

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TOWN FORUM  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1988

The Chairman convened the 182nd Session of the Town Forum at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Town Hall. The Town Forum was videotaped by CableVision and will be aired on Cable Television Channel 61 on Thursday, December 1, 1988, and each Thursday thereafter, at 5:00 p.m.

Council On Aging

Dr. Donald Oasis reported that the Council On Aging has had a productive November and expects an even busier December.

Dr. Oasis stated that the Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Key Club, a branch of the Kiwanis Club, at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School was attended by 65-70 senior citizens and was quite successful. The Annual Christmas Party will be held Tuesday, December 6th at the Wayside Inn and the 150 tickets have already been sold.

Plans for the new Senior Citizen Center are going ahead and there was interest expressed by a sizeable group of architects, some of whom have experience in renovating buildings of the nature of the Fairbank School. Dr. Oasis stated that there will be a general review on December 5th and the "final five" will be interviewed on Thursday, December 8th.

Dr. Oasis reported with regret that the request for funding of a proposed Neighbor Care Program that would attempt to promote volunteerism by individuals to render housekeeping and other non-medical care to senior citizens has been turned down by the Commonwealth at this time.

Police Department

Police Chief Peter B. Lembo reported that the Police Department is going through a transitional period since three sergeants have retired or are about to retire, and promotions have been made to fill two of those vacancies. Chief Lembo stated that there will be about 30% new employees in the Department within the next year.

The Department hopes to have its computer "on line" by February 1, 1989; and on Thursday, December 1, 1988, at 3:30 p.m., bids will be opened for the new computer system.

Veterans' Advisory Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported that the Committee referred requests for survivor benefits to the veterans' agent for disposition, as well as requests for information regarding the latest regulations for eligibility for medical care.

The Chairman met with the Veterans' Agent for an update of activities and to make any assistance available that is required by the agent.

Memorial Day Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported on the Memorial Day ceremonies that began at the North cemeteries by the graves of veterans of the Spanish-American War, Civil War and World War II, and ended with a final musket salute and taps at the Revolutionary War Memorial by the Minute & Militia, and raising of the flag by Cleve Terwiske, past commander of the Sudbury American Legion Post.

Mrs. Hillery expressed her pleasure in welcoming Elizabeth Foley and Donald Barbour to the Committee, and reported that Boy Scout Alexander Gottfried has chosen as his scouting project to assist in clearing the flags from the veterans' graves that were placed there on Memorial Day taking them off shortly after Armistice Day.

Goodnow Library

Library Director William R. Talentino reported that the Library Fund Drive is within \$500 of reaching its \$100,000 goal. The Library has had five programs this year for adults and children and they have proven to be popular and well attended.

The Library Trustees have met with architects for developing plans for renovation and expanding the library.

Finance Committee

John B. Hepting reported that the budget packages have gone out and are due back no later than December 15th; a review and assessment will follow.

Mr. Hepting requested all department heads to please not come in with requests for transfers unless absolutely necessary and with the exact amount of the funds requested.

The next meeting of the Five-year Planning Task Force is scheduled for December 12th.

The Finance Committee, with the assistance of Budget and Personnel Officer Terri Ackerman, "plugged in" a mock budget into the computer to see what the indications for the coming year could be; and the results show that the Town could end up with a Proposition 2½ override budget. The "real" numbers will be plugged into the computer at the end of the month.

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

Beverly Bentley reported that the next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, November 30th; and the Celebration schedule has many dates "firmed up". Among the scheduled events in 1989 are: Kickoff Celebration (presentation of the play "Town Meeting Tonight"), March 18 and 19; announcement of winner of year-long essay contest at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, April 15; Spring Concert, April 30; trip to Sudbury, England, May 20-29; and a Strawberry Social, June 11.

In memory of former Sudbury resident Babe Ruth, the Committee is planning "Babe Ruth Day" at Fenway Park for July/August.

Labor Day Weekend Kickoff will be the cutting of an eight-foot cake in front of Town Hall; international ethnic family picnic at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School; Band Concert and Laser Show.

