

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JULY 12, 1971

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

WARRANTS:

#68 =July 12, 1971 - Bill - \$647,199.07
#69 =July 12, 1971 - Pay Roll - \$193,483.80

LODGING HOUSE LICENSE - Georgia A. Watson, 196 Howard St.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE, Framingham Foresters #6 Bridges St. Ext. (Club Grounds) July 18, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SECOND HAND ARTICLE LICENSES:

Henry S. Fraser of 36 Simpson Dr. (business 6 Elm St.)
Richard G. Whitney, 402 Concord St. (business 620 Hollis St.).

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES:

William B. Haughey, Jr., d/b/a "Liam's", live entertainment, July 18, 1971, at 17 Edgell Rd.

OBSTRUCT STREET - Residents of Brookfield Circle, between #11 and 19 Brookfield Circle, between hours 7 p.m.-11 p.m. = block dance, July 31.

RATIFICATIONS:

Obstruct sidewalk:

Boston Edison Co., 402 Waverly St., replace st. light post, June 30 to July 29.
S. Bates, 22 Union Ave., repair awning, July 7.

STREET OBSTRUCTION-Residents of Gryzboska Circle, block party, July 4, 8 to 12 p.m.

OPEN, OCCUPY AND OBSTRUCT STREET:

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., P 58/2 Maynard Rd., place duct 1-4" fibre P. to new bldg., June 29 to July 29.
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., Cedar St. and Waverly St., clear 1plugged duct, June 30-7/8.
New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., M.H. 406 p. 22 Hollis St., place 2 ducts from manhole to pole, July 12 to July 18.
Worcester Gas Lt. Co., 40 Claflin St., relay service, June 30 to July 30.
Worcester Gas Lt. Co., cutting off existing service, bldg. to be torn down, 6/30-7/30.
Worcester Gas Lt. Co., 280 Irving St., install new 2" service, 7/8 to 8/9.
Worcester Gas Lt. Co. 132 Meadow St., install new service, 7/8 to 8/9.
Northeastern Const. Co., Inc., appr. opposite 23 State St., 7/6 to 7/8.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION:

The application of Gloria A. Bellamy, Framingham, (and others not of Framingham) for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "Massachusetts Association of Personnel Women, Inc." to be located in the Town of Burlington, was approved as far as the Framingham resident is concerned, and the Secretary of State so notified.

BUILDING INSPECTOR:

It was voted to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a permit to Clifton E. Robison for the construction of a tool shed at 362 Hollis St. with a 5' rear yard.

It was voted to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a permit to Glen G. Smith for the construction of an addition to his home at 20 Clara Rd. with a 10' side yard.

It was voted to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a permit to William L. Stoddard, Jr, for the purpose of remodelling his garage from a one car to a two car garage at 77 Fenwick St. with a 6' side yard.

It was voted to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a permit to Laurence Fogerty for the construction of an in ground swimming pool at 1345 Old Worcester Rd. with an 8' side yard.

It was voted to authorize the Building Inspector to issue a permit to Robert LeMoine for the construction of a swimming pool at 81 Saxony Rd. with a 6' rear yard.

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SIGNS:

The Board unanimously approved recommendations submitted by Sergeant Robert Foley, Safety Officer, for signs as follows:

Two present signs on Delmar Avenue be replaced as follows;

NO TRESPASSING FIRE EMERGENCY ONLY:

1. On Delmar Ave., opposite LaClede Ave.
2. On Delmar Ave., opposite LaSalle Ave.

Also a new sign for the end of Delmar Ave. denoting Town of Framingham land.

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM-NO TRESPASSING:

1. On the Telephone Pole at the end of Delmar Ave.

GO SLOW CHILDREN:

1. On Underwood Ave., 50 feet west of Hartford St.
2. On Williams St., 50 feet north of Grant St. Extension.

GO SLOW CHILDREN:

1. On Blackberry Lane 300 feet north of Millwood St.
2. On Blackberry Lane 300 feet south of Grove St.
3. On Blackberry Lane 100 feet north of Birchmeadow Circle.

PUERTO RICAN MATTER:

With Chairman John F. King presiding, the Selectmen's meeting was called to order with the following in attendance. Selectman Peter Ablondi, Town Counsel Aaron K. Bikofsky, Chief of Police, Arthur F. Martins, Donald Brown, Father Vasatora, Senator Burke, Ria McNiff, and other interested individuals. Chief Martins explained that this special meeting had been called due to the Puerto Ricans not having a place to go for recreational purposes and this situation has led to recent disturbances. Mrs. Rodriguez welcomed any and all of the Spanish speaking community to the Community Center. She indicated that dances could be held there if some of the men would assist her in moving the furniture. She also indicated that she would be willing to allow anyone use of the building provided they followed her rules, and if there was no violence.

