

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OCTOBER 4, 1960

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:30 P.M.
Present: Mr. Richard D. Mahoney, Chairman, Mr. John T. Dias, Clerk, and
Mr. Peter Lembo.

LICENSES GRANTED

Licenses were granted to the following:

Auctioneer's License - Carl S. Ericson, 120 Potter Rd.

Bazaar - (pony rides, booths, games, etc. - Jonathan Maynard P.T.A.,
at Jonathan Maynard School, Vernon St., October 6, 1960.

Dine and dance licenses:

Goff's Cafe, Inc., d/b/a Champs Elysees - 85-91 Hollis St., Oct. 7, 8,
14, 15, 21, 22, 28, 29.

Towne House of Framingham, Inc., 28 South St., Sept. 28, 29, Oct. 1.

Towne House Inc. of Framingham, 28 South St., Oct. 5, 6, 7, 8, 12, 13,
14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 29.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses:

Edward Andelman Assoc., Inc. d/b/a Sea n' Surf, 303-311 Worcester Rd.,
background music and trio, Oct. 16, 1960 through January 1, 1961.

Towne House Inc., of Framingham, 28 South St., radio, television,
and juke box, October 9, 16, 23, 30.

RATIFICATIONS

Action taken informally in granting permits was ratified as follows:

Sidewalk obstruction:

Mobeco, Inc., 79 Concord St., repairing sign, October 4 to 11.

Star Sign Co., 108 Howard St., repainting face of building and sign,
October 4 to 11.

Open, occupy and obstruct st.-Worcester Gas Light Co.:

18 Lake Ave., installing new service, October 4 to November 4.

574 Edgell Rd., installing new service, October 4 to November 4.

622 Edgell Rd., installing new service, October 4 to November 4.

807 Edgell Rd., installing new ^{gas} service, October 4 to November 4.

866 Edgell Rd., installing new gas service, October 4 to November 4.

State College Dormitory, State St., installing new service, October 4
to November 4.

40 Willis Ave., installing new service, October 4 to November 4.

74 Franklin St., installing new service, October 4 to November 4.

26 Hamilton St., installing new service, October 4 to November 4.

40 Willis Ave., installing new gas service pipe, October 4 to November 4.

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CONFERENCES

Hugh McLean, representing the Committee on Transportation authorized by the 1960 Town Meeting, conferred with the Board at 7:30 P.M. regarding further curtailment of service by the B. & A. R.R. He stated that the Railroad has petitioned to abandon train #409 leaving Boston at 5:50 P.M. The department stores presently close at 5:30 P.M., and this means that the people involved would not be able to secure another train until 9 P.M. A hearing has been scheduled by the D.P.U., and will be held at 10 a.m. on Monday, October 10, 1960.

Cornelius J. Sullivan, Town Counsel, was instructed to confer with the Transportation Committee and prepare the papers necessary to enter the objections of the town.

Alden Seltzer, Esq., conferred with the Board at 8:05 P.M. regarding the progress of the town vs. Martin Cerel concerning the land at the intersection of Speen St. and Worcester Rd. The case is presently pending before the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Mulhern and other citizens conferred with the Board at 8:15 P.M. regarding their petition for a special town meeting for the appropriation of funds for the transportation of school children and/or construction of sidewalks for use by school children.

A general discussion of the present shortage of school buses and the procedure necessary to bring the matter before the town meeting took place.

The matter was taken under advisement.

Attorney Richard Novick conferred with the Board at 9:15 P.M. regarding the settlement of case of David Spencer vs. Town of Framingham. The case concerns David Spencer's six year old child who fell into an unguarded septic tank which had been opened by the Sewer Dept., and had incurred medical expenses amounting to \$700.00. He suggested a settlement of \$2100., and after a conference with the Town Counsel it was unanimously agreed to authorize a settlement in the amount of \$2100.00.

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CONFERENCES-cont.

Robert A. Belmonte, Edward M. Clasby, Mrs. Edna G. Frank of the School Committee, Superintendent of Schools Richard N. Anketell, and John F. Cavanaugh, Administrative Assistant, representing the School Committee conferred with the Board at 9:30 P.M. regarding the school bus transportation problem.

A general discussion of events leading to this meeting and the school transportation problem in general took place, and of the discussion held with a group represented by Mrs. Mulhern.

The School Committee stated that they had no objection to calling a town meeting and agreed to cooperate with all town boards and interested citizens in securing a solution to the problem.

Frederic H. Hilton, Chairman, Ralph Noonan, and Leonard Taft of the Finance Committee, Mrs. Gettys, Secretary to the Finance Committee, represented the Finance Committee and conferred with the Board at 10:20 P.M. regarding the Board of Assessors. Mr. Hilton acted as spokesman for the group and stated that the revised Report for 1959 that Mr. Hilton requested for the Finance Committee had been presented, but was still incorrect. It was returned to the Assessors with the suggestion that they contact the Town Accountant, and no more has been heard on the matter.

The Board of Assessors have completed the real estate bills for 1960 and a total amount of \$5,400,000.00 was committed to the Tax Collector indicating the assessed valuation of approximately \$90,920,000.00 and appears to be almost \$185,000.00 short of amount included in the computation of the tax rate as approved by the State. Mr. Hilton was informed by the Chairman of the Board of Assessors that the balance is to be raised through omitted assessments. The omitted assessments over the past three years have averaged a little more than \$30,000.00 per year, and the amount of omitted assessments to be raised in 1960 appears to be unusually large.

Mr. Hilton stated he has conferred with banks, municipalities, and state officials and has been informed that the valuation used in computing the tax rate should be the amount of the valuation that the Assessors have actually established at the time the tax rate is set, and that this amount should agree with the amount that is actually committed. The Assessors are now processing veteran's abatements and will be unable to spend time on the real estate taxes until much later in the fall.

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CONFERENCES-cont.

Mr. Hilton stated that the Finance Committee wished to report on the situation that presently exists and bring the facts to the attention of the Selectmen. The Finance Committee is concerned that the Assessors have apparently set an improper tax rate and have made erroneous and misleading statements to both the Finance Committee and the Selectmen.

It was agreed to confer with the Assessors on October 11, 1960 in regard to this matter.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

It was unanimously voted to hold a special town meeting on October 26, 1960. Articles of an emergency nature only are to be submitted to the Board of Selectmen, before 5 P.M. on October 11, 1960.

HEARINGS

A public hearing was held at 8 P.M. in the Selectmen's Office, Room 21, Memorial Building, on the petition of the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. for the following permission: Waverly St., approximately 39' of underground conduit from existing Joint pole #227/36, east to existing conduit on Marble St. There was no objection to the granting of this petition, and the same was granted.

A public hearing was held at 8 P.M. in the Selectmen's Office, Room 21, Memorial Building, on the petition of the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. for the following permission: Waverly St., approximately 48' of underground conduit from existing Joint pole #227/29, west to existing conduit on Beaver St. There was no objection to the granting of this petition, and the same was granted.

PETITION

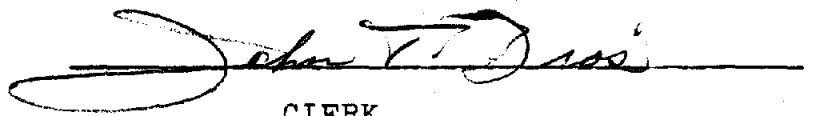
The petition of the Boston Edison Co. JO New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. for one pole location on Nipmuc Rd., southwesterly side, approximately 200' southeast of Dow St. (one existing JO pole to be removed), was granted.

APPOINTMENT

Joseph Nava was appointed a special police officer for a term of one year.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 11:05 P.M.



CLERK