

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN APRIL 29, 1974

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.

WARRANTS:

#206 - April 29, 1974 - Bill - \$79,815.78
#207 - " " " - Pay Roll - \$303,411.27
#208 - " " " - School Pay Roll - \$48,903.04

COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSES:

J. C. Luncheonette, 39 Hollis St.
Cape Cod Ice Cream Co., Inc., One Framingham Centre.
Seven Eleven Food Stores (7-11), 1292 Worcester Rd.

HAWKER'S PEDDLER'S LICENSE - Edward Aselbekian, 139 Woodland Rd., Southboro.

MOTOR VEHICLE CLASS II LICENSES:

Edgar Riberdy d/b/a Big Buy Auto Sales, rear 192 Irving St.
Waverly Globe Texaco, 112 Waverly St.

OBSTRUCT SIDEWALKS - Cardozo Lodge #102, Knights of Pythias, tag day, business section, May 10 and 11.

OBSTRUCT STREETS - Pheasant Hill Civic Assoc., from Lanewood St. to Stanley St. to Angelica Dr., conduct parade, June 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

RATIFICATIONS:

Obstruct sidewalk:

Jon Rotenberg for Congress Committee, 30 Union Ave., install sign, April 25.

APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION:

The application of Rosalie Blum, Quentin Sewell, Roy Doliner, Holly Rust & V. Jan Trager, all of Framingham, for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "The Danforth Players, Inc." to be located at 8 Ledgewood Rd., Framingham, was approved, and the Secretary of State so notified.

APPOINTMENTS:

A. Henry Brodeur, 174 So. Main St., Natick, was appointed a special police officer (while employed by the Denn. Mfg. Co.) for a term of one year.

The following were appointed precinct officers for a term of one year:

Precinct 5 - Inspector, Mildred Allen, 194 Beacon St.

Precinct 8B - Inspector, Margaret Mulvey, 78 Normal Hill Rd.

JURORS:

The following were drawn to serve as Jurors on June 3, at Lowell:

John L. Whelan, Chief, U.S. Army Natick Laboratories, Natick, Mass. (residence, 21 Riverview Rd.).

Mario Cannata, Sales Mgr., Sony, 8150 Vineland Ave., Sun Valley, Cal., (res. 12 Briarwood Rd.).

The following were drawn to serve as Jurors on June 3, 1974 at Cambridge:

Charles B. Reichert, Serv. Mgr., Wayland Mtrs., 247 Post Rd., Wayland, Mass. (res. 38 Riverview Rd.).

Ernest A. Borden, Jr., Electrician, Raytheon Co., 141 Spring St., Lexington, Mass., (residence, 31 Baldwin Ave.).

Elias T. Verdy, Dept. Mgr., Honeywell, Inc., Old Conn. Path, Framingham, (residence, 88 Kendall Ave.).

John Adam, Electrician, Star Electric Co., Hyde Park Ave., Hyde Park, Mass., (residence 277 Elm St.).

Gary M. Sheinfeld, Computer Spec., Hq. ESD (Tyge) Hanscom Field, Bedford, Mass., (residence 29 Sloane Drive).

James R. Grinley, Salesman, Zimmer-Walker, Warsaw, Indiana (residence, 53 Warren Rd.)

SPECIAL MALT AND WINE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Framingham State College ZZW; O'Connor Hall Lounge - May 3, 1974; 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M.

SIDEYARD VARIANCES:

It was unanimously voted to authorize the building official to issue a permit to the following persons:

Marilyn L. Morton, 126 Newbury Street, Framingham, for the construction of a tool shed, with a 3' side yd.

Leo R. Millette, 64 Greenleaf Circle, construction of a swimming pool, with a 24.7' rear yard.

Bernard Zecker, 7 Philip Rd., construction of a swimming pool, with a 15' rear yard.

James P. Mannion, 114 Fenwick St., construction of a swimming pool, with a 17' rear yard.

All applications were in order.

FUEL ADJUSTMENT CHARGE:

In support of the opposition to the Fuel Adjustment Charge by Boston Edison Co., the lights in the Selectmen's Office were extinguished for one minute.

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CONFERENCE - REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL GASOLINE STORAGE:

A conference which was requested by Richard Dew concerning the application for additional storage at the Regional Vocational School was held at 8:00 P.M. (The matter had been tabled at Mr. Dew's request in order to allow the residents of the area an opportunity to be heard). Present were Keefe Superintendent Daniel Donoghue, former Chairman of the Keefe School, William Manion and Attorney Robert Belmonte, representing the School. Also present were a number of residents who were opposed to the issuance of the license. Mr. Donoghue explained the School's position with regard to the location of the storage building and the location of the gasoline tank, and slides were shown in connection with same. He assured the group that he was conscious of their obligation to the residents and in time the area would be one they would be proud of. He elaborated on the improvements scheduled for the area; i.e. planting, lighting and ecological work, which would be done once time and weather permitted.

