

**TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM**  
**SELECTMEN'S RECORDS**

\*REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN APRIL 26, 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. DelPrete, Clerk, and Mr. Peter W. Ablendi.

WARRANTS:

#40 - Bill - April 26, 1971 - \$160,609.81  
#41 - Pay Roll - April 26, 1971 - \$170,586.69

LICENSE TO CONDUCT AN AUCTION AND ACT AS AUCTIONEER THEREAT:

S. A. Crisafulli, auction to be held May 7, 1971 at Fonde del Cerro (Motor Hotel), Worcester Rd., (Route 9), Framingham, 150 pieces, assorted oil paintings, pencil signed and stone signed lithographs and sculptures - Inspection: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. - Auction 8:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES:

Caesar Tamagno Inc. d/b/a Monticello Restaurant, rear 90 Worcester Rd., May 2, 1971:

1. Patrons dancing.
2. Singer, comic, dancers, M.C., trio, background music.

LaBimba, Inc., 1672 Worcester Rd., May 2, 1971:

1. Live entertainment.

LaCantina, Inc., 911 Waverly St., May 2, 1971:

1. Live entertainment.
2. Patrons dancing.

RATIFICATIONS:

Obstruct sidewalk - Shirley Bates, 8 Union Ave., repairing awning, April 23, 1971.  
Open, occupy and obstruct st.:

Howard M. Blades, 342 Old Conn. Path, sewer and water connections, April 27 to April 28.

Howard M. Blades, 6 Frost St., water and sewer connections, April 29 to April 30.

Worcester Gas Light Co., Waveney Rd., (from Lanewood Ave. to #16) to supply gas service to apartments at #16 Waveney (2" main will be located in the northerly shoulder area) - (under gravel) - April 22 to June 22.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION:

The application of Frank Rambusch, Framingham, and others (not residents of Framingham) for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "Theta Chi House Corporation of Babson College, to be located in the Town of Wellesley, was approved as far as the Framingham resident is concerned, and the Secretary of State so notified.

The application of Robert L. Goodman, Framingham, and others (not residents of Framingham) for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "The Massachusetts Council of Teachers of English, Inc." to be located in the Town of Needham, was approved as far as the Framingham resident is concerned, and the Secretary of State so notified.

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: Concord St., from pole 53/45x, opposite Hartford St., extending northerly to existing manhole 232, approx. 27' of conduit. No one was present in opposition to the granting of this petition, and it was voted to grant the same.

A public hearing was held at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Room 21, Memorial Building, on the application of Bekins Moving & Storage Co. for a license to use the land at 1891 Worcester Rd., for the storage of 6,000 gallons of gasoline, in one underground tank, for private use. Harold Rabenaldt, representing the applicant, was present in favor of the granting of this license. There was no opposition, and it was voted to grant the license.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board met in Executive Session for the disposition of a matter on which they had met at a previous meeting concerning a special police officer.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

The Board unanimously reappointed the following members to the Human Relations Commission effective May 1, 1971 for a term of three years:

Martin L. Aronson  
Mrs. Amy K. Moran

The Reverend Mason Wilson  
Rabbi Alfred L. Friedman

CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT:

Upon the request of William E. Manning, the Board voted unanimously to reappoint Mr. Manning as Constable for a term of three years, effective May 6, 1971.

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### TAXI CAB REGULATIONS:

The Board met with the owners of four local taxi cab companies whom they invited in for further discussion regarding taxi cab regulations. Representatives of the Council for the Aging and the United Welfare Rights Organization were also present. Mr. King reported to the group that it would be a practical matter to reconsider certain regulations with respect to the licensing of taxi cabs in view of the fact that inquiries have been made by interested persons relative to establishing taxi businesses in the Town. He noted that a by-law had already been drafted, however, not settled yet on what rate they would include in the by-law, and he hoped that some agreement could be reached for finalization. Mr. Thompson of Tommy's Taxi noted that this proposed by-law had been discussed several times before, and it was still his feeling that the regulations of cabs should be restricted to the Board's authority in order that any new applicant's character and financial responsibility could be investigated thoroughly; that the Police should not be involved with inspections, but left to the Registry of Motor Vehicles; and the installation of meters in all taxi cabs. He felt the companies ought to "police and inspect" their own cabs with regard to its mechanical condition, general appearance and safety in order to give and maintain good service. He told the Board he kept a very close check on his own taxis for this very reason.

It was agreed by both Tommy's Taxi and Saxonville Taxi, and also Smitty's, that the rate should be set at \$.60 for the first  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, with \$1.00 for each additional one-sixth mile, and \$1.00 minimum charge. They pointed out that rising costs such as insurance, the price of autos and labor made it impossible for them to charge anything less than at present. With regard to meters, Mr. Thompson - and the others, excepting Centre Cab, felt installation of meters was necessary. He noted fares would then be regulated, eliminating inconsistencies in rates. Francis Briggs of the Center Cab Co. stated he was opposed to the installation of meters, noting this would affect low income families. Mr. Thompson told the Board he also felt there should be some limitation as to who could go into business, and how many licenses there should be in order to protect the interest of those people who have been operating for a considerable length of time. (It was noted there are presently 4 taxi cab companies; Tommy's with 25 cabs; Saxonville and Centre Cab Cos. with 3 cabs and Smitty's with 2.

Mrs. Shirley Walsh, Secretary and spokesman for the Council for the Aging read a statement to the Board to the effect that the proposed taxi rate would be too high for the elderly to pay. She noted that transportation was the third major cost for the elderly after food and housing. She said a prohibitive taxi fare would force the senior citizens to stay in their homes and create many emotional hardships for them. Mrs. Sandra Knapp, Chairman of the local chapter of the Welfare Rights Organization, expressed her opposition to the proposed taxi rate, maintaining it would be too high for the poor. Mr. Thompson said he understood the plight of the elderly and sympathized, however, his company could not afford to subsidize them. He said if these groups needed to be subsidized, he felt it should be included in the tax rate. He asked why taxi companies should be forced to grant them a subsidy when other companies are not obliged to. He felt assistance for the elderly should come from the Town, State or Federal Government. He added his company would be more than willing to assist if these citizens would group together for rides.

Chairman King said in light of the comments and views presented, the Selectmen would decide on a rate fair to all parties - and they would take some action shortly on setting the rate. This matter was tabled.

### LIBRARY TRUSTEES ELECTIONS:

A joint meeting was held at 8:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Office of the Board of Selectmen and the members of the Library Trustees, for the purpose of filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Virginia M. Mansfield, a Trustee. Selectman John F. DelPrete nominated Dr. Maurice E. Costin to serve as Chairman of the meeting. There were no other nominations and Dr. Costin was elected Chairman. William McManus nominated Theresa Norton as a member of the Library Trustees, and this nomination was seconded by John Flinter. There were no other nominations made and nominations were closed. Theresa V. Norton of 29 Berry Street was unanimously elected to be a Library Trustee to fill the unexpired term, ending at the March, 1972 annual town election.

### BAITING BROOK:

As a result of a meeting held recently on the Baiting Brook Flood Control Project, and upon the recommendation of the Engineering Department, the Board has instructed the Executive Secretary to request a status report on the application of Carl Sheridan (notice of intent and plan dated 1/3/68) to include present progress of project, and if any violations have incurred, from the Department of Natural Resources. Further, they will be asked to review the present application, as a precaution on the part of the Baiting Brook Committee, in an effort to determine whether the permit should be revised or rescinded.

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### GIFTS OF LAND TO THE TOWN

#### WORCESTER ROAD AND EDGELL ROAD:

Selectman Ablondi discussed with the Board the generosity and thoughtfulness of Mr. Charles Howard and Mr. Albert Zarella for land which they have donated to the Town of Framingham. Mr. Ablondi noted the land donated by Mr. Howard on Edgell Road would enable the Town to widen the road at Framingham Centre. Further, he noted that an old iron fence had also been donated by Mr. Howard which will be accepted by the Historic Society. The land on Worcester Road donated by Mr. Zarella was accepted by the Town as a gift at a recently held Special Town Meeting. A letter of sincere thanks and appreciation will be written to these gentlemen.

#### TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the recommendation of Sergeant Robert Foley, Safety Officer for a Go Slow Children sign to be erected on Salem End Road, 100 feet west of Stalker Lane for eastbound traffic.

#### EXTENSION OF LIQUOR HOURS - PORTUGUESE RECREATION CLUB OF FRAMINGHAM, INC.:

The Board unanimously voted to approve the request of the Portuguese Recreation Club of Framingham, Inc. to remain open for the sale of all-alcoholic beverages until 1:00 A.M. on the evening of May 1, 1971.

#### AUBURN STREET:

The Board discussed briefly the status of Auburn Street. Mr. Ablondi requested this matter be tabled further pending reports from the Engineering Department and the Safety Officer.

#### FOURTH OF JULY SPECIFICATIONS:

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to retain the same specifications as used last year for the Fourth of July Fireworks Display. (Copies of the specifications were forwarded to the Board by Purchasing Agent, Richard J. McNamara for their examination.)

#### POLICE PAY - PRIVATELY PAID DETAILS:

The Board unanimously voted to deny the request of Lieutenant John Magri and Sergeant Paul Galvin, on behalf of the Police Association, for changes in the pay scale for police officers on privately paid details and to retain the 1970 rate structure.

#### SLOANE DRIVE PETITION:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Sergeant Foley, Safety Officer, under date of April 23, 1971 in which he reported after viewing the area noted in a petition forwarded by many residents of Sloane Drive for a Stop Sign, it was his recommendation that a Stop Sign would not meet the warrants as established by the State Dept. of Public Works. Upon Sgt. Foley's recommendation, the Engineering Department will be requested to submit their recommendations concerning this same matter.

#### PROPOSED COFFEE HOUSE:

The Board conferred with Larry Loebig and William Kidd concerning procedures to be followed in obtaining a permit to operate a coffee house in the Newbury Building, downtown Framingham. Selectman King pointed out they would have to get a Common Victualer's license, Exhibition License and Sunday Entertainment License - adhering to conditions which may accompany these licenses. (Earlier in the evening, Town Counsel, Aaron Bikofsky, had pointed out to the Board that there was a section under the general laws which covered coffee houses specifically, however, the Town of Framingham had never adopted such a law. He pointed out also that in granting a common victualer's license, a determination would have to be made that the public would be served.) Responding to questions raised by the Board, Messrs. Loebig and Kidd presented their experience; the type of operation they intended - (they would provide big name folk entertainment only, catering to the 17 to 30 age group; accommodate approximately 350 persons; no liquor to be served; they would charge a \$3.00 cover, with an additional minimal charge for soft drinks and pastry - the only items to be served.) Selectman DelPrete expressed his concern regarding this type of operation, noting the problem of drug pushing and older men mixing with young 17 year old youths. He said "it would take a lot of selling before he would approve the necessary license." Mr. Loebig stated he was fully aware of the policing problem and he intended hiring off-duty policemen to insure a peaceful operation. While parking was mentioned as another possible problem, it was noted there was little shopping traffic at nights or Sundays. Pointing to past police problems at teen dances, Chairman King told them they would need the recommendations of the police chief and juvenile officer before the Board would consider issuing a common victualer license. Selectman Ablondi asked them to leave with the Board the names of those persons who would be involved financially.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

  
John F. DelPrete, Clerk