

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1989

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

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Chairman Drobinski brought the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Town Hall.

Accounting Department FY91 Budget

Present: James Vanar, Town Accountant/Director of Finance.

A brief review of the Accounting Department budget was held with the Town Accountant during which it was explained that the small amount of money in the Overtime Account was for attendance at Personnel Board meetings by the Assistant Town Accountant.

On the subject of the necessity of performing an audit under the single audit act as a consequence of School Department federal grants, the Town Accountant stated he is still looking into this. Executive Secretary Thompson recommended that if the audit is required, the Town should request a waiver from performing the entire audit or if that is not successful, that a limited audit of just the School Department be made and that it be funded under the School budget.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Accounting Department FY91 budget as presented, for submission to the Finance Committee, noting that Budget 1 in the amount of \$122,896 is level funded with FY90 as requested by the Finance Committee and that Budget 2 in the amount of \$125,292 has 2½% increases in various line items.

Resignation - MBTA Advisory Board Designee

The Board accepted with regret the resignation of Clifford J. Hughes from his position as Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Advisory Board Designee, dated November 22, 1989.

The Board directed that a letter of thanks giving special recognition for his ten years of service be sent to Mr. Hughes.

Appointment - Metropolitan Area Planning Council Representative

Upon recommendation of the Planning Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To appoint Richard A. Brooks, 28 Middle Road, as Sudbury's representative to the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, for a three-year term to expire April 30, 1992, to replace James McKinley who did not wish to be reappointed.

The Board expressed its appreciation to Mr. McKinley for his past service and requested that a letter of thanks be sent to him.

Repurchase of Cemetery Lot - Hebb

In accordance with the request dated November 17, 1989, from Superintendent of Cemeteries Robert A. Noyes, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To repurchase two graves in New Town Cemetery, Section 3B, Lot 33A (Deed #434), from Mr. and Mrs. Morrell Hebb, 27 Stubtoe Lane, Sudbury, for the amount of \$300.00; and to authorize a refund of \$150.00 (\$37.50 from Sale of Lots; \$112.50 from Perpetual Care) which is the difference between the cost of Lot 33A and a new lot being purchased in the Veterans' section of Wadsworth Cemetery.

Loring School - B'nai Torah Congregation Lease

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter dated November 14, 1989, from Congregation B'nai Torah which expressed the Congregation's desire to enter into a long-term lease for the Loring School. Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson stated that he had scheduled a meeting with President Robert Snyder for December 11, 1989, subject to the Board's concurrence, to discuss possible terms for such a lease. He indicated that he was in the process of obtaining various, current rental rates to use as a guide, as it was the intention to rent the facility at full market rates as discussed with the School Committee. The Board agreed that Mr. Thompson should proceed as proposed at this time.

Selectmen Cope and Drobinski expressed dissatisfaction with the expenditure of large sums of money to rehabilitate the former Horse Pond School instead of putting the money into a building the Town already owns, such as the Loring School. They indicated a desire to have further clarification on these expenditures in the near future. Mr. Thompson agreed to rediscuss the issue with Superintendent Jackson and to report back to the Board, which then might result in a meeting between the Selectmen and the School Committee.

Accept Bid - Fire Dept. Breathing Apparatus

The Board was in receipt of a communication dated November 23, 1989, from the Fire Chief setting forth information on two bids received for the purchase of self-contained breathing apparatus. Upon the recommendation of the Fire Chief, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To accept the bid of American Fire Equipment Co., Inc., Roslindale, Massachusetts, subject to delivery in thirty days, in the amount of \$30,465 for self-contained breathing apparatus; and to authorize an increased purchase (by four additional units, four bottles, and six masks) for a total purchase of \$37,589 less 1% 10-day payment and less possible trade-ins as negotiated by the Fire Chief.

Landfill Recycling Program - Executive Order 279

In accordance with a request dated November 24, 1989, from the Town Engineer, and the recommendation of the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To intervene with the Department of Environmental Protection to request prompt approval of a recycling program to be established at Sudbury's Sanitary

Landfill which was submitted to said agency on September 5, 1989, and to make note that this matter is urgent not only to conserve use of Sudbury's Landfill but to comply with Executive Order No. 279.

The Board directed that copies of the communication to the Dept. of Environmental Protection be sent to Representative Hicks and Senator Cellucci.

Reserve Fund Transfer Request - 501-811

As recommended by Selectman David Wallace, member of the Unisys Research District Study Committee, \$15,000 is being sought to hire a consultant to aid in said study. Executive Secretary Thompson reported that the Concord Town Manager had verbally stated Concord would contribute \$7500 and the Sudbury Conservation will contribute \$3000 from the Conservation Fund; thus a balance of \$4500 is needed.

It was on motion unanimously

VOTED: Subject to receipt of \$10,500 as indicated above, to approve Reserve Fund Transfer Request No. 90-2, dated November 24, 1989, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for Account 501-811, Selectmen's Surveys & Studies, to fund a portion of a study to be conducted by the Unisys Research District Study Committee.

Letter of Gratitude to Fire Department

Selectman Drobinski acknowledge with appreciation to the Fire Department a letter from Mr. and Mrs. Greeley of New Bridge Road thanking the members of the Fire Department for prompt and professional response to a fire in their home.

Utility Petition 89-27 Amendment

Upon request of Boston Edison Company, and with the verbal approval of the Building Inspector and the Assistant Innkeeper, Wayside Inn, the only abutter, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To amend the Board's November 6, 1989 approval of Utility Petition 89-27 of Boston Edison Company and New England Telephone and Telegraph Company to allow relocation of Pole 194-17 approximately 10 feet off the pavement on the northeasterly side of Wayside Inn Road and 30 feet east of the location approved under said petition; subject to a revised plan being submitted to the Town for filing. No further hearing or approvals are required.

Bonfire - LSRHS

Present: Fire Chief Michael Dunne.

On request of the Fire Chief, it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the rescheduling of the previously approved bonfire to be held at the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School on the new date of December 1.

188th Town Forum

At 8:00 p.m., the 188th Session of the Town Forum was convened. A video tape of the same is on file in the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Drobinski announced that this evening would be devoted to a forum on housing issues, and he introduced Executive Secretary Richard E. Thompson, Chairman Stephen Swanger of the Sudbury Housing Authority, and Vice Chairman Arthur Hall of the Sudbury Housing Partnership Committee, who gave the background of the events which led to the conduct of this forum, and a history, overview and goals relative to providing affordable housing in Sudbury. There followed a question and answer period with the many residents and board members in attendance.

The meeting recessed at approximately 10:00 for refreshments.

The Selectmen's regular meeting was reconvened at 10:15 p.m.

#### Tabled Items

Item 13 (accepting donations) and Item 15 (landfill policy) were tabled by the Board as these items were not ready for action.

#### Selectmen's Department FY91 Budget

Present: Janet Silva.

The Board reviewed the operating budget prepared for Selectmen's Department Account 501. Budget 1, level funded in accordance with Finance Committee instructions, entailed reductions in hours for two part-time employees, a \$700 reduction in the General Expense Account, a 50% reduction in the Travel Account, and elimination of the Out-of-State Travel Account. Budget 2 included maintenance of present personnel levels, level funding of both travel accounts, and a \$200 increase in General Expense.

On recommendation of the Executive Secretary it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Selectmen's FY91 budget as presented, for submission to the Finance Committee: Budget 1 totaling \$217,960 and Budget 2 totaling \$224,024.

#### Selectmen's 1991-95 Capital Improvement Program

The Board reviewed a Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 1991-1995 to be submitted from the Selectmen to the Long Range Planning Committee. This plan is comprised of two items: 1) Town Administration Building Project: \$4,688,000 for design (\$350,000) funded in FY93 and construction (4,338,000) funded in FY94; and 2) Copy Machine Purchase for Loring Parsonage: \$10,000 funded in FY92.

#### Unclassified and Transfer Account FY91 Budgets

Following review, and as recommended by the Executive Secretary, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To approve the Unclassified (950) and the Transfer Account (970) FY91 budgets as prepared, for submission to the Finance Committee, in the Budget 2 amounts of \$2,563,300 and \$100,000 respectively.

Override Question(s)

Selectman Cope raised the question of combining or separating the funds required by various town departments into separate questions when preparing an override request for FY91. The Executive Secretary will get back to the Board on this matter for further discussion.

Selectmen's Articles for 1990 ATM

The Board was in receipt of a draft list dated 11/27/89 of eleven possible articles to be submitted for the 1990 Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Board agreed that all articles (listed below) should be prepared, with final review before submission to follow, in particular with regard to appropriation articles:

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| 1. Hear Reports           | 7. Create Finance Department           |
| 2. Temporary Borrowing    | 8. Amend Bylaws II.B - tech. amendment |
| 3. Street Acceptances     | 9. Tax Abatement(s) - Cherau           |
| 4. MetroWest/MAGIC        | 10. Public Emp. Retirement Regs.       |
| 5. Voting Equipment       | 11. Use of Free Cash                   |
| 6. Unisys District Zoning |  |

The Executive Secretary reported that he would be attending a State House committee hearing the following day relative to the last two tax abatement articles approved at the October Special Town Meeting. The Board stated that, as one or more such articles would be coming up again for the next Town Meeting, it would hope to find some easier way of handling these situations. Executive Secretary Thompson replied that he planned to again approach this subject with the State Legislation by asking tomorrow that the State amend the law so that the Town could approve such abatements with just the approval of the Department of Revenue, eliminating the need for a special act of the Legislature.

Holiday Schedule

It was on motion unanimously

- VOTED:
- 1) To close Town Offices at Noon on December 22, 1989, the Friday before Christmas and to hold the Employee Christmas Party that afternoon.
  - 2) To cancel the Selectmen's meeting and December Town Forum during the week of December 25, 1989, due to the Christmas holiday.
  - 3) To reschedule the Selectmen's meeting of January 1 to Wednesday, January 3, due to the New Year's Day holiday.
  - 4) To reschedule the Selectmen's meeting of January 15 to Tuesday, January 16, due to the Martin Luther King Day holiday.

MetroWest Transportation Task Force

Executive Secretary R. E. Thompson informed the Board that Anne Donald, Sudbury's representative to the MetroWest Transportation Task Force had left a list of Transportation Improvement Program projects for prioritization by the Board. On recommendation of the Executive Secretary, the projects were placed in the following order: 1) Sherman's Bridge replacement; 2) Route 20; 3) Union Avenue at Concord Road; 4) Route 20 at Peakham Road; and 5) Route 117 at Haynes Road; and deleted the project of Concord Road at Pantry Road.

Joint Wayland/Sudbury Composting Center

Executive Secretary Thompson informed the Board that Wayland's Town Manager has reported that the Wayland Selectmen have reviewed the Sudbury Selectmen's recent letter relative to the joint composting project and have agreed to intercede with the Wayland Highway Commission to request the matter be given high priority and to try to implement the same.

Rice Estate

The Board was furnished with a letter dated November 21, 1989, from Attorney John C. Powers concerning the Rice Estate, and the Executive Secretary stated he would report further on the matter at a later time.

Zoning Matters

Executive Secretary Thompson updated the Board on the following:

- 1) The Mauro application has been approved by the Board of Appeals, relative to the site plan pending before the Board of Selectmen.
- 2) Relative to the Schofield/Union Avenue matter, Mr. Thompson has discussed the same with the Conservation Coordinator and a detailed report will be furnished by the Zoning Enforcement Agent.
- 3) Court scheduling has been postponed regarding the Richardson/Rt. 20 matter.

Executive Session

At 10:30 p.m., it was on motion by roll call unanimously

VOTED: To go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy.

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

The Chairman announced that public session would not reconvene following Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.

Attest:

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Richard E. Thompson  
Executive Secretary-Clerk