Many objections were raised by individual residents and summed up in a letter from Mr. Dew who was unable to be present at the meeting. The letter was read by the Executive Secretary and specifically, Mr. Dew, who expressed the sentiments of the residents, cited the following objections:

1. Proposed location - on grounds of safety, logic and economics and common sense.
2. Type of building currently under construction (claim was made that the building was not shown in the original specifications.) Damaging effect on property values.
3. Drainage problems. Mr. Dew questioned the site - noting the low elevation and high water table.
4. Purpose of the "Butler-Type" building. (Main concern was that it would house school buses which would result in a traffic/safety hazard and create a nuisance with the buses starting up early in the morning.
5. Location of the gasoline tank. Mr. Dew questioned the logic to the proposed installation of the tank on the opposite end of a large tract of land - from the several vehicle shops maintained by the School.

In his letter, Mr. Dew cited examples for each of the objections raised above, and urged the Board of Selectmen to refuse granting approval on the grounds of safety. He further requested the Board to inform the school officials of their moral obligations to hold a public hearing on such a controversial issue.

Responding to another complaint that the School had gone ahead with their plans even though the matter had been tabled, Attorney Belmonte explained that they had stopped the work on the tank, however, did proceed with the plans for the building because it was not part of the application that was before the Board. He also explained the School's position with regard to the storage building under construction; noting if any other materials, or a different location is used, the cost would be a great deal more. Countering a complaint that the Keefe School officials were misleading them concerning the existence and location of the storage shed, Attorney Belmonte noted the building was in the original specifications and they had obtained a valid building permit for the construction of the building.

Lengthy debate followed. Mr. Donoghue advised those present that the building would not house the buses, but would be used as storage primarily for the products in the various shops. He said the building would be in good taste and would not detract in any way from the over-all good design of the school. He reiterated his earlier remarks that improvements would be completed as promised, however, because of limited resources, would take some time to complete. In response to a suggestion that the building and the tank be moved to the Fountain St. side, Mr. Donoghue told them that the land did not belong to them.

In closing, John DelPrete noted his disappointment with the School Officials for going ahead and pouring the foundation of the building without listening to the residents, however, he said he had no argument with the Fire Chief's recommendation and motioned to issue approval on the application of Regional Keefe School for additional storage. John King said he would be in favor of issuing the license in accordance with the Fire Chief's recommendation, however, in this instance, and even though it was not legally before the Board, he would request the matter be referred back to the Regional School Officials to attempt to resolve the complaints of the neighbors. He motioned to this effect, stressing the School should attempt to come up with a different location that would be acceptable to the neighbors, after which he would accept the Fire Chief's recommendation. John DelPrete concurred and the matter was referred to the Keefe Vocational Officials. Peter Ablondi was absent.

NEW HIRE - ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT:

In accordance with a request from the Town Engineer, it was voted to approve the hiring of John Bertorelli as an E-5 to fill an existing vacancy in the Engineering Department. Mr. Sergeant will be instructed to follow the procedures set forth by the Personnel Department.

RENAMING OF FARLEY MIDDLE SCHOOL:

Receipt was noted of a suggestion from Mrs. Katharine L. Lott to rename the Farley Middle School on Union Ave. to honor Francis E. Riordan, former principal of the building. Mrs. Lott will be advised that consideration will be given her request at the appropriate time.

STICK UP FOR BREAKFAST DAY:

Notification was received from Dudley-Anderson-Yutzy Agency that Framingham has been chosen for Kellogg's "Stick Up For Breakfast" Day. Executive Secretary, Ralph Noonan, was directed to coordinate the program.

GRAY LINES - BIG W TRANS:

Receipt was noted of a letter from Gray Lines indicating opposition to granting of permanent license to Big W Transportation to operate a "Shoppers Bus" on Mondays in Framingham. Consideration was not given their protest because of poor past experience with Gray Lines.

GROUND ROUND - EXTENSION OF HOURS:

A request received from Howard Johnson's d/b/a Ground Round for a 1:00 A.M. closing was tabled pending further clarification.

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MASTER MEDICAL PLAN:

Recommendations were received from the Employee Insurance Advisory Committee to increase the employee benefits to Master Medical Plan. A question was raised as to whether it could be presented to Town Meeting at this time for approval. Mr. Noonan explained the proposal could be considered at the current Town Meeting if the Finance Committee was agreeable to adding it as an amendment to Article 51 for employee benefits. It was voted, on the motion of John DelPrete, to support the Insurance Advisory Committee's recommendation and the Executive Secretary was directed to contact the Finance Committee for their concurrence.

APPOINTMENT - ANIMAL INSPECTOR:

It was unanimously voted to appoint Paul Gosselin Inspector of Animals to replace Lee Berte, recently deceased. Term to expire April 1, 1975.


REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ISSUES:

Mr. Christy Maltas, Planning Director, was designated by the Board of Selectmen to be the representative of Framingham in matters dealing with State and Regional Transportation issues affecting the Town.

BOSTON GLOBE ARTICLE - POLICE DEPARTMENT:

The Board of Selectmen directed the Town Counsel and the Executive Secretary to make inquiry as to the allegations made in the evening edition of the Boston Globe dated April 29, 1974 relative to certain members of the Framingham Police Department.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.


John F. DelPrete, Clerk