

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FEBRUARY 11, 1974

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

WARRANTS:

#170 - February 11, 1974 - Bill - \$118,178.53
#171 - " " " - Pay Roll - \$276,585.10
#172 - " " " - Pay Roll School - \$439,944.73

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSE - Thos. J. Sullivan, 184 Arlington St.

CHANGE IN MANAGER LIQUOR LICENSE:

It was voted to grant, subject to the approval of the Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, change in manager of the Edgerock, Inc., 666 Waverly St., from Richard R. Rock, present manager, to Ronald F. Edgett, new manager, for the sale of all alcoholic beverages, as a restaurant.

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES:

Class I - Gaston Andrey of Framingham, Inc., 1800 Worcester Rd.
Class II - Mini Rental d/b/a Mini Used Cars, 742 Worcester Rd.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE & WINE LICENSE:

Class 1977 - Framingham State College, O'Connor Lounge, Framingham State College,
Feb. 13, 1974 - 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.

RATIFICATIONS:

Obstruct sidewalk Dennison Mfg. Co., Clinton St., near Bishop St., (two gate entrances, install equipment (intermittent use of sidewalk) Feb. 12, 1974 to April 12, 1974.

Open, occupy & obstruct st.:

Fantoni Co., Inc.:

Lots 181 & 182 Rickey Dr., install water & sewer services, Feb. 5, 1974 to March 4, 1974.

Vose St., at Pershing Ave., install sewer main, Feb. 6, 1974 to March 6, 1974.

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. - Edgell Rd., north of Apple D'Or Rd., locate and repair leak,
Feb. 11, to March 11, 1974.

Commonwealth Gas Co.:

Clark & Bishop St., install test leads, Feb. 8 to March 8.

61-63 Clark St., install test leads, Feb. 8 to March 8.

Sign Permit:

Wm. Hoey, Saxton Sign Co., Robert Saxton, Electrician E1051, at 158 Union Ave.

HEARING - GASOLINE STORAGE:

A public hearing was held at 7:30 P.M. in the Selectmen's Office, Room 21, Memorial Building, on the application of News Publishing Co. of Framingham for a license to use the land at 375 Cochituate Rd., Framingham for the storage of 10,000 gallons of gasoline in one underground tank, for private use - not for resale. Present were a representative of the News Publishing Co. and Fire Chief Byrne who presented a favorable recommendation. There was no opposition and the Board voted unanimously to grant the license.

SPECIAL BEER AND WINE LICENSE:

Framingham State College - Linsley Hall, Feb. 18, 1974, 8:00 P.M. to Midnight.

SIGNING OF POLICE CONTRACT:

Vote: "that the attached form of agreement presented to the Board of Selectmen between the Town of Framingham and the Framingham Police Association, duly recognized collective bargaining representatives for the unit described in the said agreement, be and hereby is accepted on behalf of the Town of Framingham, and the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the said agreement to and on behalf of the Town."

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

In accordance with recommendations submitted by Safety Officer, Sgt. Foley, it was unanimously voted to approve the installation of the following signs:

GO SLOW CHILDREN

1. On Second Street 200 feet south of Waverly St.
2. On Second Street 200 feet north of Beaver St.

SLOW DEAF CHILD - On Second Street in front of 49A and 49B Second St.

NO PARKING ANYTIME - On Gates St. both sides between Country Club Lane and Rockridge Rd.

NO PARKING ANYTIME - BETWEEN SIGNS: - On Kings Court west side from Danforth St. a distance of 100'.

PARKING CONDITIONS AT POLLS:

The Board concurred with recommendations set forth in a letter by Sgt. Foley under date of February 6, 1974 concerning parking at polls during the primaries and the election.

PERAMBULATION OF TOWN BOUNDS:

Since five years have elapsed since the Ashland and Sherborn Town Bounds were walked, the Town Engineer will be directed to make arrangements with the Selectmen's representatives in Ashland and Sherborn to walk these bounds with the Board of Selectmen or their designated representatives.

