

# TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

## SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

\*REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JUNE 17, 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. DeHete, Clerk, and Mr. Peter W. Ablondi.

### WARRANTS:

#228 - June 17, 1974 - Bill - \$190,965.97  
#229 - " " " - School Pay Roll - \$543,803.43  
#230 - " " " - Pay Roll - \$265,163.10

### LODGING HOUSE LICENSES:

Leatrice H. Dubeshter, 58 Clinton St.  
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Joseph Tosti, 98 Dennison Ave.

### SHOW LICENSES:

General Cinema Corp of Massachusetts d/b/a Cinema III, Shoppers' World, motion pictures, remainder of 1974 week days, 8 a.m. to 12 midnight.  
General Cinema Corp. of Massachusetts d/b/a Framingham Cinema IV, motion pictures, Shoppers' World, remainder of 1974 weekdays, 8 a.m. to 12 midnight.

### SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES:

General Cinema Corp. of Massachusetts, June 23, 1974 to June 15, 1975, inc., Shoppers' World, Framingham Cinema III & IV.

### RATIFICATIONS:

Open, occupy & obstruct st.-Commonwealth Gas Co.:  
360 Irving St., test and repair, June 12 to June 17.  
59 Beacon St., test and repair, June 12 to June 17.

### APPOINTMENTS:

The following were appointed special police officers:  
Charles T. Austin, 112 Myrtle St., Ashland (Civic League).  
Douglas A. Brown, 10 Union St., Ashland (Keefe Technical School)  
Glenn Davis, 14 Richards Rd., Southboro (Shoppers' World, Inc.)  
William J. Donahue, 3 Lincoln St., Maynard (Keefe Technical School)  
Nels Johnson, Main St., Framingham, (Shoppers' World, Inc.)  
William LaCounte, 55 Janebar Circle, Framingham, (Shoppers' World)  
Valdric k LaFrance, Interfaith Rd., Framingham, (Shoppers' World, Inc.)  
Hyman Morrison, 23 Wilmont Rd., Framingham, (Shoppers' World, Inc.)  
Frederick Plamer, 6 Anzio Rd., Framingham (Shoppers' World, Inc.)  
Nelson Warner, 30 Claflin St., Framingham (Shoppers' World, Inc.)  
Paul K. Westcott, 216 Pleasant St., Framingham (Keefe Technical School)  
Bruce Whitney, 37 Salem End Rd., Framingham (Shoppers' World, Inc.)

### PETITION:

The petition of the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. JO Boston Edison Co. in consideration of permission free of charge from the Town of Framingham, owner of the premises, P.P. Badger Rd., to New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. and Boston Edison Co. to place and maintain four poles P 313/55-32 with the necessary wires and fixtures used for the transmission of electricity and the transmission of intelligence by electricity, agree that no easement shall accrue to them by reason of the erection and maintenance of the above construction, and that they will remove said construction any time upon 90 days notice in writing from said owner, his heirs and assigns. In consideration of the foregoing agreement of the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. and Boston Edison Co., the owner of said premises hereby consents to the erection and maintenance of the above described construction.

### HEARINGS:

A public hearing was held at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Room 21, Memorial Building, on the petition of the Boston Edison Co. for the following permission: State St., approx. 390' south of Maynard Rd., a distance of about 45' - manhole and conduit. Edw. Chisholm, representing the Edison Co., was present in favor. There was no objection to the granting of the petition, and the same was granted. 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:

Edgell Rd., easterly side from proposed manhole at Water St. extending northerly approx. 50' pf conduit; Edgell Rd., easterly side from proposed manhole at Water St. extending southerly across Water St. approx. 100' of conduit; Edgell Road and Edmands Rd., easterly from proposed manhole at Water St. extending westerly across Edgell Rd. thence westerly along Edmands Rd. thence southwesterly across Edmands Rd. thence westerly again to existing pole 75/5 app. 618' of conduit and one (1) manhole. Jos. Melpignano, rep. the Tel. Co., was present in favor of the granting of the petition. There was no objection to the granting of the petition and the same was granted.

