

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JANUARY 16, 1956

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 1 o'clock P.M. Present: Mr. Norman B. Hartnett, Chairman, Mr. John M. Kennedy, Clerk, and Mr. John C. Acton.

LICENSES GRANTED

The following licenses were granted:

Common Victualer's Licenses:

Leo J. Hurd, 144 Waverly Street.

Industrial Food Crafts Inc. of New England, General Motors Cafeteria, Western Avenue.

Dance Licenses:

Framingham Firemen's Mutual Relief Association - Banquet Hall, Memorial Building, March 17.

Grace Congregational Church-Couples' Club, Emrich Hall, Union Avenue, January 21.

Military Order of the Purple Heart, Dennison Memorial Hall, February 21.

Innholder's License - Bell-Vue Hotel, 73 Hollis Street.

Special Malt Beverage and Wine License - Framingham Lodge of Elks #1264, 450 Union Avenue, January 17.

Motor Vehicle Licenses-Class I:

Bernard Motor Inc., 79 Union Avenue.

Stan Cross Buick, Inc., 700 Worcester Road.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses:

St. George Theatre, January 22.

Gorman Theatre, January 22.

RATIFICATIONS

Action taken informally in granting licenses and permit was ratified:

Dance Licenses:

The Canadian Club in Framingham, Odd Fellows Hall, Hollis Street, January 13.

Framingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, Civic League Auditorium, January 14.

Obstruct sidewalk - Farrell Sign Co., 44 Irving Street, checking sign, January 16.

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PETITION

The petition of the Boston Edison Co. JO New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. for four pole locations on Williams Street, northeasterly from a point approximately 95' northeast of Grant Street Extension, was granted.

APPOINTMENTS

The following were appointed special police officers for a term of one year:

Clarence H. Church - Arthur L. Jones - John L. Regan -
Donald A. Soule.

BUDGETS

The following budgets were discussed with the department heads involved:

Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Building and Wire Inspector.

Veterans' Benefits and Services Director.

Building Maintenance Department (Memorial Building).

Fire Chief.

Chief Engineer.

Police Chief.

Building Superintendent Byrnes of the Memorial Building was requested to investigate the possibility of installing a hot air blower in the public rest rooms for drying their hands.

CONFERENCE

A conference was held with Reverend Victor G. Dawe, Rufus H. Beers and Attorney John J. Brady, at 2:45 o'clock P.M.

Mr. Hartnett: We have several communications with respect to granting of liquor licenses in respect to population. We have a petition signed by several requesting a public hearing on the application of The Coffee Shop under the name of Edward J. Sakovitz d/b/a The Coffee Shop at 217 Hollis Street, Framingham. We have invited you in to hear what you have to say.

Attorney Brady: We are primarily here because south side residents are requesting to be heard so that they may personally voice their objection, and as counsel for them we have only received a telephone call and for that reason we are unable to advise the people whether there is to be a hearing. We realize the law does not require a public hearing, but because so many have shown interest the hearing should be granted. In the event your Board should decide

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that the Board will not grant a hearing, we are here to protest the granting of the license. In the event we are denied the request and your Board sees fit to grant this application, we intend to appeal to the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission for a hearing. It does not seem that the ordinary people should be required to go twenty miles to exercise a public hearing on question that has grown to such proportions. These people have signed their names and addresses to a petition, and if the only way we have is to go to Boston to have the Framingham question heard we will do it, but I think it is extremely unfair for the people to go there. I am satisfied as to this, that if you grant this license or not, this license will not be granted. The applicant will have to answer questions.

Reverend Victor G. Dawe: If you gentlemen have any questions - because it was your specific request for us to come in.

Mr. Acton: If we refused to grant this particular license, and we granted one to someone on the south side do I take it that this objection is for anyone on the south side or this particular application.

Reverend Dawe: As far as I am concerned - my church would object to any on the south side.

Mr. Acton: Are you primarily interested in the south side alone or interested in the north side too.

Reverend Dawe: I am primarily interested in the south side where my parishioners are. I would fight the south side within the territory of my church.

Mr. Hartnett: Did you call Mr. Brady to retain him for counsel.

Reverend Dawe: Yes.

Mr. Acton: We heard a rumor.

Reverend Dawe: A mutual friend suggested Mr. Brady.

Mr. Kennedy: I have one question Reverend - is it the location specifically and not the applicant.

Reverend Dawe: It is the location - not the applicant - it is the location. I would oppose anything on Hollis Street on the south side. I did not go up Waverly Street for signatures.

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Mr. Hartnett: You are personally opposed to liquor?

Reverend Dawe: Yes - there are too many drinking establishments in Framingham. I would close them all down except package stores if I had my way. I know what goes on on Hollis Street. I think you fellows would have saved a lot of difficulty if you had acknowledged my original letter.

Mr. Hartnett: It was not ignored. It was considered along with anything else from anyone else. It was noted in the press and radio that the objections were considered.

Reverend Dawe: You would have saved yourself a lot of trouble if you had called me. I have committed myself and I have to go through with it.

Mr. Kennedy: In your ignitial letter to this Board there was no mention of public hearing.

Reverend Dawe: Oh yes. I am certain.

Mr. Hartnett: It is in the third paragraph.

Reverend Dawe: On Pezzoni we requested a public hearing and you granted it.

Mr. Acton: How many parishioners?

Reverend Dawe: About one hundred families.

Mr. Kennedy: Do you feel that a public hearing would be more advantageous - if there is not a legal question involved or any specific objections which could be better stated.

Reverend Dawe: I hope so.

Mr. Kennedy: Granted, Mr. Brady, those are objectors to the liquor establishment on Hollis Street, would a public hearing accomplish anything other than to impress the Board of Selectmen with the fact that they are objectors, unless a legal question is to be raised?

Mr. Brady: A public hearing is a public forum where public questions can be decided. If this man is going to be questioned any further and not grant a public hearing we want you to hear in public the kind of objection we are going to propose.

Mr. Kennedy: I wonder if there is a moral or a legal question.

Mr. Hartnett: We have not discussed with any of the petitioners to call for a public hearing.

Mr. Brady: Will you notify Reverend Dawe and me in writing what your action is?

Mr. Hartnett: You will be notified in writing.

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Mr. Beers: I think I feel very strongly about this thing - where it is located - because we have too many up there. I have lived on the south side - my property had depleted in value and that is why I moved. I know others feel the same way.

Mr. Hartnett: Within the past few years there have been three liquor licenses transferred from the south side to the north side.

Mr. Beers: There are too many.

Mr. Hartnett: You are opposed to liquor generally or on the south side?

Mr. Beers: I feel the same as Reverend Dawe. In my estimation everytime a bar opens it is the first step to juvenile delinquency. Ten or twelve years ago when I lived up there - whenever there was a storm or cold I had to get my daughter who worked at the Telephone Company at night because she was stopped there one night. I think you people would feel the same way about it. They stopped her on the street once and I am opposed to the license.

RETIREMENT

It was voted to retire Lieutenant George H. Neal from his duties in the Framingham Fire Department, under the provisions of Chapter 32, section 85E, paragraph B, effective February 8, 1956, in the amount of \$2324.05 per year.

*APPOINTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE
DIRECTOR*

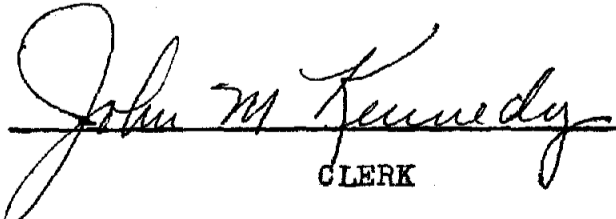
It was voted to appoint Alfred Schaltenbrand Civil Defense Director, in place of William H. Leahy, resigned.

*ARTICLES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
IN MARCH*

It was voted that the last date for accepting articles for the annual town meeting on March 14, 1956 would be February 6, 1956 up to 2 o'clock P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 4:30 o'clock P.M.


CLERK