

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JUNE 7, 1971

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

WARRANTS:

#55 - Bill - June 7, 1971 - \$66,150.88
#56 - Pay Roll - June 7, 1971 - \$300,259.87

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES:

Caesar Tamagne Inc. d/b/a Monticello Restaurant, rear 90 Worcester Rd., June 13, 1971:

1. Patron's dancing.
2. Singer, comic, dancers, M.C., trio, background music.

William B. Haughey, Jr. d/b/a "Liam's", 17 Edgell Rd., June 13, 1971:

1. Live entertainment.

RATIFICATIONS:

Obstruct sidewalk:

Robert Cardinal, 10 Elm St., paint Turnpike Carpet Building, June 7 to June 10.

Obstruct street:

Saxton Sign Co., 196 Concord St., erect new sign, June 2.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER:

Ronald Bacchiocchi was appointed a special police officer for a term of one year, effective June 7, 1971.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

It was voted to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a permit to Paul S. Gass & Judith L. Gass for the construction of an above-ground swimming pool at 104 Eaton Rd. with a side yard of 5'.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board met in Executive Session with Sergeant Louis Moscatelli for a further review of the incidents of vandalism and police protection in the school system. Chairman John F. King asked Sgt. Moscatelli to continue his program. He felt with the absence of the seniors the situation might improve.

JOINT MEETING - REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:

The Board met with members of the Framingham Redevelopment Authority, Chairman Henry McKeown, Horace Hill, Anthony DeAngelis and John B. Fitzmaurice for the purpose of electing a member to their Board to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Francis X. Devin. Mr. McKeown was unanimously named to serve as Chairman of this meeting, upon the motion of Horace Hill. Mr. McKeown reported that they were not prepared to elect a member at this time inasmuch as the candidates considered were not known to all members of the Authority. As a result, he suggested this matter be tabled further, pending interviews and discussions with both candidates. In response to a question raised by Selectman DelPrete, Mr. McKeown noted a deadlock split of opinion on the Authority presently existed and it was hopeful this could be resolved by meeting with the Board of Selectmen. John Fitzmaurice stated that in view of the fact that Mr. Devin had resigned the end of March, he felt enough time had been wasted and there should be no further delay in filling the vacancy. He said, also, enough time had elapsed to allow any persons to express their interest to serve. Mr. McKeown explained that he did not feel time was wasted as it was extremely important to elect the right person, and he felt strongly that both candidates should be interviewed by both the Board of Selectmen and the Redevelopment Authority.

Selectman Ablondi said he was anxious to vote on the vacancy immediately as he felt the signing of a contract between Operation 275 and the State was being held up. Mr. Ablondi motioned to proceed with the election. This was seconded by Mr. Fitzmaurice. Mr. McKeown explained the delay in signing the agreements for Operation 275 was being caused in Boston, and had nothing to do with the vacancy on their Board. Chairman King said he would prefer waiting until after he had met with Mr. Dunn (one of the candidates) as he did not know him, and felt the matter should be tabled until that time. Horace Hill motioned to postpone the election pending the interviews of both candidates by the individual Boards. Mr. DeAngelis said he would go along, however, a definite date should be set for next week. John Fitzmaurice asked that Mr. Hill's motion be amended to include a definite date for the election. Upon the motion of Selectman Ablondi, it was unanimously voted to conduct elections, June 14, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. Mr. McKeown will alert both candidates, Barry Walker and James Dunn to contact the individual Boards for interview.

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DOG MATTER:

Former Town Counsel, John M. Kahn, and his wife appeared before the Board regarding an incident in his neighborhood involving an unleashed dog and their pet rabbit. Mr. Kahn reported that an unleashed dog had broken into their pet rabbit's cage, which was located in their garage, and completely demolished the cage and devoured the rabbit. He reported the events in detail, noting that neighbors tried to reach the dog officer several times and were unable to. After several unsuccessful attempts, the Police Department was notified and an officer arrived at the scene. He released the dog from the partially open garage and then warned the children and the neighbors not to go near the dog as he might be dangerous, particularly after devouring the rabbit - and then he left, allowing the dog to run loose. Mr. Kahn felt the Board should be alerted to a very serious problem, pointing out a child might have been involved. Mr. Kahn told the Board they were greeted rudely by the answering service in each of their attempts to contact the dog officer, and felt a more effective system should be developed. Dog Officer, Paul Gosselin, said he would check thoroughly with his service regarding this. He pointed out he has been working under a handicap inasmuch as he had no assistant, making it very difficult for him in that he could not be on the job 24 hours a day. Once a new assistant was appointed, he felt the system would function well. Mr. Kahn noted this was the first time he had occasion to contact the Board on any problem, however, reiterated, felt they should be forewarned as it was a very serious matter. Chairman King told the dog officer the Selectmen were intent on doing whatever was necessary to enforce the dog leash law. He felt this problem kept cropping up constantly and was anxious for an early solution. Mr. Gosselin pointed out to the Board that the fine system presently paid in Court for violations of the dog leash law was inadequate. He felt if these fines were increased, stricter observance of the law would result. Mr. Gosselin introduced Richard D. MacDonald, whom he recommended the Board name as Assistant Dog Officer.