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FRAMINGHAM SCHOOL POLICE ASSOCIATION - RATIFICATION OF LABOR AGREEMENT:

Voted: "That the attached form of agreement, for Fiscal Year 1975, presented to the Board of Selectmen, between the Town of Framingham and the Framingham School Police Association, duly recognized collective bargaining representatives for the unit described in said agreement, be and hereby is accepted on behalf of the Town of Framingham and that the Chairman and the Clerk of the Board are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the said agreement for and on behalf of the Town."

CONFERENCE - HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

Members of the Human Relations Commission appeared before the Board seeking clarification and direction from the Board. Present were Chairman Radavsky and Messrs. Greenwald, Hopkins, Ferullo and Reverend Mason Wilson. Chairperson Radavsky told the Board they were not looking for reconsideration of the events of Town Meeting, but in an attempt to make the coming year a totally successful one, they wished assistance and guidance from the Board. Of prime concern was the funding for the position of a full time coordinator since the funds requested did not receive support from the Personnel Board and the Finance Committee. Reverend Mason Wilson told the Board that the salary granted them would not bring the type of person they feel is necessary to fill the qualifications of a full time Executive Secretary. He stressed the funds requested by them was the most reasonable figure they could come up with in order to carry out the mandate of the Commission. John King referred to Article 42 of the 1970 Town Meeting which created the Commission and called for a full-time coordinator with a master's degree, 3 to 5 years experience, action orientation and administrative ability. He noted the paragraph creating the position was deleted in an amendment by Town Meeting in 1970. He added that in his opinion the original article submitted was a good one and suggested the Commission resubmit the Article. Attorney Greenwald asked John King if the Board of Selectmen would sponsor again the Article submitted in 1970. John King said, speaking for himself, he would be willing to. He added, "If you have a human relations by-law that is just a piece of paper and you don't execute its terms it's useless." Selectman Ablondi said he was in favor of the Commission, however, as previously stated, was cautious about spending any more of the taxpayers money. He said he wanted to be consistent with his November stand for austerity and pointed out it was the feeling at Town Meeting that this stand should prevail because the 1970 vote had been repeated at the recent Town Meeting, indicating the Town isn't ready for the position requested by the Commission. Attorney Greenwald pointed out that needs had changed since 1970, making it, therefore, two totally different situations. He also expressed disappointment that the needs of the Commission did not receive enough encouragement from other town agencies to encourage the Town Meeting to vote affirmatively. Reverend Wilson pointed out that there is only about \$1500. difference between the salary they were looking for (\$11,500) and the top step of S-6 (approximately \$10,000) and he urged the Board's support. John DelPrete said he was not against the Commission, however, he was worried about duplication of effort between the Commission and the State and Federal Agencies. He agreed, however, that he would support a majority rule of the Board regarding resubmittal. Attorney Greenwald explained that a representative of the Mass. Commission against Discrimination had told him that local Human Relations Commissions are a necessity because of their heavy caseload. He explained further that they supplement other agencies and help in a number of areas. After further discussion John King motioned to support the resubmission of the By-Law. He noted that the salary schedule, however, will have to be worked out with the Personnel Board and the Finance Committee. Unanimously voted.

Attorney Greenwald, because of the time element, asked if they would allow the Article to be included in the next Special. John King explained that the purpose of a Special Town Meeting is to act on those Articles of an emergency nature. He said if their Board determined that it was an emergency the Board would take it under consideration, however, he cautioned that too many Special Town Meetings are the fastest way to destroy town government.

WALK FOR SAFETY DAY:

Lois Ward, President of the Crossing Guard Association, expressed objection to a "letter to the Editor" in Monday's News which criticized the guards for not volunteering their services in connection with the Walk For Safety Day. The "letter" was in response to comments made by School Administrative Assistant Philip Doherty which indicated that the guards would not volunteer. Mrs. Ward said the guards had not been polled before the statement was made. Safety Officer Foley said that of the 48 guards polled only six could not work on the Saturday for which the program was scheduled due to other commitments. He said that 31 of the guards preferred scheduling the "Walk" during the week when traffic conditions would be those normally encountered by the walking students. Mr. Doherty was present and explained that the weekday schedule could present a hardship to working parents which was a prime reason for considering Saturday, however, he felt something could be worked out. Selectman DelPrete motioned to bring the subject of the Walk for Safety and its scheduling back to the School Committee. Unanimously voted.