Father Vasatora questioned the Puerto Ricans in Spanish as to what they really wanted and found it was a boxing program. Chief Martins offered the drill shed behind the police station for said purposes. The Chief indicated that he had spoken with Louis Varrichioni, Director of the Framingham Civic League, who was present at Chief Martins' request, and he had expressed his willingness to assist in the boxing program or in any other recreational program that the Spanish speaking community desires. The Puerto Ricans also indicated that they wanted a club that could serve liquor, similar to the V.F.W. The Chief stated this was impossible as there were no liquor licenses being issued at this time, and that we would have to begin with the recreational programs. Chairman King requested that Mrs. Rodriguez check with the Spanish Community to ascertain what the Community's interests are in reference to activities and to report back in two weeks. Arrangements were made with Mr. Varrichioni and Chief Martins to begin the boxing club in the drill shed the following evening.

A Mr. and Mrs. Fox and other individuals present at the meeting noted their objections that the Puerto Ricans received a meeting at their first request since they had been denied a hearing when they had requested one earlier. Chairman King objected to this inference and indicated that he had never refused a hearing to anyone. Chief Martins stated that it had been said that all the Puerto Ricans had to do was to cause a disturbance and they would get whatever they asked for. He stated that this simply was not true, that the Police Department is giving nothing away, that the Department would provide guidance but that the people would have to work for what ever they received. Mr. Reuben Columbus was voted the spokesman for the Spanish Community and will work with Chief Martins and the Selectmen in the recreation programs. Henry McKeown requested that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Chief, Father Vasatora and some other people other than the Human Relations Committee (he does not want anything to do with or any part of the Human Relations Committee) to study the need for housing for the Spanish people in other parts of the Community, as well as on the South side.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEMBER RESIGNATION:

A letter of resignation was received from William Robison of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Robison's resignation is due to his impending transfer to Virginia. Mr. Ablondi moved to accept the letter of resignation and to forward to Mr. Robison a letter thanking him for his service on behalf of the Town. The motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

Mr. Ablondi questioned whether there were individuals the Town Talent Bank listed to fill the position. Town Counsel informed the Board that the appointment must be made by an election from the two boards (Conservation and Selectmen) after written notification of the vacancy. If a letter is not received from the Board that has the vacancy, the Board of Selectmen can then fill the vacancy. Mrs. Gherna will request such a letter from the Conservation Committee.

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BEACH INCIDENTS:

William Carey, Director of Park/Recreation and Brother Wayne Paxton, Beach Supervisor informed the Selectmen that they have been having a number of problems at the local beaches during the past few weeks. The Town allots \$2,043 for equipment and thus far this year \$173.00 worth of equipment has been stolen. Life Guards have been assaulted, one quite seriously, during the previous weekend. A general discussion followed and Brother Paxton indicated that the beaches would have to be closed at 6:30 P.M., and that the Red Cross swimming lessons would be eliminated unless this situation was brought under control. He requested, and Chief Martins assured him, that the beaches would receive hourly police supervision during the day, and supervision from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M., which seems to be the most troublesome time. The Selectmen requested, and were assured, that the assault incident would be investigated and charges would be pressed against the individuals involved.

POLICE OFFICERS - LAW ENFORCEMENT COURSES:

Jay Gordon, Chairman of the Personnel Board, explained that he had requested this meeting in order to bring to the Board's attention the fact that there are police officers attending classes during working hours and still being paid full wages. He was upset at the practice and was concerned that other Departments would request the same benefits if this practice continued. He requested a decision from the Board on whether the practice will continue.

A discussion followed wherein Chief Martins informed the Board that the maximum number of men attending classes at the same time were 32. The classes are 1 hour and 40 minutes long and many of the men also attend the classes on their days off. They pay their own tuition, registration fee and for their books. Sergeant Foley indicated that he has spent \$300. this past year on schooling, and that officers must give up over-time in order to attend these classes and they are not really getting very much extra in being allowed to attend perhaps one class a week at 1 hour and 40 minutes. Chairman King congratulated the Chief on the fact that so many of the Police Officers are now attending college.

Mr. Gordon stated that some of the men are attending on their own time and the men that are attending classes while on duty should have to make up the time. The Chief stated that most of the men that are on days are there because they have chosen those hours, and that unless the other night officers were allowed to attend the classes at night, they would not be able to receive this education. The Selectmen questioned Mr. Gordon as to the Fire Chief's thoughts on this subject and were informed that he concurred with the Personnel Board's attitude regarding this. Selectman Ablondi moved that the Personnel Board and the Police Department work this out among themselves; the motion was seconded and the Board voted unanimously to follow Mr. Ablondi's suggestion.

Notation was made of a letter from the Firefighters Local #1652 informing the Board that a grievance had been filed. The Town Counsel indicated to the Board and the Personnel Chairman that this should not be handled as a grievance but should be referred to the Firefighters and Collective Bargaining to work out among themselves. The Board was informed that 16 additional people are now working for the Town of Framingham under the State or Federal Programs.

