

TOWN FATHERS' FORUM  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1974

Chairman Powers convened the 95th session of the Town Fathers' Forum and announced that the first portion of tonight's forum would be spent in review, with the Moderator, of the articles for the October 22nd Special Town Meeting.

October 22, 1974 Special Town Meeting

Motions, presentations, and procedures for each article were discussed and agreed upon as follows:

Article 1 - Police/Fire Headquarters Construction & Equipping

Motion by William Bell of the Permanent Building Committee. Joint presentation by Selectmen, William Bell of the PBC. Ronald Blecher and Karl Clough to speak for the Finance Committee.  
Police Chief and Fire Chief to speak.  
Captain Frost and Sgt. Sullivan to speak.  
Joseph Klein and Martin Doyle to speak for the Sudbury Taxpayers Association.  
William Rynne to speak for the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee.  
Passage requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Article 2 - Easement - Elderly Housing Access Road

Douglas Miranda of Housing Authority to make motion and presentation.  
Selectmen to support (speaker to be determined).  
Finance Committee to amplify on its warrant report.  
Planning Board may speak.  
Passage requires a two-thirds majority vote.

Resolution - First Provincial Congress, October 11, 1774

Colonel Vollheim to make the resolution.

Article 3 - Data Processing

Town Accountant to make motion.  
Finance Committee to make presentation - Patricia Warshaver.

CHAIRMAN POWERS

At the conclusion of the Warrant Review, Chairman Powers made the following announcements:

Girl Scouts from Troop #958 were in attendance at tonight's

Forum, as well as the Lincoln-Sudbury Regional Town Government Class under the direction of Mrs. Kirschner and Mr. Murphy.

The Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School District has received \$990.00 in matching funds from the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission for the Lincoln-Sudbury Oral History program.

The Town and Mr. Davis have agreed upon a modification of the original purchase and sales agreement for the Davis land, which would delay the purchase of the Park and Recreation portion of the land until October - November 1975.

The Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee is ready to go to bid for a contractor for intra-town bus service.

The Sign Bylaw Review Committee has been appointed and consists of the following members: Leon Zola, Stanley Barron, Dorothy Emmons, Ronald Boucher, and Burton Mullen.

Reimbursement funds have been committed in the amount of \$85,003.00 from Defense Civil Preparedness Agency for the construction of the Sudbury Emergency Operating Center, plus \$4,600 in architect fees, and communication funds, in the amount of approximately \$10,000, will be forthcoming.

#### SELECTMAN TAFT

Selectman Taft reported on the bicentennial program held at the First Parish in Concord, Massachusetts, on October 11, 1974, to commemorate the meeting of the First Provincial Congress on that date in 1774. Selectman Taft had attended as a representative of the Board of Selectmen and he reported that Donald Max, of Sudbury, was also in attendance.

#### SELECTMAN TOOMEY

Selectman Toomey announced that the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association has scheduled its State-Wide Town Meeting at Hyannis from October 25 - 28, 1974, and that Selectman Taft had again been nominated for the office of Second Vice President of the Association.

#### MRS. GILLESPIE - PLANNING BOARD

Mrs. Gillespie reported that the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards had recently held an interesting session in Hyannis.

#### MR. MCNALLY - MINUTEMAN REGIONAL REFUSE PLANNING BOARD

Mr. McNally reported that the Minuteman Regional Refuse

Planning Board expects within a month a report from Arthur D. Little, dealing with prospects relative to solid waste disposal for the next twenty years.

Mr. McNally also reported that Wayland has placed in its warrant for its Special Town Meeting on October 30th, articles relative to authorization for and funding of a joint septage disposal facility.

MR. BISHOP - HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mr. Bishop reported that the contract had been let for the Horse Pond, Butler, and Fairbank Roads walkways.

FIRE CHIEF ST. GERMAIN

Chief St. Germain reported that the Fire Department had recently received a rash of false alarms in the Pine Lakes and Mossman Road areas, and commented on the seriousness of involvement of fire apparatus at a time when they might be needed elsewhere.

MR. WILSON - TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Mr. Wilson reported that the Town is still looking at data processing and that he will submit a report on the subject to the Executive Secretary by the end of the month.

REPRESENTATIVE ANN GANNETT

Representative Gannett commented on the bicentennial commemorative program recently held at the First Parish in Concord to commemorate the meeting of the First Provincial in 1774.

MR. PARKHILL - PERMANENT BUILDING COMMITTEE

Mr. Parkhill reported that the Permanent Building Committee had spent the last month preparing for the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Parkhill also commented that the Committee had met on October 16th with the Department of Labor and Industries relative to protests following the opening of bids for the Police/Fire Headquarters, stating that as yet a firm decision has not been reached.

MR. JEWELL - GOODNOW LIBRARY

Mr. Jewell reported that all Town Committees will soon be receiving a letter outlining some of the Library's services and requested that copies of any reports generated by Town Boards be submitted to the Library for the benefit of the public.

MRS. LEDGER - PERMANENT LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ledger reported that the Permanent Landscape Committee had been working with the Highway Department at the site of the Goodnow Library and had recently met with the Bicentennial Committee relative to Heritage Park.

POLICE CHIEF LOMBARDI

Chief Lombardi reported that members of the Police Department plan to attend the workshop held by the Department of Community Affairs in connection with planning for the Bicentennial celebration.

Chief Lombardi also reported that he had been asked to serve on the South Middlesex Council on Alcoholism.

MR. MALONEY - LINCOLN - SUDBURY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Maloney reported that two new programs had been instituted by Superintendent Levington at the Regional - an advisory program and a reorganization of the halls. Mr. Maloney also reported that the Committee is using its grant of \$72,000 from the National Institute of Education to look at educational alternatives and that the Committee's budget would be prepared for January 21st submission, as provided by passage of recent legislation.

MRS. VONBENKEN - COMMITTEE ON TOWN ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. VonBenken reported that the new forms for future warrant article submission are available at the Executive Secretary's office and should be used for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting.

MR. REMINGTON - LONG RANGE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES COMMITTEE

Mr. Remington reported that the Long Range Capital Expenditures Committee plans to begin working closely with the Finance Committee for the purpose of reviewing appropriate bonding periods for articles proposed for vote within the next two years.

MRS. HARRIS - CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mrs. Harris reported that the Conservation Commission had designated two areas for hunting, with permission of the Conservation Commission, a section of the Raymond land and Lincoln Meadows.

Mrs. Harris also reported that a public meeting will be held at the Goodnow Library at 8:00 p.m., November 14th, to enlist potential workers for the Conservation Commission, and requested that people interested in the use of a community garden on Lincoln Meadows contact the Commission.

MR. MIRANDA - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Miranda reported that the Sudbury Housing Authority has been preparing Article 2 - Access Road for the Housing for the Elderly Development - for the Special Town Meeting, as well as working on various phases of the development itself.

Mr. Miranda stated that the Authority had interviewed a young man who has expressed an interest in working for the Housing Authority on a part-time basis.

MR. SULLIVAN - BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Board of Health had been running a flu clinic and would include members of the police and fire departments and the Town school teachers as participants.

MR. WHITE - BUILDING INSPECTOR

Mr. White reported that housing starts are still running approximately the same as in 1973 -- around fifty this year, that the lanterns have been placed at Sudbury Centre, the utility poles removed, and the lines undergrounded.

MR. THOMPSON - EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary reported that preliminary screening of candidates for the position of Town Engineer has been completed, that thirty applicants have been narrowed down to five, and that a member from the Personnel Board, Planning Board, and the Highway Commission will be requested to sit in on the final interviews.

Mr. Thompson reported that the warrant schedules for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting will be sent out within two weeks.

MR. TURNER - TOWN COUNSEL

Town Counsel reported on the subject of the Town's suit relative to distribution of State funds to the cities and towns. Mr. Turner stated that three cities and nine towns have contributed to the financial cost of the suit, that the

actual hearing is over, that the case has been reported to the Supreme Judicial Court, and that he will argue the case before seven justices.

Mr. Turner stated that the warrant for the 1975 Annual Town Meeting closes on December 31, and urged Town boards, committees, and agencies to meet with him during November for article submission well before the deadline.

MR. BUXBAUM - SUDBURY BUS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Buxbaum reported that the Sudbury Bus Transportation Committee is ready to go out to bid for contractors for their proposed intra-town bus service and that telephone poles would be designated as bus stops by the application of stickers. Mr. Buxbaum also reported that the Committee is now pursuing possible Federal assistance for the bus service.

Chairman Powers adjourned the Fourm at 9:10 p.m.