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CONFERENCE - BIG W TRANS LICENSE:

Robert Winterhalter d/b/a Big W Trans appeared before the Board to request a license under the provision of Section 1, Chapter 159A of the General Laws to operate as a common carrier for the transportation of passengers for hire by motor vehicle along certain routes in the Town of Framingham in order to provide a Shoppers Bus each Monday, as requested and sponsored by the South Middlesex Chamber of Commerce, from Chapel Hill, Waterview, Edgewater, Granada, Bayberry Hills and Lord Chesterfield Apartments, with stops at the Courthouse and Armory on Concord St. to and from downtown Framingham. Mr. Winterhalter explained to the Board that after receiving the proper local license he would petition the Department of Public Utilities for the granting of a temporary and later a permanent franchise for the operation of this service. He explained further the bus will be free to all passengers and paid for by the Downtown Promotion Council of the South Middlesex Area Chamber of Commerce. Town Counsel told the Board that he had heard from Steve Caplan of Gray Lines that afternoon in connection with Mr. Winterhalter's proposal, requesting clarification of the routes. Mr. Caplan said he was unable to be present that evening, and although he did not believe there would be any conflict, would appreciate the Board's consideration in tabling action on the matter until he has had an opportunity to see the proposed streets. Discussion followed. Peter Ablondi expressed concern that the granting of a license to Big W might have an effect on either Gray Line or Wells Fells insofar as their service in the Town. Town Counsel indicated they did not have an exclusive. John DelPrete suggested giving Mr. Winterhalter a tentative agreement until the 20th of February which would allow Mr. Caplan time enough to investigate the proposal and respond. Mr. Winterhalter explained that in order for him to implement the proposal immediately, he would have to petition the DPU within the next day or two and this tentative agreement would not allow him time enough. He explained further he would only be able to get a 60 day trial period, and assured the Board he would withhold any application for a permanent franchise until he met with the Board again. Peter Ablondi said he was in favor of the proposal, however, felt the Board should be cautious until they were assured that action by the Board would not negate a good bus service, be it with Gray Lines or Wells Fells. On the motion of John King, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the conference until Wednesday evening, February 13, 1974, at which time action would be taken. In the interim, Steve Caplan of Gray Lines will be contacted for his feelings on the proposal.

FREE PARKING - DOWNTOWN:

The Board voted unanimously to permit free parking at metered areas on Saturdays in downtown Framingham in accordance with a request of the South Middlesex Area Chamber of Commerce.

PATTON LAND APPRAISAL:

Receipt was noted of a request from Steven and Daniel Schiff for an appraisal of the 102 acres of land owned by Roger and Ruth Patton (Fiddler's Green), in order to be eligible for reimbursement by the State. Inasmuch as an opinion of value had already been authorized for this property, John DelPrete asked Town Counsel whether this would suffice for the purpose of obtaining reimbursement. Town Counsel explained that an opinion of value satisfies the law as far as eminent domain takings are concerned at town meeting. However, should town meeting vote to take the property, then a full appraisal would be necessary for reimbursement. After further discussion it was the opinion of the Board that the Town Meeting will have adequate information to make an evaluation of the property with the opinion of value which has already been authorized. In order to conserve the taxpayers dollars, it was unanimously voted to deny Messrs. Schiff's request to obtain an appraisal on the Patton property.


LIVERY LICENSE:

A request for a livery license to transport passengers to Logan Airport which was submitted by James Natichioni was tabled pending further clarification from the applicant. He will be invited in next week.

FLEA MARKET - CENTER COMMON:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a request from the Framingham Choral Society to sponsor a flea market-crafts fair at the Center Common on Memorial Day, May 30th. Due to prior commitments on Memorial Day, the Board voted unanimously to grant permission to the Framingham Choral Society to conduct the event on May 4, 1974, rather than on Memorial Day.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 P.M. and will resume on February 13, 1974 at 7:30 P.M.


John F. DelPrete, Clerk