IMPROVED LIGHTING-WORCESTER ROAD:

A letter from the Assistant Town Engineer, William Fegan, requesting street lights on Route 9 from Temple Street to the Southboro Line was noted. Mr. Ablondi felt that we should take care of Framingham Center before we undertake this request. He requested that the Executive Secretary contact Mr. Barrows of Boston Edison regarding the date that they are going to complete the new lights from Framingham Center Eastward. He also wants to know why Framingham must pay for the illumination on a State highway.

PENSION BENEFITS:

Mr. John Murtagh of the Retirement Board indicated that an application had been received from the widow of Alton Bush, requesting pension benefits under Chapter 32, Section 95A. Mr. Murtagh stated that such applications have been granted by the Selectmen in the past. He also stated that the funds would total approximately \$2,000. The request would then be placed on the Warrant for the annual town meeting. Mr. Ablondi moved to grant the request, the motion was seconded and unanimously voted.

FENCE-THE BRIDAL SHOP:

Upon the request of Building Superintendent, Frederick Rousseau, the Board unanimously voted to approve the erection of a fence between The Bridal Shop and land leased by the Town, with the Town paying half the cost, or approximately \$133.00. - with several stipulations to be adhered to by the owners of The Bridal Shop.

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CONCERTS - DOWNTOWN COMMON:

Mr. Louis Varrichione, Director of the Civic League appeared in referred to a request to initiate a series of summer concerts on the Town Common. The program would run from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. one day a week from July 26, 1971 to July 30, 1971 or August 2 through 6, 1971. Mr. Ablondi questioned whether the Chamber of Commerce had been contacted and was advised that an answer is forthcoming from the Chamber. Mr. Ablondi moved to grant said request after the Chamber's answer is received. Mr. King seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor of same. Noted also was Mr. Varrichione's letter of opinion of the Youth Study Committee. Mrs. Gherna will coordinate the replies and report back to the Board.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON HOUSING - REPORT:

A progress report was noted from David Høver, Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee on Housing. Mr. Ablondi requested that copies of this report be forwarded to Ted Ward of Operation 275.

PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD - CEMENT DUST:

Correspondence from the Penn Central, Vocational-Technical School and Sanitary Officer were noted regarding the cement dust problem at the Flexi-Flo Terminal. Mr. Ablondi noted how long these letters have been arriving and would like the Board to register their very strong objections to the situation and to the prospects of their (Penn Central) relocating on Fountain Street, Framingham. Mr. King questioned the legality of all issues involved and also whether or not they are in violation of the Zoning By-Laws. Mr. Bikofsky indicated that Penn Central would have to go before the ZBA if they desire to move to Fountain Street. If there is excessive dust, etc., the Building Inspector should seek a decision so that the legality or illegality of the move would be set out and action could then be taken. August 1st was noted as to the tentative date that they intend to move to Fountain Street. It was also noted that the corporation intends to purchase filters to alleviate the problem. Mrs. Gherna will check with the Building Inspector and Mr. Cross, of Penn Central, and will request that they meet with the Selectmen at the next meeting.

RENT CONTROL STUDY COMMITTEE:

A request was noted and concurred with from Marcia Rosenberg, Chairman of the Rent Control Study Committee, to extend the study until early fall and to make their meeting a public one.

FRAMINGHAM STATE COLLEGE - BUS PROVISIONS:

The Board noted receipt of a progress report regarding provisions which are being made for bus transportation for students from the Centre to the College.

TRAFFIC LIGHTS-OLD CONNECTICUT PATH & CONCORD ST.:

A letter was noted from Sergeant Robert Foley regarding a request for traffic lights at Old Connecticut Path and Concord Street. Mr. Ablondi requested that a letter be directed to the Board of Public Works to speed up completion of this project so that we can have an answer within two weeks.

SPEED ZONES:

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Sergeant Foley regarding setting up speed zones. He advised that he has requested the Engineering Department to assist him in setting up speed zones in the Town in conjunction with the State Department of Public Works.

POLICE-CLERICAL:

The Board unanimously voted to grant approval to Police Chief Martins to hire an additional clerk in the C2 classification, as approved by vote of the Annual Town Meeting of 1971.

LIGHTING-WAVERLY AND FOUNTAIN STREETS:

The Board noted receipt of a letter from Sergeant Foley in which he advised that the lighting at the intersection of Waverly and Fountain Street is currently under study.

POLICE COMMENDATION:

It was directed that a letter be forwarded to Officer Wayne McCarthy commending him for his recent manner of action in the line of duty.

SUBDIVISION BY-LAW:

Upon the request of Selectman Ablondi, the Board will schedule a meeting with Town Counsel, Building Inspector, Planning Board and Tree Warden regarding burying trees in subdivisions.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:55 P.M.


Peter W. Ablondi, Clerk