DANFORTH STREET BRIDGE:

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter from Safety Officer Robert Foley who reported that a recent accident on the Danforth Street Bridge had pushed the walkway off its foundation making the bridge extremely unsafe. In addition, he noted that the rails of the bridge are weak and supports for the pedestrian platform are rusted. Sergeant Foley told the Board that if guard rails are not put up and all the planks are not replaced he would strongly recommend the Bridge be closed. A number of residents of the area were present to express their concern over the conditions of the bridge. A resident noted that the Department of Public Works had replaced some planking but they were untreated and will rot as fast as the others have. Town Engineer, Fred Sergeant, said he had inspected the bridge and found that it was safe for vehicular traffic, however, he would agree that some of the planking needs replacement. John King pointed out that Town Meeting had approved \$80,000 in construction money for the Danforth and Main Street bridges and bids for reconstruction of the bridge will go out next February. He said he had discussed this with Director of Public Works who said he would submit a recommendation next week after he has had an opportunity to investigate the availability of funds. Responding to a question raised by Mr. Ablondi as to the immediate necessity of closing the bridge, Sergeant Foley said he would not wait much longer, however, because the bridge was inspected six weeks ago, he thought the problem could wait one week for Mr. Silva's recommendation. In the interim, John King directed Sgt. Foley to arrange for a police officer to be stationed at the bridge for a week due to the hazardous conditions. The matter was tabled until next week.

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DOG COMPLAINT:

Complaints were received by residents of Eden St., Warren Road, Day Hill Road and Union Ave. concerning a husky dog owned by Everett Kouffman of Garden City Realty who has attacked and killed several dogs. Two residents were present to corroborate the registered complaints, noting the owner, who has been made aware of their concern on numerous occasions, has chosen to disregard their complaints. Dog Officer, Paul Gosselin confirmed that the dog had previously chewed other dogs on two occasions. He said he has spoken to the owner previously regarding this problem and has received some cooperation from him, although on a temporary basis. Peter Ablondi expressed a great deal of concern over the flagrant disregard of the leash law. He warned that he would personally see that the leash law was enforced because he intended taking stringent measures for those persons who violate the law. It was voted, after further discussion, to schedule a hearing next Monday night with the owner of the husky. In the interim, Paul Gosselin was directed to request the dog owner to restrain the dog until the hearing is held.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

On the recommendation of Sergeant Robert Foley, Safety Officer, it was unanimously voted to approve the installation of the following signs:

GO SLOW CHILDREN - On Maynar Rd. east side 100 feet north of Pleasant St.  
On Maynard Rd. west side 100 feet south of Grove St.

DAIRY QUEEN

As a result of many complaints received by Peter Ablondi concerning vandalism and rowdiness in the vicinity of the Dairy Queen on Union Avenue, the Executive Secretary was directed to request the Police Chief to increase the police patrols in that area during the late hours of operation.

BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENTS (BOCA CODE):

The following persons were unanimously appointed a member of the Board of Appeals as provided in the BOCA Code:

James Otey - for a term of five years  
Norman H. Hayes, Jr. - for a term of five years  
Bruce Yeamans - Associate Member - for a term of five years.

GASOLINE ADMINISTRATIVE BULLETIN #2

Administrative Instructions --- No. 2, concerning Licenses For Land For Inflammable Materials which was submitted to the Board for review was accepted by the Board with several minor changes indicated. The Changes will be incorporated and new instructions will be prepared.

FLEXI-FLO OPERATION:

The status of Flexi-Flo operation was discussed. In connection with same a letter was received from the Building Official reporting on his investigation of the cement transfer operations, and suggesting that the only department or board which can stop the cement transfer operation is the Board of Health. Town Counsel advised that he had requested an investigation and report of findings from the Board of Health but has no response as yet. John King directed the Executive Secretary to schedule a meeting with the Board of Health for next Monday night for the purpose of obtaining answers to unanswered questions.

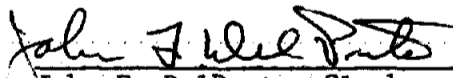
SUMMER SCHEDULE:

The following summer schedule of Selectmen's meetings were voted as follows:

June 24, July 8, 22 and August 5, 19, 1974.

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE - Framingham Auto Sales, 1200 Worcester Rd., Class I

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 P.M.

  
John F. DelPrete, Clerk