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IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, MAY 8, 1989

Present: Chairman John C. Drobinski, Judith A. Cope and David A. Wallace.

The statutory requirements as to time and place having been fulfilled, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Drobinski at 7:30 p.m., at lower Town Hall.

Board of Registrars - Resignation

The Board acknowledged with regrets the resignation dated April 28, 1989, of Carmine L. Gentile from the Board of Registrars, and reviewed letter dated April 28, 1989, from Mr. Gentile advising the Democratic Town Committee's recommendations for filling vacancies on the Board of Registrars.

Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson advised that neither candidate proposed by vote of the Democratic Town Committee is able to attend this evening's meeting to be interviewed. It was agreed to schedule both interviews on May 15, if possible.

It was therefore on motion of Chairman Drobinski unanimously

VOTED: To accept the resignation dated April 28, 1989, of Carmine L. Gentile of 33 Surrey Lane, from the Board of Registrars; and to request the Executive Secretary to forward a letter of thanks from the Selectmen to Mr. Gentile for his service to the community.

Amendment of Traffic Rules and Orders - Elsbeth Road

Pursuant to the Selectmen's action of December 12, 1988 and the Town Engineer's report dated May 3, 1989, regarding the restriction of heavy commercial vehicles from using Elsbeth Road, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: That the Traffic Rules and Orders of the Town of Sudbury, adopted by the Board of Selectmen on September 12, 1941, and subsequent amendments thereto, be and are hereby amended as follows:

By adding at the end of ARTICLE VII, Section 12.1, OPERATING OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES, the following new restriction, as described:

"Elsbeth Road - between Maynard Town Line and Ford Road, during the twenty-four hour period of each day."

And it was further

VOTED: To send a copy of said vote to Fred Cunningham of 11 Elsbeth Road; and to request the Executive Secretary to forward said amendment with whatever additional documentation is necessary, to the appropriate State authority so that the process of effectuating said restriction may be commenced.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 89-24 - Town Pound

Upon review of Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 89-24 by the Selectmen and Building Inspector, it was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 89-24, dated May 5, 1989, for Account 340-320, Town Building Maintenance, in the amount of \$400 for repairs to the Town Pound.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 89-28 - Veterans

Upon review of Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 89-28 by Veterans Agent Paul Leahy, it was on motion of Chairman Drobinski unanimously

VOTED: To approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 89-28, dated May 1, 1989, for Account 900-210, Veterans General Expense, in the amount of \$140.60 for flags and markers for Memorial Day placement on Veterans' graves.

Employee Benefit Specialists - Coordination of Benefits

The Board reviewed letter dated May 1, 1989, to Budget and Personnel Officer Terri Ackerman from Carol Renzi of Employee Benefit Specialists, with enclosures; which Executive Secretary Thompson explained is a companion action that can be taken with regard to House Bill 3818, which the Selectmen voted to support during its May 1, 1989, meeting.

After discussion, it was on motion of Selectman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to communicate on behalf of the Selectmen to the State Division of Insurance a position supporting Blue Cross/Blue Shield's testimony to change health regulations relating to coordination of benefits between indemnity carriers and HMOs.

Town Treasurer and Collector - Amendment of Vote

Present: Town Treasurer/Collector Chester Hamilton.

The Board reviewed draft vote prepared by Town Counsel's Office regarding an amendment to the Board's vote of September 19, 1988, regarding the appointment of Town Treasurer and Collector Chester Hamilton.

The Executive Secretary reminded the Board that on August 29, 1988, the Selectmen appointed Mr. Hamilton as Temporary Collector of Taxes effective September 3, 1988, until the enactment of House Bill 5810. Special Act (House Bill 5810) was enacted, and on September 19, 1988, the Selectmen appointed Mr. Hamilton as Town Treasurer and Collector to a three-year term to expire April 30, 1991 at a first-year annual salary of \$44,500. Mr. Hamilton explained that the proposed vote is intended to make clear the confusion contained in the legislation, compounded by the retirement of Isabelle Stone as Collector of Taxes.

