

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MARCH 1, 1971

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:30 p.m. Present: Mr. John F. King, Chairman, Mr. John F. DalPrete, Clerk, and Mr. Peter W. Ablondi.

WARRANTS:

#20 - Bill - March 1, 1971 - \$160,025.55
#21 - Pay Roll - March 1, 1971 \$270,642.08

COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSE - Joaquina Rosario, 59 Hollis St.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES:

Caesar Tamagno, Inc. d/b/a Monticello Restaurant, rear 90 Worcester Rd., March 7, 1971:

1. Patron's dancing.
2. Comic, singer, dance team, M.C., trio, background music.

LaCantina, Inc., 911 Waverly St., March 7, 1971:

1. Patron's dancing.
2. Live entertainment.

RATIFICATIONS:

Obstruct sidewalk - Framingham National Bank, Park St. side of National Bank, move bookkeeping equipment out of building, Feb. 26.

Open, occupy and obstruct st. - Worcester Gas Light Co., 82 Cedar St., relaying service, March 1 to April 1.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS (term of one year):

Armando Colonna, effective March 1, 1971.

Paul T. Hancock, effective March 1, 1971.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION:

The application of Richard Freni, Herbert Manolian, Edward McQuirk, Jr., Ronald Neitz, Robert Joseph Quinzani, Albert Rizzo, all of Framingham, and others not of Framingham) for a certificate of incorporation under the name of the "SNO-Rovers of Massachusetts, Inc." to be located at 29 Cedar St., Holliston, was approved as far as the Framingham residents are concerned, and the Secretary of State so notified.

The application of Peter Barrett and Janice Barrett, Framingham, and others (not residents of Framingham) for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "Pro Speakout, Inc." to be located at 5 Weld St., Framingham, was approved as far as the residents of Framingham are concerned, and the Secretary of State so notified.

HEARING

A public hearing was held at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Room 21, Memorial Building, on the petition of the Boston Edison Co. for the following permission:

Grove St., at Bonvini Drive, a distance of about 35' - conduit. Wm. Stickney, representing the Boston Edison Co., was present in favor. There was no opposition to the granting of this petition, and the same was granted.

PROCLAMATION:

The Board of Selectmen honored Charlie Ayer, who recently resigned from the Framingham News, by proclaiming the week of March 1-7, 1971 as "Charlie Ayer" Week. Sincere appreciation and gratitude was extended Mr. Ayer for his assistance, honesty, integrity, kindnesses and generousities, and pleasantness over the years. Each Board Member expressed personal remarks to Mr. Ayer, and Town Counsel, in summary, stated he was impressed most with Mr. Ayer's desire to get the information accurately, his judgement in carrying it through, and reporting it fully and fairly, which in his estimation, was a "perfect score."

CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE:

The Board conferred with Safety Officer, Sergeant Robert Foley, Assistant Safety Officer, Gerald Kearney and B. & W. representatives, Arthur Napolitano and Ernest Thorpe regarding the possibility of providing alternate bus service to residents of lower Central St., between Water St. and Wickford Road, pending repairs to the Central Street Bridge in Saxonville. The Department of Public Works, also invited to attend this conference, reported in a letter they were awaiting a report from the State Department of Public Works regarding their participation in the cost of repairing the bridge, and preferred waiting until they received said report prior to conferring with the Board of Selectmen. Chairman King pointed out that there have been requests from residents in the area for an alternate bus route, and asked if a transportation program could be worked out as the residents presently had to walk a distance (1/2 mile) for bus transportation. Mr. Napolitano told the Selectmen the present 6 ton load limit of the Central St. bridge did not allow passage of the company's 9 ton buses, and they were using a route recommended by the Safety Officer. Sergeant Foley reported that they had investigated alternate routes, as a result

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CENTRAL STREET BRIDGE (CONT'D.):

of the many requests received by the Board, and found they could not change the present route as there were no streets wide enough in the area where the buses could turn around. Selectman Ablondi suggested that an engineering study of the bridge be made to determine if the bridge could withstand heavier loads. The Selectmen asked Safety Officer, Sergeant Foley to confer with the Department of Public Works and Engineering Department on the State Bridge formula for safe load limits and report back to their office.

TOPICS PROJECT REPORT-CENTRAL STREET:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Daniel S. Horgan, Chief Engineer of the State Department of Public Works in which he enclosed a copy of the Consultant's letter of transmittal and project report to establish the functional design for Project No. 43, Central St. Mr. Horgan noted they were in agreement with the functional design and requested early approval from the Board. The Board also acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Engineering Department regarding this same project in which they recommended approval of the project. The Board voted to await formal approval of the project by the Board of Public Works before submitting their recommendation to the State Department of Public Works.

STATE COLLEGE-PARKING:

The Board met with Framingham State College representatives, Dr. Joseph Palladino and Mr. George Breunig, in the absence of D. Justin McCarthy, President of Framingham State College who was unable to attend because of a prior commitment, and Safety Officer, Sergeant Foley and Fire Chief Byrne to resolve the traffic problems caused by student parking on State Street. Much discussion followed to try to work out some sort of a plan that would allow the people in the general area to get out of their driveways which were blocked by illegally parked student cars. Hazardous conditions, resulting from illegally parked cars, were emphasized. Both Dr. Palladino and Mr. Breunig said they recognized the problem. They reported they have made many attempts to correct this situation, however, in spite of their efforts, students continue to park illegally. They reported there were sufficient parking spaces provided for the students, both day and evening, however, they did not utilize the parking lots because of the long walk to school. Chairman King asked if there was any reason why the "special police officers" at the college could not enforce the parking regulations. Mr. Breunig explained it was his understanding that "specials" could not use any authority on public ways. Mr. King pointed out, with the concurrence of Town Counsel, that they are permitted to make an arrest and ticket violators. Selectman DelPrete reiterated that drastic action must be taken to safeguard the residents. He suggested the campus police ticket these cars, and then follow through with Town Police action by towing illegally parked cars. Sergeant Foley pointed out the police had no authority to tow. Town Counsel explained that Town Meeting would have to accept revisions of the general laws to allow towing.

In an effort to eliminate parking on State Street, which would alleviate the traffic problems in the area of the College, discussion followed on possible solutions. Selectman Ablondi suggested furnishing bus transportation for the students from the parking lots to the school. Another suggestion by Mr. Ablondi, in order to emphasize enforcement of no parking regulations, would be to warn the students they would receive credits for any semester in which they received a certain number of parking tickets. Discussion followed regarding a shuttle service, and Dr. Palladino and Mr. Breunig said they would explore this further. Mr. Ablondi reported he would also check with the Public Works Department in an effort to provide more parking spaces on the triangular piece of land at the base of Maynard Road.

Chairman John F. King reiterated strongly that there should be no further delay in correcting this problem, and requested the Safety Officer, Fire Chief and college officials work out a program to be implemented immediately, and report back to the Selectmen within two weeks.

PLANNING BOARD MEETING ROOM:

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Vincent E. Garino, Chairman of the Planning Board regarding the use of their office facilities by other groups. Mr. Garino noted in particular a meeting held in their hearing room by the Zoning Board of Appeals in which cigarette butts were ground into the new surface floor, plans were in disarray, reports on desks were disarranged and not returned to their proper and original place, and political literature strewn about. Mr. Garino requested that the building superintendent be instructed to schedule meetings where large groups were expected to another location in order to avoid a reoccurrence of this incident. Upon the motion of Chairman King, the Board voted to instruct Mr. Rousseau to transfer those meetings with overflow crowds to either Upper or Lower Nevins Hall in the future.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

The Board discussed a request received from the Board of Public Works for a Special Town Meeting, within the Annual Town Meeting, in order that they could ask Town Meeting to transfer funds from existing appropriations in the Water Department to the account for repairing the Town Wells, and to seek restoration for certain funds which had been specifically allotted for work not yet accomplished. Mr. King asked why the request for funds was not included in the Annual Town Meeting. He mentioned the fact that calling a Special Town Meeting involved some cost to the Town. After further discussion the matter was referred to Town Counsel for research with the Public Works Department and Finance Committee.

AIRPORT LIMOUSINE SERVICE, INC.:

The Board conferred with Ted Shore, President of Airport Suburban Limousine Service, Inc. regarding his request for a license to operate a limousine service to Logan Airport over certain streets in Framingham. Mr. Shore explained that he has contacted the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, Port Authority and the City of Boston and has been assured that there will be no problem in providing this service. Further, his route would run from the Framingham Motor Inn, east on Route 9 to the intersection of Speen St., left turn to Route 30 and to the Mass. Pike. Mr. Shore advised that he had filed an application verbally to the Town and would follow up with a written application as soon as his attorney could put it into legal form.

Replying to questions raised by Town Counsel, Mr. Shore advised he would submit a schedule of operations and rates; that no one else offers this service locally, and he has made application and received verbal approval from the Port Authority and the City of Boston. Selectman Ablondi requested, in the event the license is granted, the license be restricted to allow service to and from the airport only in order to prevent any conflict with the local bus service. Mr. Shore assured him there would be no infringement on their territory. Upon the motion of Selectman John F. DelPrete, the Board unanimously tabled this matter until such time as the formal application was received.

MBTA ASSESSMENT:

Chairman John F. King indicated strongly his displeasure regarding the assessment to the Town by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. He reported the Town was assessed \$140,000 in 1970 for participation in the MBTA, and would be assessed approximately \$340,000 in 1971 - for services not rendered. He said he felt we owed it to the citizens to withdraw from the MBTA, and if this is not possible, to demand services. He urged that the legislators be contacted to initiate legislation to have Framingham withdrawn from the system. Town Counsel stated that during the recent hearing conducted by the MBTA on the discontinuance of the Penn Central trains, it was his impression that they were providing a service by protecting the town's interest. He confirmed also that legislation was necessary for withdrawal from the system. Selectman DelPrete concurred with Chairman King and commented that it was his feeling that it was time to have "home rule"; that we were getting nothing for our money, and it was time to take positive action. Upon the motion of Selectman DelPrete, the Selectmen voted to request a meeting with State Senator Edward Burke, Representatives Burke, Nickinello, Belmonte and Golden and the Directors of the MBTA to request positive action regarding the elimination of Framingham from MBTA participation.

TELEPHONE FACILITY VARIANCE:

Selectman John F. DelPrete clarified for the records the position of Chairman John F. King on the petition of the New England Telephone Co. for a variance which was approved by the Board last week, as a result of queries as to the possibility of a conflict of interest regarding the vote taken because of Mr. King's employment with New England Telephone Co. Selectman DelPrete made it clear that the Chairman not only abstained from voting, but also left the room while the hearing was conducted. He explained also that Mr. King never participates in any hearings involving the Telephone Company. Town Counsel confirmed there is no conflict as long as Mr. King does not participate in a decision.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.


John F. DelPrete, Clerk