Monday, September 4, 1989, is the actual anniversary date for Sudbury and there will be a special parade from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

Historic Districts Commission

Burton H. Holmes reported a note of general interest that last week a letter was received from Bob Wood of Keene, New Hampshire, son of "Smokey Joe" Wood, the famous baseball player and colleague of Babe Ruth. Mr. Wood stated that he had just returned from a visit with Babe Ruth's daughter, who lives in Durham, Connecticut.

Historical Commission

Harriett T. Ritchie reported that there has been increased usage of Hosmer House, with eight bookings; the Garden Club will begin decorations for the holiday season; and repairs are continuing.

Treasurer and Collector

Chester Hamilton reported that his office is making computations for the next borrowing that is necessitated because of late tax payments; 92% of the taxes have been collected to date; and delinquent tax notices will be going out to 350 people. Mr. Hamilton stressed that he intends to follow through with collection of delinquent taxes to foreclosure, if necessary.

Town Accountant/Director of Finance and Administration

James Vanar reported that the Town's "Schedule A", a very large annual report for Boston, has been submitted.

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School

Chairman Wallace introduced Robert Gardner, newly-appointed interim principal of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School.

Mr. Gardner reported that the School Committee is scheduled to meet next month on the 13th and the 20th; and the two school committees of Sudbury and Lincoln continue to meet concerning a possible reorganization.

Conservation Commission

Gordon Henley reported that the request for proposals concerning wetlands mapping has been released; and the Commission is working on their many projects. Mr. Henley stated that high on the list of priorities is the Commission's involvement with the Green Belt Grant, as there is a question as to whether state funds are available.

The Commission is working with Town Counsel on draft of a wetlands bylaw; a number of subdivisions are in review; and a meeting was held with the Finance

Committee regarding funds to repair the bridge on the Haynes Meadow (Powers) property.

Mr. Henley concluded by stating that the Commission still has a need for associates and hopes that individuals will come forward within the next couple of weeks.

#### Resource Recovery Committee

Linda Bolton reported that an agreement has been reached with DEQE to have a composting facility located on the site of the old Wayland landfill, and will involve use of a chipper. In the near future leaves and yard waste will not be allowed at the Landfill. The next meeting with Wayland is scheduled for December 12th and she hopes plans will be finalized at that time.

The Committee continues to work on the possibility of having a regional recycling facility on Sudbury land; and Wayland is willing to talk to the Town about a single area for bottles, etc. The Committee hopes to have a plan put together for Annual Town Meeting.

Regarding the Millis proposal for location of one of six small recyclables centers approved by the State, Mrs. Bolton reported that the State has planned one plant for Worcester and one for Cambridge; but nothing planned for here. A group of towns have therefore gotten together to see if a private concern will build one of these facilities in this area. The company would come in and build, equip and maintain it at the company's expense, charging the communities a "tipping" fee for its use. Although the original proposal was for this facility to be built in Millis, the town of Medfield has agreed to locate it on the Medfield/Sherborn line. The towns presently involved in this negotiation are Ashland, Bellingham, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Medfield, Milford, Millis, Mansfield, Natick, Sherborn, Sudbury, Wayland and Weston. The towns are meeting again on December 14th and at that point there should be a pretty good idea as to what DEQE is going to be willing to pay for. Up to this point, it has not cost the Town of Sudbury anything. Mrs. Bolton stated that she has had permission from the Selectmen to negotiate on behalf of the Town for three months; she would like to receive permission to continue for another three months.

Mrs. Bolton further reported that a committee has been formed to locate a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Wayland/Sudbury. There is a pilot program on Martha's Vineyard that started in September and the State will evaluate its progress after six months of operation. This facility is basically what looks like the back of an 18-wheeler; it sits there for ninety days, after which time the trailer is taken to a company that deals with disposal of such materials.

#### Town Engineer

I. William Place reported that he has not yet received plans or specifications from DEQE regarding the Landfill; and he suggests that he, Town Counsel and the Executive Secretary meet with DEQE again to move this along.

Plans and construction of walkways are continuing; there are three site plans being prepared by the Housing Authority: Pine Street, Old Meadow and

Fairbank; and his office continues to work with the Traffic Management Committee concerning Route 20.

#### Board of Assessors

Chairman Wallace noted that the Board of Assessors was unable to send a representative to this Forum, but reported that they submitted the following memorandum, dated November 22, 1988:

The data collection is winding down, with 95% of the homes in Sudbury having been physically inspected. Of the remaining 5%, those taxpayers who have not responded to requests for entry will receive one final certified letter asking them to make an appointment.

#### Selectmen

Chairman Wallace reported the following:

the Board met with Congregation B'Nai Torah regarding the Loring School lease and decided to take no action as yet concerning renewal of the lease;

a meeting was held with the Board of Appeals and Planning Board relative to the Zoning Bylaw, the outcome being a consensus that a review of the entire Zoning Bylaw should be undertaken;

large, unexpected building maintenance costs will be incurred this year - up to \$25,000 for repair of the second boiler at Fairbank, and approximately \$9,000 for the Police Department juvenile detention facility;

resignations were accepted with regret from Police Sergeants Wesley Woodward and George Anelons, who will both retire December 1st after long service to the Town. Bruce Noah has been promoted to fill one of these spots;

Also, interviews were held and two new Police Officers were appointed. They are Alan Hutchinson and Timothy Smith, who will start training in January.

In other appointment matters, Muriel Plonko was appointed to the Conservation Commission replacing Adam Ames who resigned; Elaine Jones was appointed to the Permanent Building Committee replacing Robert Ropp who resigned; Elizabeth Foley was appointed to the Memorial Day Committee; Lynn Kreutz appointed to the Sudbury 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee; and the resignation of Ellen Pirozzi from the Sudbury Housing Partnership Committee was accepted.

Chairman Wallace then made the following announcements:

- 1) Reminder that annual reports for the Town Report are due December 1, unless data requires waiting until the end of December.
- 2) Town Offices under the jurisdiction of the Selectmen, except Police and Fire, will close at Noon on Friday, December 23.
- 3) The December Town Forum has been cancelled.

Chairman Wallace next stated that it occurred to the Selectmen that with so many different boards and departments in Town, it would be a good idea to have continual communication with the Board of Selectmen, who may act as a "sounding board". Thus, in August, the Selectmen asked any department or board who wished to do so to submit its "Wish List"; and the eighteen responses have been very helpful to the Selectmen.

Selectman Cope undertook the task of summarizing this data into one general "Wish List" for the Town, and copies of her initial draft were handed out for review and comment. Chairman Wallace pointed out that many of those responding stated better communications among the various boards and departments was a high priority on their Wish Lists.

In response to observation made by a resident that some of the items on the Wish List were brought up in past years and rejected, Selectman Drobinski reminded the Forum that a "Wish List" is not necessarily a "Plan of Action". He further pointed out that perhaps the many changes that have occurred in the growth of the Town over the years may make a rejected idea of the past one that would be supported today.

John Hepting suggested further subcategorizing of the list into "Money" and "Non-Money"; "Long-Term" and "Immediate Attention". He further suggested making certain the Long Range Planning Committee is provided with this list. Chairman Wallace stated this was Selectman Cope first attempt to codify the many "wishes" and Selectman Cope stated it was her intent to continue to work on it.

Linda Bolton commented on a proposal she read on the Wish List concerning increasing the number of Selectmen. Mrs. Bolton stated that she has had the opportunity to observe first-hand how other communities with more than three Selectmen function; and she urged the Town to not seriously consider an increase, since in her opinion Sudbury works much better with three than other communities who have more. This comment drew applause from the public.

Chairman Wallace thanked all for attending the Forum and adjourned the 182nd Town Forum at 8:00 p.m., for coffee and conversation.

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk