

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN FORUM
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1988

The Chairman convened the 181st Session of the Town Forum at 8:00 p.m. in the lower Town Hall.

Selectmen's Summary

Chairman Wallace reported that in addition to preparing for the Special Town Meeting, the Board:

- approved a Site Plan Special Permit to allow the Enrichment Center for Children, Inc., 31B Union Ave. (new Chiswick building), to use the property as a daycare center and to construct a fenced-in play area;
- established a Space Study Steering Committee to be comprised of representatives from the Sudbury and Regional High Schools, the Selectmen, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Finance Committee and the Permanent Building Committee to study total Town space needs to provide recommendations for both municipal and school needs;

In real estate matters, the Board

- approved a one-year extension of the Parkinson Land lease with Sudbury Nurseries;
- approved B'Nai Torah's sublease for use of the Loring School building by the Sudbury Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings while construction takes place at the Church facility;
- received notice of the forthcoming excessing of Federal Government surplus land in Sudbury - part of the Ft. Devens Training Annex - and acquisition procedures; and
- supported the Town Historian's proposal to move the Wood-Davison House to the Historic District between Loring Parsonage and the Flynn Building which is owned by the Town for the purpose of restoration as a museum.

With regard to the Landfill, the Board amended the Rules and Regulations to prohibit acceptance of items such as large appliances having capacitors or ballast resistors which contain PCB's; and is seeking an alternative stump disposal area other than the north Sudbury location which is now full and closed.

In other matters, the Board

- accepted with regret the resignation of Frances Clark from the Wastewater Advisory Committee;
- filed a requisition with the Division of Personnel Administration for a permanent full-time Police Sergeant;

- accepted a grant from The Sudbury Foundation of approximately \$2,530 towards the production of a pictorial history of Sudbury to commemorate the 350th Anniversary of the Town, and agreed to act as a Sponsor of the publication for the purposes of promotion and sale of the book which is being financed by the Wayside Inn Trustees and Sudbury Historical Society, with the aid of the Foundation's grant, and advance sales;
- accepted a gift from the citizens of Sudbury, Suffolk, England brought by recent visitors, and accepted the Massachusetts Municipal Association's 2nd Place Award for the 1986 Annual Town Report; and
- supported the position of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association endorsing the campaign to repeal the prevailing wage law.

Permanent Building Committee

No member of the Permanent Building Committee is available to attend this evening's Forum. Chairman Wallace read the following prepared statement from Chairman of the Committee, Eugene M. Bard.

Please be advised that the Committee is involved in two projects at this time: the School's building project, and implementation of Special Town Meeting Article 23 to renovate/add to the former Fairbank School building to include a Senior Center. A request for proposal has been developed for advertisement in early November for the Senior Center project.

350th Anniversary Celebration Committee

The 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee filed the following report.

The Committee wants to thank the Selectmen and all who supported us at the recent Town Meeting. The \$15,000 will be used to make down payments on various activities and financial support for the play "Town Meeting Tonight."

Two years ago the Town voted \$10,000 for the 350th Celebration. That has been used to fund the purchase of T-shirts, sweatshirts, etc. Along with the proceeds of sales and donations from private sources, that \$10,000 has been doubled, and we have over \$20,000 in the savings account. The total of \$35,000, along with expected proceeds from the dances, the play, and further private donations, should place us on a sound fiscal base.

We are planning a gala kick-off on March 18th with a dinner/theatre evening for "Town Meeting Tonight." The Old Ballroom at the Wayside Inn has been reserved for a sit-down dinner for 50-56 guests. Price of the tickets for this affair is yet to be decided upon but will definitely include a nice meal and a reserved seat at the play along with some 350th memento of the evening. Approximately 150 invitations with reply cards will be mailed for the dinner/theatre party and the first 50 returns (with check) will be the lucky guests. This will also be another fund-raising event.

Our regular meeting is tomorrow evening and further plans are scheduled to be finalized then.

Historical Commission

Marilyn A. MacLean reported that Hosmer House was used by the Chamber of Commerce; there was a tour of about twenty Girl Scouts; and other uses include a bridal shower and church group.

A garden group will be decorating Hosmer House for the holiday season and new cup plates are in.

Town Accountant

James Vanar reported, among other things, that Thursday evening there will be a meeting with the Finance Committee concerning the five-year plan.

Finance Committee

John B. Hepting reported that there has not been a lot of activity this month, but that the five-year plan has been worked on.

Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Agent

Joseph Scammon reported that new housing numbered 43, compared with 76 last year; 201 additions/renovations compared with 184 last year.

Mr. Scammon informed that pursuant to suggestion made, he is attaching a little statement to his building permits or application forms that the applicant must comply with wetlands regulations.

Town Treasurer and Collector

Chester Hamilton reminded the Forum that preliminary tax bills are due November 4, 1988, and he expects his office to be inundated with payments during the last week. Mr. Hamilton stressed that payments not received by that date will be charged interest; and the office closes at 4:00 p.m.

Town Engineer

I. William Place reported that the status of the Landfill is still up in the air with regard to DEQE; as a result of vote at Special Town Meeting, the aquifer protection maps have been completed; and the walkway work for Goodman's Hill Road and Peakham Road has been awarded and the projects are under construction.

Mr. Place informed the Forum that he is Campaign Coordinator for the United Way this year and is asking all department heads to submit their department's contributions as soon as possible.

Resource Recovery Committee

Linda Bolton reported the results of continuing investigation into the possibility of a joint recycling plant with other communities; and stated that the Town Engineer is designing a drop-off recycling area for the Town's Landfill, which will allow easier access/egress.

Council On Aging

Dr. Donald Oasis reported that the request for proposal to build the senior citizens' center is being prepared and will be completed within the next week or so, and announced that Marge Van Houten, Daniel Claff and former Selectman Anne Donald are working on this project.

Veterans Advisory Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported the Committee ready to assist Colonel Leahy when asked.

Memorial Day Committee

Mary Jane Hillery reported that the first meeting of the Committee will be next month.

Director of Veterans Services

Colonel Paul J. Leahy reported that he has had to request \$4,000 in additional monies, but that the program is doing very well, and there are only two people on the rolls.

Goodnow Library

Library Director William R. Talentino reported that they are planning special programs to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Library; that the Library belongs to a network of libraries and a major goal is to have an on-line file catalog within the next six months. Mr. Talentino went on to say that activities related to expansion and renovation of the Library's building are continuing and one architectural firm has already been interviewed, with two others scheduled to discuss the needs and hopes of the Library and Sudbury's townspeople.

Town Clerk

Jean MacKenzie reported that her office's main focus is the upcoming election, and informed that absentee ballots are in and will be processed up to 12:00 Noon, Monday, November 7, 1988. Her office has also dispersed and published information regarding the four ballot questions and suggests all read this over ahead of time.

Ms. MacKenzie urged those who are able, not to use the polls between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., as this is the period most heavily used.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Attorney Lawrence L. Blacker reported a meeting has been scheduled with the Board of Health for the first Wednesday in November to discuss sewage treatment plants as they relate to comprehensive permits, etc.

Attorney Blacker further stated that there are a number of lots in Sudbury that are split-zoned and this causes both the landowner and the Town great problems. He cited the Route 20 area as an example and the Board of Appeals must determine which way it makes better sense to go, residential or commercial. Another example is the Ti Sales property, which is all commercial except for the rear portion of the land. Since there is no access, it might be best to have it all commercial. Attorney Blacker said that he would like other boards to know of this problem and to have those split parcels reviewed to determine if they can be rezoned to a single zone.

Sudbury Housing Authority

Stephen Garabedian reported that they are submitting to the Selectmen the Sudbury Housing Partnership Goals Statement and Developer Guidelines proposal that they have been working on over the summer. Mr. Garabedian read excerpts from each and asked for comments and recommendations; and specifically stated that they are seeking comments from the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen.

Police Department

Lt. Ronald Nix reported that the Department has been very busy, working with Douglas Lewis and Joseph Scammon regarding the juvenile detention facility; attempting to address concerns regarding the Route 20 traffic buildup. Lt. Nix thanked the Selectmen for their approval of the computer system to be installed; he believes this will help the field officers to process things more quickly.

Fire Department

Fire Chief Michael Dunne reported that the Department had applied for Federal funds and has been notified that there is a balance owed the Town in the amount of \$6,150; emergency plans under SARA have been approved.

Chief Dunne further stated that violation notices will be given to those in violation of the Open Burning law; and he reminded the townspeople to check their smoke detectors at the same time they change their clocks for Daylight Savings Time on October 29th.

There being no further reports, the Chairman adjourned Town Forum and invited those attending to enjoy coffee and conversation.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk