

TOWN FATHERS FORUM
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1975

Chairman Taft convened the 101st session of the Town Fathers' Forum at 8:15 p.m. and introduced Joseph Bausk, Chairman of the Memorial Day Committee, who presented Martha Distler with a U.S. Savings Bond as winner of the Memorial Day Essay Contest last May.

Chairman Taft reported that the results of the questionnaire on the subject of the Town Fathers' Forum format, which had been distributed to Town boards, commissions, and committees had been received, and that based upon the responses, it had been decided to retain essentially the present format with featured presentations.

Chairman Taft made the following announcements:

- The 100th Forum was held on June 23 with Secretary William Flynn, Office of Communities and Development, as guest speaker.
- The Town is planning an Industry Night at the October Forum, to be held on October 27, to which Mr. Howard N. Smith, Secretary of Economic Affairs will be invited as guest speaker.
- At the November Forum, to be held on November 24, Victor Neumeier will present a selection of bicentennial photographs.
- At the December Forum, to be held on December 15, 1975, a discussion will be held with Town Counsel relative to the open meeting law, which becomes effective January 1.
- On June 30 the Town applied to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program, and the application included the Town Engineer's request for appeal of the HUD Flood Hazard Boundary Maps.
- The Town has reached agreement following collective bargaining negotiations with the Police Department with a resultant increase, including fringe benefits, averaging approximately 9%.
- Negotiations are continuing with the Fire and Highway Departments.
- The appointments of Sandris J. Stubelis and Kathleen M. Brown to the Conservation Commission, Donald Willard to the Council on Aging, and Alan P. Carptnter to the Personnel Board.
- The first beano license has been issued by the Town to St. Anselm's Church.
- The State census count has been approved at 14,480, with future adjustments to be made based on returns from college students, military personnel, etc.
- New precinct maps have been printed to reflect a shift in population.

- A reduced tax rate of \$47.00 was announced by the Assessors on August 20.

The Executive Secretary made the following announcements:

- The Selectmen have approved and supported the application of the Sudbury Housing Authority to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for ten units of existing housing units for rental purposes.

- The Selectmen have supported and the Executive Secretary is working with the Park and Recreation Commission to prepare a new application for Bureau of Outdoor Reimbursement funds for development of the Haskell land.

Chairman Powers announced the publication of a book entitled The War Years by the Revolutionary War Bicentennial Committee. He reported that 3,000 copies will soon be available at \$5.00 per copy.

MR. KANKANPAA - ASSISTANT TOWN ENGINEER

Mr. Kankanpaa displayed the Town's new base map which has been compiled from updated property maps which had been microfilmed. Mr. Kankanpaa reported the new property maps had been based on aerial photographs taken in 1971.

Mr. Kankanpaa also reported that the Engineering Department has been in contact with HUD regarding the flood insurance program and that it will be two or three months before Sudbury's appeal will be considered.

MR. MCNALLY - PLANNING BOARD

Mr. McNally presented a status report on old and new subdivisions and reported the following activities of the Planning Board:

- A walkway subcommittee has been appointed to investigate a plan for walkways throughout the Town with a view to safety of the children and the elimination of school busses.

- A study on one-way status for Warren Road is under way.

- Soil conservation maps are being prepared which will incorporate the hydrological study.

COLONEL LEAHY - COUNCIL ON AGING

Col. Leahy reported the following activities of the Council on Aging:

- Patronage of the Drop-In Center has expanded to approximately sixty-five people.

- The Council has recently worked with two graduate nursing students on identification cards which had been distributed to 250 senior citizens.

- The Star Market bus is patronized well and the program will expand to accommodate the elderly housing development when completed.

- The Sudbury Public Health Nursing Association regularly treats persons at the Drop-In Center in recording blood pressures, etc.

MR. WILSON - TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Mr. Wilson reported that on June 30, 1975, free cash amounted to \$423,753, which will be available at the next Annual Town Meeting, and that receipts amount to \$100,000 more than last year.

He further reported that the Town Treasurer had recently arranged for the borrowing of \$750,000 in Tax Anticipation Notes at very low interest rates ranging between 1.81% - 1.98%.

MR. MURPHY - MRS. KIRSHNER - STUDENT GOVERNMENT CLASS

Mr. Murphy reported that he and Mrs. Kirshner would soon be putting their students in touch with various Town boards in connection with their Town Government class.

MRS. COE - HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Mrs. Coe reported on the following activities of the Highway Commission:

- The Commission had begun implementing the recommendations in the Haskins & Sells report approximately a month ago.

- A vacancy on the Highway Commission had been created by John Hare's resignation and the Commission had recently contacted the Selectmen to request an election to fill the same.