Upon review, and recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To amend the vote of September 19, 1988 relative to the appointment of Chester Hamilton as Town Treasurer and Collector to read as follows:

VOTED: To appoint Chester Hamilton to fill the position of Tax Collector for the unexpired term of said office and for a term concurrent with the remainder of his term as elected Treasurer to expire April 30, 1989, and to appoint Mr. Hamilton for a three-year term as Town Treasurer and Collector to expire April 30, 1992, at a combined salary of \$44,500 pro-rated for FY89 to reflect the terms actually served, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 1988, and further subject to the following:

1. benefits accruing to Mr. Hamilton as set forth in the Town Administration Plan;
2. a thirty-five (35) hour workweek; and
3. four weeks' vacation per year.

Ft. Devens Land - Sudbury Housing Authority - MHP Municipal Advance Program Application

Upon review, it was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Chairman to sign an "MHP Municipal Advance Program Application" in conjunction with the Sudbury Housing Authority and the Sudbury Housing Partnership Committee relative to the Federal GSA property (formerly Ft. Devens Training Annex), and to support a 60-day extension of the application time period.

Executive Secretary Thompson opined that this application serves a two-fold purpose: (1) it shows the serious commitment the Town has in affordable housing; and (2) it will hopefully extend the time this property is "tied up", thus allowing time to develop a proposal that will be acceptable to the government and beneficial to the Town.

Selectman Cope commended the Sudbury Housing Authority for making an all-out effort to reach its goals and commitments.

American Lung Association - New England Discovery Bicycle Trek

Upon review of letter received May 1, 1989, from Charlie Madden, Trek Coordinator for the American Lung Associations of New England's "New England Discovery Bicycle Trek", and upon notification from the Executive Secretary that the Police Chief has reviewed the proposed bike route through Sudbury and has approved same, it was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To grant permission to the American Lung Association to conduct a New England Discovery Bicycle Trek through Sudbury on June 20, 1989, as approved by the Police Chief.

Eagle Scout Congratulations

It was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To sign letters of congratulations for David Ames Cutler of 141 Landham Road, and Philip Joseph DeSantis of 25 Wright Road, upon attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

Selectman Cope indicated her intention to attend an Eagle Court of Honor and reception for Messrs. Cutler and DeSantis on Sunday, June 11, 1989, at 2:00 p.m., at St. Anselm's Church, 100 Landham Road.

Minutes

It was on motion of Selectman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To approve the minutes of the regular session of May 1, 1989, as corrected; and the corrected pages of the minutes of April 24, 1989, as presented.

Liaison Assignments

Upon review, it was on motion of Chairman Drobinski unanimously

VOTED: To approve liaison assignments for the Board as drafted by the Executive Secretary; and to request the Executive Secretary to forward copies of same to the various boards, departments and committees.

Selectmen's Meetings - Summer Schedule

The Selectmen reviewed proposed summer schedule of meetings drafted by the Executive Secretary and agreed to table confirmation of same until May 15, 1989.

Council On Aging - Van Donations

It was on motion of Selectman Wallace unanimously

VOTED: To accept \$166.25 in miscellaneous donations for deposit into the Council On Aging Van Donation Account; and to authorize the Council On Aging to expend the same for purposes of operating and maintaining the Council On Aging van.

Unisys Corporation Meeting

Present: Gary Greenberg and Edward Maguire of Unisys Corporation and representative Ralph Tyler; all members of the Planning Board, Conservation Commission; Water District Representative Robert Sheldon; Steven J. Swanger of the Sudbury Housing Authority; all members of the Industrial Development Commission.

Chairman Drobinski convened a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Planning Board with representatives of Unisys Corporation, to which other town boards were invited to attend.

The Chairman stated that the focus of the meeting should be to discuss where does everyone go from here, since the 1989 Annual Town Meeting voted not to support the petition article proposed by Ralph Tyler on behalf of Unisys Corporation.

Ralph Tyler, local representative of Unisys Corporation, introduced Unisys Corporation executives Gary Greenberg, Vice President, Corporate Real Estate, Planning and Development; and Edward Maguire, Director of Corporate Properties.

