

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 1974

Present: Chairman John C. Powers, John E. Taft and William F. Toomey.

The statutory requirements as to notice having been complied with, Chairman Powers opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Labor Relations Counsel

Present: Labor Relations Counsel Richard E. Murphy.

Mr. Richard E. Murphy, Labor Relations Counsel for the Town, reported that negotiations with the Police Association were, in his opinion, presently at an impasse. Mr. Murphy reported that he had been given a list of the outstanding issues by the Association, which included, in part, originally a 15% increase, night differential, and an increase in court time, longevity, etc. Mr. Murphy also reported that the Association will settle at 8% if the Town will agree on all its other proposals.

In response to a question, Mr. Murphy stated that at no time had the Police Association requested a percentage increase alone - that its requests were always made as a part of a package. Mr. Murphy was of the opinion that settlement of the non-economic requests was possible.

Mr. Murphy suggested that the Town go to mediation with the State Board of Arbitration and Conciliation. Mr. Murphy stated that he was of the opinion that the Town should petition for mediation because the Police Association will not so petition, as it claims there is no impasse in negotiations. Mr. Murphy also stated that to initiate the petition would indicate that the Town is sincerely interested in trying to get negotiations completed before Town Meeting and to agree upon a contract. Mr. Murphy also stated that the Town would be better off to file before the new law comes into effect on July 1, 1974.

It was agreed to request Mr. Murphy to contact the Police Association, either tonight or tomorrow, in a final attempt to ascertain the particular issues necessary for resolution before negotiations can be continued and to report back to the Executive Secretary with his recommendations as soon as possible. If this attempt fails, it was agreed to authorize the Labor Relations Counsel to file for mediation.

Police/Fire Headquarters

Present: Craig Parkhill and John Reutlinger of the Permanent Building Committee.

Mr. Parkhill stated that it is the Permanent Building Committee's opinion that the vote under Article 56 - Police/Fire Headquarters should be on the need for the facility.

Discussion followed relative to the cost difference between the contemporary and the colonial design, which is approximately \$30,000 including the time delay, cost and ways in which to close the gap.

It was decided to agree upon a figure, as low as possible, which can accommodate both designs, and Selectman Taft agreed to follow-up on the same with the Permanent Building Committee.

The Executive Secretary was requested to check whether or not the anticipated Civil Defense reimbursement funds may be deposited directly to the project account rather than to the Town treasury.

The Board and the Permanent Building Committee agreed to meet for further discussion on Tuesday evening, April 16th.

Selectmen's Statement - Cherry Sheet

Chairman Powers reported that the Selectmen would issue a statement at tonight's session of Town Meeting relative to the recent receipt of the so-called cherry sheet showing county taxes and state assessments, plus estimated local aid. Chairman Powers stated that the cherry sheet indicates that Sudbury will receive a larger amount of State local aid in the 1974-75 budget year than originally estimated, which will result, if Town Meeting follows either the Selectmen's or the Finance Committee's recommendations, in no tax rate increase and more likely in a tax rate decrease.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was on motion unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn at 7:55 p.m.

Attest: 
Richard E. Thompson
Executive Secretary-Clerk