publicly state its appreciation for the coordination of the clean-up to Janet Silva, Administrative Assistant to the Board, and to Yvonne Fox of the Selectmen's Office for her assistance in arranging the details.

Kudos go also to Town Counsel for successful prosecution of Town of Sudbury v. Wayside Package Store, Inc., and ABCC in the Appeals Ct., ending a five-year legal contest. Another important legal issue has been decided in the Town's favor in a Land Court suit brought by Liberty Ledge Real Estate Trust et als wherein the Court has upheld the Town's position that septeage facilities in residential zones are not an allowed use.

The Board is working on a resolution of Landfill problems with the State DEQE and is currently involved with other Town officials in the review of Landfill Rules and Regulations and fee structure as proposed by the Resource Recovery Committee.

Relative to the Town's Notice of Intention to Exercise it's Right of First Refusal to purchase lands taxed under the provisions of Chapter 61A which are proposed for conversion from agricultural use, the Board and the Conservation Commission, after extensive negotiations, signed an agreement with Northland Investment Corporation relative to release of the Notice of Intent on land in the Wayside Inn area owned by the MacNeill Real Estate Trust; assigned the Town's option on 28.76 acres of the Peirce Rose land off Maple Avenue to the Sudbury Valley Trustees; and waived the Town's option with regard to approximately eight acres off Landham Road owned by Bigelow Nurseries.

Chairman Wallace concluded his report by commenting that it is his opinion that the Agreement reached between the Town and Northland Development Company, which is purchasing the MacNeill property near the Wayside Inn, is a fantastic thing for the Town in that it will secure forty acres of beautiful land from being changed.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Michael Dunne was pleased to report only a few brush fires this Spring; 150 cars were removed from the "Desert", as well as discarded washing machines and other appliances, with the assistance of the United States Army; the underground tank removal at the Coatings Engineering site was successfully accomplished; and he is continuing to work under the Superfund Area Recovery Act ("SARA") to submit the Town's hazardous waste plan set to the Environmental Protection Agency by the October 17, 1988 deadline.

Police Department

Lt. Nix reported that the Department has been actively involved with the Registry of Motor Vehicles to strictly enforce the drunk driving laws, especially on Routes 20 and 27. The roadblocks has produced an average of seven to eight liquor violations by drivers; and there will be increased enforcement effort in the Water Row area. Lt. Nix commented that because of the increased traffic on major routes, the Department has noticed an increase of traffic problems on the smaller side roads that connect to the larger routes. The Department is hopeful that newly-created hours for the Safety Traffic Officers will help with this problem.

Finance Committee

Chairman John B. Hepting reported the first meeting of the Committee was held last Wednesday, and announced the appointment of Richard Pettingell as

Vice Chairman. The Committee held a seminar for new members to acquaint them with policies and procedures. The Committee is looking forward to strategy sessions regarding financial planning for the next few years, and hopes to get things started early in the year.

Historical Commission

Marilyn A. MacLean reported that the Garden Club held its Show at Hosmer House; the Chamber of Commerce will be using Hosmer House in June; and there was a tour of the House by Noyes School students.

Mrs. MacLean stated that three garden clubs are expected to provide landscaping to Hosmer House; and that one of the garden clubs will be discussing with the Commission decorating the House for the Christmas holiday season. On May 13, 1988, Winifred Fitzgerald and Mrs. MacLean attended a lecture in New Bedford on antique homes and historic preservation.

The Commission has hired an authority on old books to check the books the Commission has accumulated, and will be seeking a permit to sell the excess books at the July 4th Yard Sale.

The Commission has received an award for "Most Outstanding Cup Plate" for the cup plate depicting the Wayside Inn.

School Committee

James W. Flanagan reported that Dr. MaryAnn Burns has provided the Committee with the results of a study conducted by the Guidance Task Force, and this is an important step in providing for the mental health needs of the Town's children. There also was received results of a Writing Task Force which has been in existence for the past three years in an attempt to build more strong writing abilities for the students. The Committee will have results from studies conducted by the Math and Science Task Forces at a later meeting.

The Committee has had several meetings regarding school buildings and will be establishing a School Building Committee and will hire an architect for the school expansion project approved at Town Meeting.

The Committee will be conducting public meetings at the Curtis Middle School Auditorium concerning the question of whether it is the Nixon School or Loring School that should be re-opened, and these will be held on May 31, and June 9, 1988. At these hearings will be presented site assessment information; engineering and architectural surveys; information on the septage systems from the Board of Health; report from Conservation Commission regarding possible wetlands issue at the Loring site.

Town Treasurer

Chester Hamilton reported that this is the first time in recent Town history that the Town did not have to borrow money for tax anticipation notes due this Spring.

In the absence of the Town Accountant and Town Collector, Mr. Hamilton wished to update the Forum on tax delinquencies. There are approximately 114

properties listed for failure to pay taxes. He emphasized the importance of this program to the Town and assured that this program will continue.