Mr. Greenberg stated that Unisys is under tremendous financial pressure, and part of their corporate strategy is to change the way they handle properties and other businesses outside of the computer business. Mr. Greenberg went on to say that Unisys now has a policy of generating as much cash as it can and to maximize its assets potential. Mr. Greenberg informed that for the past six years, the Sudbury property has "stuck out" as one the properties that has not been able to be marketed to the "outside world". Mr. Greenberg concluded by stating that the property is one that he believes could be put to good use for the benefit of the Town and the company.

Selectman Drobinski opined that the message was clear at Town Meeting that the townspeople were not looking for commercial or industrial use of the property. Mr. Drobinski stated that he hoped this evening's meeting would give the company some feedback as to what the Town wants; and he stressed his belief that the boards and departments within the Town want to work with the company to come up with an acceptable use of the land. Mr. Drobinski concluded by stating that he believed it would be better to work things out through discussion rather than court litigation.

In response to inquiry by Selectman Cope, Ralph Tyler stated he could not at this time address the issue of density; however, he expressed his opinion that the company cannot go forward with traditional plans under current zoning. Mr. Tyler stated that the company was hopeful that they could get some commitment that there would be timely changes, or thoughts of changes, in the zoning process.

Selectman Drobinski stated his opinion that Town Meeting did not preclude possible zoning changes; that the townspeople said they did not want to rezone it based on the particular proposal contained in the articles. Mr. Tyler indicated that his opinion was based on private discussions within the Town; however, he stressed that the company would certainly be open for discussion.

Mr. Tyler stated that at this point he does not believe that corporate headquarters would allow concentration on another zoning change proposal, as that would take another year.

Russell Kirby, Chairman of the Planning Board, informed that representatives of the Planning Board and Conservation Commission met with Messrs. Maguire and Tyler on April 25th and presented to them a copy of the report that the Planning Board put on the floor at Town Meeting, which report outlined the environmental concerns which it had with the proposal. Mr. Kirby stated that he had requested from the company a figure which would be acceptable to them if a buyer could be found for the property who would be sensitive to the environmental issues. Mr. Maguire interrupted to apologize for making this information available to the Planning Board sooner, and displayed copies of data for distribution and review.

Mr. Kirby went on to say that the Planning Board has met with several agencies, including the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Representative Cecile Hicks; and they have compiled a list of potential contacts for the corporation to pursue, if it chooses to do so. Mr. Kirby stressed that the Planning Board would very much like to find a buyer for the property, which would relieve the corporation of its problem and benefit the Town as well by finding someone who is particularly sensitive to the concerns of the Town. Mr. Kirby

reminded those present that any plan would affect not only the Town of Sudbury, but the Town of Concord and neighboring communities as well.

Mr. Kirby concluded that he believes it is very, very clear that there are real concerns that must be addressed and he stated that the Planning Board has been in very brief contact with a Selectman in Concord; and a dialogue will hopefully be set up between the two Towns in the near future.

Water District Commissioner Robert Sheldon stated that the Water District is a neighbor to the property, since they have a well that they hope to have opened up again soon. At present, the Water District is undergoing testing to determine areas of contamination and the best way to clear things up in the area. Thus, Mr. Sheldon explained, the District is very interested in any activity that takes place on the property; and stressed the importance of the Well #5 area and that any subsequent wells are kept clean and/or are cleaned up.

In response to inquiry, Sudbury Housing Authority member Steven J. Swanger stated that it is premature for the Housing Authority to say anything concerning this property, other than to stress that if residential development is considered, the theory of affordable housing should be addressed. Mr. Swanger concluded by stating that if such a proposed development is realized, the Housing Authority would have to look at specific plans before it can render an opinion.

Mr. Tyler reiterated the points made by Mr. Kirby concerning finding someone who would be sensitive to the environmental issues of the Town; or someone who would purchase the property and preserve it as open space. Mr. Tyler recognized this as a desired result, but commented that looking at things realistically and practically, he does not see this happening; and expressly pointed out the financial status of the State precluding any hope for monies from the Commonwealth. For this reason, Mr. Tyler continued, he stated that he would like to focus on a development project that might go forward with current zoning. Mr. Tyler acknowledged the closeness of Sudbury and Concord aquifers; but expressed his difficulty in understanding the Planning Board's position on the Town Meeting articles, since the corporation's data showed the development would not exceed the Town's criteria.

Mr. Drobinski opined that Mr. Kirby was expressing a desire for a "guardian angel" who could provide some funding. Mr. Drobinski acknowledged that Unisys inherited some sensitive issues that need to be addressed.

In response to inquiry from Selectman Wallace, Mr. Tyler gave a status report of the cleanup efforts on the property. Mr. Tyler asked that it be kept in mind that it is a relatively small portion of the site where contamination was identified.

Mr. Greenberg reiterated the corporation's desire to move forward immediately, and asked that the Town put themselves in the corporation's shoes; i.e., having to deal with the fact that while land value in Massachusetts has reportedly greatly increased, the corporation's property has decreased in value and is costing them substantial monies to maintain.

Mr. Tyler stated that the corporation will have to look at several alternatives, and believes that because of the current zoning, the current building will not be used for research and development or for commercial

purposes. Mr. Tyler continued by stating that the corporation's goal was to isolate that building from the site with an ANR (Approval Not Required) Plan, which would open the possibility of several potential buyers for the building site, such as for municipal, state or charitable use. Selectman Wallace pointed out that to his knowledge, an entity such as a religious or charitable organization would be exempt from taxes and would not be subject to Town boards' approval or Town Meeting vote. Executive Secretary Thompson concurred with Mr. Wallace's opinion, and expressed his hope that the Planning Board could work with the corporation so that the Town's research district could be retained.

Mr. Thompson stated that he believes retention of the research district would keep variety in the community, and commended the past Planning Board members who selected that area as the research district. Mr. Thompson further expressed his belief that any current contamination problems concerning White Pond are not associated with the Unisys property. Mr. Thompson concluded by stating that at the least, the question should be carried forward to a Town Meeting, which would give the townspeople the option of maintaining the research district or going to housing.

Selectman Wallace asked if there is any market value to that land as a research district, provided appropriate increases in density could be obtained. Mr. Tyler responded by stating that the corporation felt very comfortable with the proposals it presented to Town Meeting as being responsive to what he perceived as a reasonable compromise between development densities and the needs of Unisys. Mr. Tyler stated that he knows of only one example where industrial land is severely restricted, and that is the land owned by the Memorial Drive Trust of Concord, on the borders of Concord, Maynard, Acton and Sudbury. Mr. Tyler stated that to his knowledge the A. D. Little proposal was overwhelmingly defeated at Concord Town Meeting primarily, he believes, because all of that Town's boards being universally against that proposal.

Planning Board member Richard A. Brooks stated that he believes it is important to realize that the Planning Board had to raise those issues which they saw as concerns about the proposals on the warrant at Town Meeting; and that the Planning Board did not have enough time to get all the information it needed and thus had to proceed with what it had. Mr. Brooks continued by stating to the Unisys representatives that he believes one of the things the company should understand is that the Planning Board did not mean to say to Unisys that there is no way ever that it will consider something different; but rather that it was specifically that those things presented in the articles just were not acceptable to the Planning Board because of the information the Board had at the time. Mr. Brooks concluded by stating that the Planning Board would like to maintain a dialogue with Unisys, and he asked if there is something the corporation might want to do in concert with the Town.

Mr. Greenberg responded by stating that the company has been "sitting" on this property since 1982, and it has never received feedback from the Town as to what it wanted. Mr. Greenberg stressed that the company wants to come forward with a plan that makes sense to both Unisys and the Town; and that Mr. Tyler is available to sit down and discuss the matter. Mr. Greenberg stated that the guidelines would have to be that the corporation would have to realize some value from that property. Mr. Maguire added that the corporation is unable to sit back with a "wait and see" attitude; that this is a business proposition. However,

Mr. Maguire stated, Unisys would like to understand what the Town wants and needs.

Mr. Maguire stated that one thing for certain is that Unisys must reduce its costs on the site, as the company cannot afford to spend several hundred thousands of dollars on that property. Thus, Mr. Maguire continued, some expenses will have to be curtailed, which will enable them to "buy more time" as they decide what to do with the property.