- The portion of the Hudson Road walkway between Saxony Drive and Old Lancaster Road and from Saxony Drive westward to connect with the existing walkway at Teakettle Lane have been completed and it is hoped that the remaining Hudson Road walkway from Old Lancaster Road to Concord Road will be completed before the end of the year.

- A number of roads have been stone sealed.

In response to a question about the vandalism and removal of street signs, Police Chief Lombardi commented on the Highway Commission's suggestion that street signs be painted on the streets.

MR. COE - SUDBURY BUS TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Coe reported that SudBus had been scheduled to resume service on October 14, but that its start might be delayed because of a new State program for matching funds for demonstration suburban transportation systems. Mr. Coe briefly described the program and reported that the Committee hoped to make application for revised SudBus routes and schedules.

MRS. LEDGER - PERMANENT LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ledger reported that her Committee had recently met with Scoutmaster Farrell concerning a bridge in Heritage Park which was constructed by the Boy Scouts. She expressed the Committee's appreciation for the gift of lumber from Chairman Taft for this project and for gifts of trees and shrubs from several

Townspeople and from the paralyzed veterans in the Roxbury Veterans Hospital.

Mrs. Ledger also expressed her appreciation in participating in the ribbon cutting ceremonies at the dedication of Heritage Park on September 7.

FIRE CHIEF JOSIAH FROST

Chief Frost made the following reports concerning the Fire Department:

- Emergency responses are up 71% for calendar year 1975, with a count of 712 to date.

- Captain Michael Dunne was seriously injured several weeks ago and will be lost to the department for several months.

- Firefighter Bruce Vinal has left Sudbury for the Acton Fire Department.

- Engine No. 3 is now back in service with a diesel engine.

- The new fire alarm panel is installed and working well.

- The department has acquired a 1963 diesel powered tanker with a new pump which had been formerly stationed at the Ammunition Depot and which will replace the 1954 vehicle previously acquired by Chief St. Germain.

- Inspections of schools and fire drills have been completed in all schools.

Chief Frost expressed his appreciation to all businessmen for their cooperation with the department in connection with fire service inspection and in-service crews.

POLICE CHIEF NICHOLAS LOMBARDI

Police Chief Lombardi reported that the incidence of breaking and entering has lessened from previous years, but that vandalism is very bad. He reported that the department has lost the service of three men, with two on extended sick leave and one away at school, and that the department has been greatly helped by the Auxiliaries.

MR. SULLIVAN - BOARD OF HEALTH

Mr. Sullivan reported that the Board of Health was presently conducting inspections for determination of lead paint in homes which are occupied by families having children aged six and under. He stated that the Board had also been involved in inspections of the septic tank unit at the Housing for the Elderly development.

Mr. Sullivan reported that flu vaccine will again be available at no cost for senior citizens and it was recommended that all police and fire personnel also obtain shots at the October 8 clinic in the White Building.

MR. POTELL - FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Potell congratulated Chief Frost on acquiring his new tanker and reported that the Committee is presently working with the schools and the Town Accountant in setting up projected quarterly budgets.

MRS. BAUDER - SUDBURY HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mrs. Bauder stated that the Sudbury Housing Authority has reserved funds to subsidize rents on ten homes.

On the subject of the Elderly Housing development, Mrs. Bauder reported that the Authority has received 129 applications, or twice as many applications as there are units available, and that the applications will probably be mailed out this fall. She also reported that the Authority is hiring an executive director.

REPRESENTATIVE ANN GANNETT - PRECINCTS 2, 3, and 4

Mrs. Gannett reported that she and her colleagues were deep in budget preparations. She also reported that she had received a communication from Sudbury concerning the bill for reduced State aid for building, commenting that the bill has not met favor with the Joint Committee on Education.

Town Counsel inquired as to the passage of the new zoning enabling act and Representative Gannett stated that it had passed the House and was going to the Senate. Town Counsel cautioned her about possible amendments by the Senate.

MRS. HILLERY - MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Hillery stated that the Memorial Day Committee did not have the budget for next May's parade that they had for this year's which had received much favorable comment, but stated that the Committee would be happy to receive any donations for this purpose.

Mrs. Hillery reported that Mr. Leo Spottswood will soon resign from the Committee as he is leaving Sudbury and suggested the name of Carol Hull, who has previously done work for the Committee, as his replacement.

MRS. SCHROEDER - LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Mrs. Schroeder reported that the League of Women Voters had appointed Sue Ann Thome as Chairman of the Unicef Drive. She further reported that the schools could not be used this year for distribution of the Unicef boxes, and Chairman Taft offered the use of the Selectmen's offices for this purpose.

Mrs. Schroeder expressed the League's appreciation to Chairman Taft and Representative Gannett for their recent participation in the League's education panel.

The Forum was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. for coffee and informal discussion.