ASSISTANT DOG OFFICER:

Upon the recommendation of Police Chief, Arthur F. Martins and Dog Officer, Paul Gosselin, the Board unanimously appointed Richard MacDonald, effective June 8, 1971 as Assistant Dog Officer. His term to expire April 1, 1972.

YOUTH SUB-COMMITTEE:

Judie Wright and Genia Fuller, representatives of the Youth Sub-Committee of the Framingham Drug Commission appeared before the Board for the purpose of clarifying the recent publicity regarding a "rock" concert planned by their group. Mrs Wright explained they were very much concerned about this publicity inasmuch as it presented an incomplete picture of the function of their committee, thereby, creating a poor impression. She elaborated on their intent and activities, noting the rock concert planned was only one phase of their program. Basically, she said, they planned programs that were progressive and helpful, as well as discussions on current event subjects which would be of interest to many people. She noted their biggest concern was in locating a facility from where they could operate. Further discussion followed regarding their plans for the rock concert. They were cautioned to notify the Board of Health, in addition to other town departments involved, to ensure that all regulations would be observed. The Board expressed their interest and offered their assistance wherever possible.

OLD WOOD ACRES:

Paul Farrand, Sponsor of Article #44, Annual Town Meeting and Larry Fay, President of Oakcrest Garden Association appeared before the Board of Selectmen at 9:10 P.M. to inquire about the status of the purchase of Old Wood Acres II, in accord with Town Meeting action. Mr. Farrand told the Board that it was his understanding there has been some communication from Fred Pignatelli, owner of the six acre wetland site, that he was ready to accept the offer from the Town, and requested verification of same. Town Counsel, Aaron Bikofsky informed Messrs. Fay and Farrand that he had spoken with Mr. Pignatelli and it would be a fair inference that he is willing to sell the land. However, he was waiting for reports from Town Boards involved as to the value and use of the land, and also for a copy of the title deed in order to ascertain exactly what the town is buying. Mr. Bikofsky explained that although Town Meeting has authorized \$20,000 as a maximum amount, that did not mean all of the money had to be offered. Mr. Ablondi said he did not wish to rush into this inasmuch as he was assured that nothing would be built on this parcel in the foreseeable future. He was more interested in seeing if they could acquire the land for less than the \$20,000 approved by town meeting action. Mr. Farrand expressed concern that any undue delay might bring an increase in price. Mr. Ablondi reiterated he was as concerned as any of the people who live up there in buying that land, but he was also concerned about the Town's finances. He said he did not feel a delay would affect the original cost voted at Town Meeting. After further discussion, Mr. Farrand asked the Board and Town Counsel to keep them informed of any activity concerning the purchase.

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LOCAL #1156:

The Board met with Dana Burdette, Director of Personnel and Jay Gordon, Chairman of the Collective Bargaining Committee regarding ratification of the 1971 Agreement between the Town and Local #1156, Laborers International Union of North America. Review of changes in the Agreement were discussed in detail by the Board and agreed upon. Unanimously voted as follows:

"VOTED that the attached form of Agreement presented to the Board of Selectmen between the Town of Framingham and the Local No. 1156, Laborers International Union of North America, AFL-CIO, the duly recognized Collective Bargaining Representative for the unit described in said Agreement, be and hereby is accepted on behalf of the Town of Framingham and the Chairman and Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the said Agreement by and on behalf of the Town."

JOB DESCRIPTION - ASSESSORS:

A copy of the job description which was prepared by Mr. Burdette, Director of Personnel, for the position of Assessor was presented to the Selectmen for their review. No action was taken.

CO-OP STUDENT - ENGINEERING AIDE:

Upon the request of Town Engineer, James V. Merloni, the Board unanimously voted to grant him permission to appoint Jeffrey Wenzell, Co-Op student, as an Engineering Aide I at the minimum pay grade.