Industrial Development Commission member Joseph A. Dudrick commented that it was his understanding that there was a time before the present zoning was put in place, that the zoning was essentially what Mr. Tyler proposed. A brief discussion ensued concerning the decision-making process and the fact that the present zoning figure was a compromise.

Mr. Greenberg informed that the corporation is looking to recoup the value of the property at the 1983-1984-1985 level. Mr. Greenberg further commented that the corporation's biggest fear is that it chooses one direction and puts its efforts in that one direction, only to find they reach a "dead end" at the end of the year.

Selectman Wallace commended Ralph Tyler for his diligent and comprehensive representation on behalf of Unisys during the past six months and he congratulated Unisys in taking the first step by getting someone local who can remain on top of the situation. Mr. Wallace expressed his personal feeling that he would like to see as much as possible of that land preserved; and suggested that some concessions might be made on a portion of the property to accomplish that. Mr. Wallace concluded by stating it is clear that something will have to be done; and he urged that any action should not be an adversarial process.

In response to inquiry by Selectman Cope for clarification, Mr. Tyler stated that he believes Unisys has a right to develop the Concord portion of the property now, and plan to file a subdivision plan in Sudbury which will divide the property into three parcels.

Planning Board member Lael Meixsell stated that he believes one of the reasons that perhaps the public is not too enamored of the proposals is because although it says it is addressing the needs of Sudbury, the corporation is not addressing the needs of the area. Mr. Meixsell went on to say that the area could become an aquifer area, and one of the greatest needs of the Town is water supply. Mr. Meixsell opined that if it did turn out that this area was a suitable area for water supply, part of that area should be used for that purpose. Mr. Meixsell believes that this would automatically reduce the threat to the environment and provide a good resource for the community. Mr. Meixsell concluded by stating that right now he believes the Town is running up against available water supply; and that if additional homes are put in, it might be wise to provide for part of the water that would be needed.

Mr. Thompson disagreed with Mr. Meixsell's suggestion that there is a threat of inadequate water supply, and wished to make it clear that there is no indication that Sudbury is running out of water. Mr. Tyler added that if an offer came in from the Water District for a part of the land, Unisys would certainly be willing to discuss such a proposal.

Chairman Drobinski concluded the meeting by stating that he is sure that by working together an acceptable solution could be worked out, and offered the services of the Board of Selectmen to assist in the process. Mr. Drobinski concurred with Mr. Wallace's commendation of Mr. Tyler's efforts, and stressed that the Selectmen would like to see Mr. Tyler used as a sounding board by the Town's boards, so that open dialogue may be maintained.

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and input, and the meeting was concluded at 9:00 p.m.

Resource Recovery Committee - Landfill/Amendments of Rules and Regulations

Present: Neal M. Drawas, Chairman of the Resource Recovery Committee; Cary Meyer, Highway Department Operations Assistant; Linda Bolton.

The Board first considered the question of further amending the Rules and Regulations for the Recycling and Disposal of Solid Wastes at the Sanitary Landfill as set forth in a memorandum dated May 4, 1989, from Elaine Jones of Town Counsel's Office.

After discussion, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the further amendments to the Rules and Regulations for the Recycling and Disposal of Solid Wastes at the Sanitary Landfill (Sections I.F, V.B.1 and 2, V.C, V.D, VI.M, VI.O) as set forth in a memorandum dated May 4, 1989, from Elaine Jones of Town Counsel's Office; and to refer amendment proposed by Highway Department Operations Assistant Cary Meyer to delete the provision allowing residents to deposit recyclables without a permit to the Resource Recovery Committee for its recommendation.

There followed a related discussion concerning recycling matters and other subjects related to the Landfill.

Neal M. Drawas, Chairman of the Resource Recovery Committee, commented that he believed acceptance of tires, as set forth in Section V.C. of the Amended Rules and Regulations, eliminating the requirement of slicing, might be unwise from the standpoint of their not compacting well. Mr. Meyer stated that he does not see a problem with accepting the tires in this manner. Mr. Meyer further opined that based on the initial reaction he has witnessed from the townspeople concerning the implementation of a fee for a residential sticker, and the new prohibition of items which contain PCBs (Section VI.O.), he believes it would be unwise to add yet another prohibition of tires. Mr. Drawas commented that some other alternative should be looked into; and Linda Bolton suggested it may be a good idea to coordinate disposal of tires with Wayland, who has contracted with a company to remove them at a rate of \$1 per tire, which cost is passed on to the resident. Mr. Meyer further suggested that the names of companies/persons who will accept these old tires might be made available to the residents, and to encourage disposal in that manner. The Selectmen requested Mr. Meyer to investigate alternative disposal of tires and to report back.

The discussion next centered on recycling, and Mr. Meyer opined that he believes a voluntary program is the way to go. Executive Secretary Thompson added that he does not believe recycling will ever pay for itself, and for it to

really work will require the use of volunteers to monitor. Mr. Drawas further commented that the Town will only see a response through public education.

Mr. Drawas made note of letter dated May 4, 1989, from resident Eugene L. Ratner, who expressed differing views from those taken by former Resource Recovery Committee Chairman Linda Bolton; and Mr. Drawas commented that differing philosophies appear to mandate differing approaches.

Mr. Thompson suggested that a forceful approach can be taken with the schools to join in the education of the need for recycling and the implementation of a successful program. Mr. Drawas stressed the need for the public to realize that the Landfill has a finite life, and that the Landfill can gain a year or more if the cooperation of the townspeople in recycling can be effectuated.

Mrs. Bolton expressed her disappointment in the current plans for location of the recycling area. Mrs. Bolton pointed out that the original plan was for two separate areas, and the latest plan is one area for both; she believes the latter plan would make it impossible to police. It was suggested that Town Engineer I. William Place be contacted, as he may be able to site another plan for a separate area. Mrs. Bolton concluded by stating that after 2½ years of trying to implement a comprehensive recycling plan, she would be sorely disappointed to see it not be successful.

Mr. Drawas brought up the fact that the Board has just recently approved a fourth member of the Resource Recovery Committee, and he hopes there will be more applicants to fill remaining vacancies.

The meeting concluded with Chairman Drobinski publicly thanking Linda Bolton for her tireless efforts on the Resource Recovery Committee, and wishing her every success in her future endeavors.

Executive Session

At 10:00 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session to discuss a Discretionary Fund matter.

(Chairman Drobinski, aye; Selectman Cope, aye; Selectman Wallace, aye).

Chairman Drobinski announced that public session would reconvene immediately following Executive Session.

350th Anniversary Celebration

Executive Secretary Thompson informed that the 350th Anniversary Celebration Committee is proposing that Mayor Wong of Sudbury, Ontario, Canada, and Mayor Byham of Sudbury, England, be invited to plant two trees on September 2, 1989, as part of the 350th Anniversary Celebration. The Board expressed its concurrence with this event and suggested the new siting of the Wood-Davison house as a possible location for the plantings.

Lincoln Board of Selectmen

The Board discussed possible dates for meeting with the Lincoln Board of Selectmen and requested that the Executive Secretary look into arranging a dinner-meeting at the Wayside Inn, either Tuesday, May 30, 1989, or during the first week in June.

Sudbury Open Space and Recreation Plan

The Executive Secretary presented the Selectmen with the Sudbury Open Space and Recreation Plan, Bay Circuit Greenbelt Appendix, received into his office. Selectman Cope took possession of same and will pass it along to the other Selectmen after she has had an opportunity to review same.

Community Action Committee - "It's Party Time" Brochure

Upon review of proposed "It's Party Time" brochure, endorsed by the Lincoln and Sudbury Community Action Committee, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to arrange to contribute the sum of \$100 from the Selectmen's Office as a way of expressing support for the efforts of the Lincoln and Sudbury Community Action Committee in informing parents and teens alike of the obligations and pitfalls surrounding teen parties.

The Selectmen suggested various forms of distribution of the brochure, including locating same in liquor and other retail stores; and the Selectmen expressed its hope that the press would give it media attention by publishing the brochure in the newspapers.