Residential Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Committee

Walter Stadnisky reported that the Committee is starting to put together a course of action for the next round of Town Meeting articles, and will be meeting with Town Counsel to get proper wording for the articles. The Committee has prepared draft regulations for small package wastewater plants, regardless of zone location, and will be submitting same for review by the Selectmen shortly. The Committee is also looking at other issues as requested by the Planning Board, which would affect zoning densities, etc.

The Committee is requesting that if the Committee is re-appointed, the name be changed.

Building Inspector

Joseph E. Scammon reported that 19 new housing permits were applied for, compared with 25 last year. As of the first of this month, there have been 76 permits requested for renovations; 19 have been drawn so far.

In response to inquiry by Selectman Cope, Mr. Scammon reported that the West of the Hub Realty situation has been referred to Town Counsel.

Board of Assessors

Patrick J. Delaney, III reported that Fiscal 1989 is half-way completed; and the trend appears to be an increase in land values, which represents a shift of value of property. The Board has been conducting a series of seminars regarding the impact of residential development. The Board has been working with Town Accountant James Vanar to tie the Assessors' computer system into the Town Accountant's. This will hopefully be completed by tax bill time.

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Beverly Bentley reported that Ed Thompson is now Parade Co-Chairman with Burt Mullen. Mrs. Bentley publically thanked Jane Brown for the wonderful artwork she is doing in creating original posters for sale. Mrs. Bentley met with representatives from the Wayland Historical Society and the Historic Commission. They are very anxious to join with us in celebrating Sudbury's 350th Anniversary, since Wayland was originally the East side of Sudbury. The Committee will therefore be changing the weathervane logo and turn it around to indicate Wayland to the East side of the river. The Committee will be contacting the Wayland Selectmen with the hopes of generating that Town's interest and participation.

Town Engineer

Town Engineer I. William Place reported that the town maps have been redone pursuant to Town Meeting approval of new water zones. He further stated that construction of the walkways are a priority this summer. Mr. Place stated that he has received a letter of noncompliance from DEQE regarding the Landfill, and there is a deadline date of June 10, 1988. To this end, he said that the

Town has spent approximately \$4,000 for the control materials and testing results should be available in three to four weeks.

He concluded by stating that pursuant to request of the Route 20 Task Force, he met with a representative of The Casual Male regarding access/egress points.

Board of Health

Donald C. Kern reported that the Board has had a major personnel change due to the departure of the Director of Health. The new Director of Health is Robert C. Leupold.

Design Review Board

Joyce W. Fantasia reported that a two-page letter has been sent out to the business community, which introduced the Design Review Board, outlining who should be coming before them, and what the procedures are. It is the opinion of that Board that there is a lot of misunderstanding about how to put up signs. The Chamber of Commerce has offered to send out this letter from their mailing list.

Mrs. Fantasia concluded by stating that with regard to the Chiswick building, a consensus has been reached concerning landscaping and other initial problems.

Veterans' Advisory Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported that the Committee continues to remain available to render support to Veterans' Agent Paul J. Leahy; and the Committee is finalizing plans for the Memorial Day Parade and Observance.

Mrs. Hillery also reported with regret that Catherine Hull will be moving from Sudbury and therefore will no longer be involved with the Girl Scouts.

Town Report Committee

Clayton F. Allen reported that this evening's Awards Ceremony ends the formal session of the Town Report Committee.

Chairman Wallace commended the Committee for an excellent job and June E. Allen, Clayton F. Allen and Mary Jane Hillery received a standing ovation.

Resource Recovery Committee

Theodore A. Barten reported that the Committee has submitted its recommendations on a proposed new set of operating rules and regulations concerning the Landfill, including recommended changes in the fee schedule, which if accepted, the Committee believes will produce 50% of the cost of running the Landfill.

The newspaper recycling program continues to prosper and the Committee is currently negotiating with a recycling company in Beverly, Massachusetts, for removal of glass from the Landfill.

Park and Recreation Commission

Rosalyn J. Drawas reported that the Commission is seeking a replacement for Pool Director. Summer Program registration has commenced and there is a new format for the five-to-thirteen-year-olds camp program.

Wayland-Sudbury Septage Facility Operational Review Committee

Michael W. Guernsey reported that the Committee held a meeting last week; Bruce Strong announced that the Facility took in 58,000 gallons of septage in one day. There is a lot of interest from outside towns such as Walpole, Sherborn and Lincoln, for use of the Facility and the Committee is therefore attempting to get an increase in the Facility's Discharge Permit from 25,000 to 48,000 gallons. Thus, it is hoped that the cost of operation will come down.

Mr. Guernsey stated that the Committee may have to approach the Selectmen for their assistance in determining how best to proceed to prepare for replacement of equipment that is showing signs of wearing out. There are currently no funds to do this and the Wayland Town Accountant, who handles the books for the Facility, is reluctant to go the route of an Enterprise Fund.

Mr. Guernsey concluded with a report on the results of the three Hazardous Waste Days.

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