ST. TARCISIUS CHURCH - WAIVER OF FEE:

Upon the request of Builders Realty Corp. of Massachusetts (See letter dated June 3, 1971), the Board unanimously voted to rebate the sum of \$300.00 paid for a building permit for the construction of Saint Tarcisius Church.

PERSONNEL BOARD RESIGNATION:

The Board noted with regret the resignation of Edward F. A. Lynch as a member of the Personnel Board, effective June 1, 1971.

NOBSCOT APARTMENTS - BUILDING PERMIT:

The Board referred to Town Counsel a letter received from Mr. John B. Steacie regarding many questions he wished answered relative to the building permit issued to Mr. Gogliormella for the Nobscot Apartments. Mr. Steacie will be advised that Town Counsel's opinion will be forthcoming.

HATCH ACT - DONALD P. ZANI:

A letter received from George R. Sprague, Director of the State Department of Natural Resources under date of June 2, 1971 concerning final plans for filling of certain land at the end of Guild Road has been referred to the Engineering Department.

TAXI REGULATIONS:

A progress report on the proposed taxi regulations was given by Selectman John DelPrete. He reviewed the meeting held Friday evening, June 4, 1971 with taxi owners and Mrs. Shirley Walsh, Secretary to the Council for the Aging. Mr. DelPrete reported the business that was discussed, along with recommendations submitted, in detail. He advised that an agreement had been reached concerning rates for the elderly whereby \$.25 of the basic \$1.00 charge would be reimbursed to those elderly citizens on fixed incomes between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. only. This matter was tabled pending clarification of several other minor items.

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL:

Upon the motion of Selectman John F. DelPrete, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Joseph Fedolfi, Jr. as a member of the Human Relations Council for a term ending July 20, 1973, to replace Thomas H. Sweeney who resigned June 1, 1971.)

LELAND STREET RAILROAD CROSSING:

Selectman Ablondi reported a conversation he had with Mr. Thomas J. Potenza concerning a situation that presently exists at the Leland St. Railroad Crossing which involves the safety of the children in the area. Mr. Ablondi requested this matter be referred to the Safety Officer, urging him to contact the Railroad ^{In an effort to} resolve the problem by means of erecting a barrier at this crossing, and eliminating the standing train that is parked within the signal block which causes the bells to ring and the lights to flash without any train movement.

TRAFFIC SIGNALS - FRAMINGHAM CENTRE:

Selectman Ablondi reported the situation at Framingham Centre seems to have worsened, and as a result of the traffic control signals set up, requested the Executive Secretary to contact the Safety Officer urging that he accelerate the appointment that is now pending with the Dept. of Public Works Engineer out of Arlington, Mass. in an effort to resolve this matter.

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MACOMBER SITE ARTICLE:

John Eames, Chairman of the Land Acquisition Committee, and Elmer Goldman, Chairman of the Finance Committee appeared before the Board to discuss the Article which is being submitted in the Warrant for the June 17, 1971 Special Town Meeting for the purpose of taking a portion of the Macomber Property. Mr. Eames reported that although the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is interested in this land, they are not sure they are able to swing it financially and are currently in the process of working out arrangements with the ~~Framingham~~ First National Bank. He suggested the Article be placed in the Warrant, with the understanding that it might be withdrawn, when a clearer picture is presented of the time table from the First National Bank. Town Counsel will obtain from Mr. Chick, in writing, some indication of when they will be able to dispose of this property. Mr. Ablondi requested assurance that this would go through the normal orderly governmental procedures - allowing all Boards involved to be knowledgeable of the activity. Mr. Eames told the Board if an imminent sale is not planned, then the Town would have more time to consider the acquisition and would not necessarily have to rush it through this Town Meeting on such short notice.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

Upon a motion made by Selectman Peter Ablondi, the Board voted unanimously to open the Warrant to accept four additional articles for the Special Town Meeting which had been called for June 17, 1971. Selectman DelPrete motioned to close the Warrant immediately thereafter, and this was unanimously voted.

PUBLISHING OF WARRANT:

A formal vote was taken regarding the publishing of the Warrant in the Framingham News. Upon the motion of Selectman Ablondi, the Board voted unanimously to publish the Warrant in the Framingham News. Selectman DelPrete motioned that the Warrant should also be published in the Community Leader inasmuch as its circulation reached a great number of Framingham residents. This was voted two to one. Selectman Ablondi voted in opposition.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:30 P.M.


John F. DelPrete, Clerk