Department of Public Utilities - Petition For Rate Hike By Boston Edison

The Board acknowledged receipt of communication dated May 2, 1989, from Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary, Department of Public Works, informing that Boston Edison Company has applied to the Department of Public Utilities for an \$85.8 million dollar rate increase. The Selectmen noted there is a public hearing on this subject scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 1989, at 7:30 p.m., at Memorial Building in Framingham.

Town Pool - Conclusion of Liaison Assignment

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To authorize the Executive Secretary to forward a letter to Peter A. Berkel of 68 Surrey Lane, advising that his services as liaison with the Atkinson Town Pool are no longer required, and thanking him for his service to the community.

Department of Public Works - Resurfacing of Portion of Route 20

Upon review of draft letter prepared by the Executive Secretary as a result of Selectmen's vote on April 24, 1989, relative to clarification concerning the repavement of a portion of Route 20, the Board approved the same for distribution.

Bay Circuit Greenbelt Sign

The Board reviewed memorandum dated May 4, 1989, from Conservation Coordinator Deborah Montemerlo, concerning the Bay Circuit Sign located in front of Mill Village; which sign was the topic of discussion at the Selectmen's meeting of May 1, 1989.

At the request of the Selectmen, Executive Secretary Thompson will contact Allen Morgan of Sudbury Valley Trustees and update him on the matter.

School Superintendent's Telephone

The Board acknowledged receipt of memorandum dated May 1, 1989, to Executive Secretary Thompson from James Vanar, Director of Finance/Town Accountant, and attached copy of letter dated April 19, 1989, from James W. Flanagan, Chairman of the School Committee, concerning the installation and use of a separate telephone line at the residence of Schools Superintendent David Jackson.

At the request of Selectman Cope, the Executive Secretary will forward a copy of the above to Finance Committee Chairman John B. Hepting.

Proposed Closing of Portion of Lafayette Drive

Selectman Cope updated the Selectmen relative to Washington Drive residents' concerns of the proposed closing of a portion of one entryway off Route 20 to Lafayette Drive.

Ms. Cope advised that at her suggestion abutters will meet with the Town Engineer and a representative of the Police Department to resolve same, and the Selectmen will receive a report concerning said meeting.

Rejuvenation of Concord Road/Town Pound Area

Selectman Cope requested that the Executive Secretary coordinate with the Highway Department the sprucing up of the "triangle area" near the Noyes School bus lot and the Town Pound area. Ms. Cope opined that this rejuvenation can be accomplished by berming and cutting back the shrubs, and mulching.

The Executive Secretary will also coordinate with the Highway Department in the care of the new tree located in the Town Hall parking lot.

[N.B. Mr. Thompson notes that Mr. Waldsmith has been contacted concerning this work].

Rotary Container and Plantings

It was on motion of Selectman Cope unanimously

VOTED: To request the Executive Secretary to send a letter of thanks to the Rotary Club, and to A. Gino Franceschi for the Town Centre container and plantings.

Ms. Cope further requested that the Executive Secretary convey the concern of the Selectmen that the Rotary symbol may be a problem in the future if residents complain.

Sudbury Valley Trustees - Tax Plans Regarding Assessments

The Board acknowledged receipt of copy of letter dated April 27, 1989, to the Board of Assessors from Joel A. Lerner, Director, State's Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, expressing his opinion that assessment tax plans for the Sudbury Valley Trustees would place all public charities in great peril and would be a misapplication of the tax statutes.

Selectman Cope concurred with the opinions expressed by Mr. Lerner.

Vacancies in Town Committees

Selectman Cope informed the Board that she had several recommendations for Town committees that have vacant positions; and she will coordinate same with Janet Silva.

Executive Secretary Thompson suggested to the Board that they consider recommendation for appointment of Eugene L. Ratner to the Resource Recovery Committee, if he is willing to serve. The Board concurred.

Police Safety Officer

Selectman Cope requested the Executive Secretary to arrange a meeting with the Police Safety Officer concerning local speeding on public ways.

Possible Zoning Violation - New Home Construction

At the request of Selectman Cope, the Executive Secretary will look into allegations that certain new housing construction contain built-in apartments and public advertising listing same as a feature of the sale of the new homes.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Attest:

Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk