

# TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

## SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

\*REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOVEMBER 11, 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, and Mr. Peter W. Ablondi.

### WARRANTS:

#53 - Nov. 11, 1974 - Bill - \$208,755.46  
#54 - " " " - Pay Roll - \$1,010,778.64  
#55 - " " " - School Pay Roll - \$65,625.84

MOTOR VEHICLE CLASS I LICENSE - Ullian Buick, Inc., 500 Worcester Rd.

MOTOR VEHICLE CLASS III LICENSE - J. M. Sheehy-Re-Newed Volkswagens, rear 18 Cochituate Rd.

SHOW LICENSE = Framingham Rotary Club, Musical Performance by "UP WITH PEOPLE", at Framingham North High School Auditorium, Aril 4, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., April 5, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and 8 p.m to 11 p.m.

SECOND HAND ARTICLE LICENSE - Susan R. Lewis, at 650A Waverly St.

### RATIFICATIONS:

Open, occupy and obstruct street-Commonwealth Gas Co.:

Western Ave., near Loring Dr., test and repair existing gas pipes, Nov. 5 to 30.

Western Ave., @ G.M. Plant, test and repair existing gas pipes, Nov. 5 to 30.

Western Ave., @ Pole 342/8-test and repair existing gas pipes, Nov. 5 to 30.

95 Edmands Rd., install gas line, Nov. 11 to Dec. 11.

Open, occupy & obstruct street - Karl L. Hanner, 577 Brook St., install sewer line Nov. 6 to 18.

### APPOINTMENT OF PRECINCT OFFICER -

Anne Stevenson, 7 Angela Rd., was appointed an Inspector in Precinct 2, for a term of one year.

### APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION:

The application of John M. Grenon, James J. Papa, John Hussey, all of Framingham, for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS FRAM - INGHAM CHAPTER NO. 126, INC." to be located at 45 Beulah St., Framingham, was approved, and the Secretary of State so notified.

The application of Joseph D. D'Angeli, Framingham, for a certificate of incorporation under the name of "New England Design Drafting Managers Association, Inc." to be located in the City of Peabody, was approved as far as the Framingham resident is concerned, and the Secretary of State so notified.

### VARIANCE:

It was unanimously voted to authorize the Building Official to issue a permit to Dr. George Willis, 1103 Grove St. for the purpose of re-erecting a barn, with a 6' side yard and a 30' rear yard.

### SPECIAL BEER AND WINE LICENSE:

Granted a license to Kappa Delta Phi - Framingham State College - November 15, 1974 - 8:00-12:00 P.M.

### LIQUOR EXTENSION:

Request of Holiday Inn for 2:00 A.M. closing on Friday evenings was granted for the remainder of 1974.

### DEADLINE - FILING OF LEGISLATION:

Receipt was noted of a letter from Representative Louis R. Nickinello advising the deadline to file legislation in the Mass. General Court for the 1975 legislative year is Wednesday, December 4, 1974.

### STREET NAME CHANGE:

Request of Hugo Giargiari of Framingham Liquors for consideration of change of name of Marble St. to Waverly Drive was discussed briefly. Town Counsel advised the Board that if they were going to entertain this request, recommendations should be solicited from the Board of Assessors, Planning Board, Fire Chief, and Police Chief. Mr. Ablondi motioned to grant the request with Town Counsel's concurrence, however, Chairman King said he felt there were too many Waverly extensions and unless there is a compelling reason, the matter should not be considered. Town Counsel was directed to review the request and submit his recommendations.

### YOUTH COMMISSION RESIGNATION:

Receipt was noted of a resignation from Dr. Luke Tedeschi as a member of the Youth Commission. Dr. Tedeschi will be advised that before a replacement can be appointed it will be necessary for him to file his resignation with the Town Clerk.

### HISTORICAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT:

Receipt was noted of a letter from the Historical Commission suggesting that Mrs. Ralph A. Maish, Jr. and John Crane be appointed as members. The matter was tabled and will be placed on the agenda next week pending clarification from Town Counsel with regard to the Commission membership.

### BOYD HOUSE (SAXONVILLE):

Town Counsel informed the Board that the Boyd House in Saxonville (scheduled for demolition) will be included by the Permanent School Building Construction Committee in their specifications for demolition.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES:  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY BY-LAW:

The Articles being presented to the November 12th Special Town Meeting were reviewed by the Board. Discussion followed on the changes proposed in the Executive Secretary By-Law. Town Counsel reviewed the differences between the proposed Executive By-Law (which will strengthen the town's position) and the existing By-Law. Selectman Ablondi said he was opposed to the provision in the new by-law giving Town Meeting "advise and consent" over hiring and firing the person who fills the position. John DelPrete agreed, stating he also was not in favor the "advise and consent" provision because it would be difficult to serve two masters. He noted that the Board based their decisions on what is right for the Town whereas Town Meeting is based on emotionalism, or based on committee reports which come from a minority of the committee. Chairman John King also opposed the provision, however, added that he had the greatest respect for town meeting and if they adopt the article the Board would try and make it work to the best of their ability. All three Selectmen, as well as the Executive Secretary, agreed that the position should be strengthened, however, and duties more clearly spelled out - as well as qualifications of the person who will fill the position. It was suggested that the Article as it stands now should be amended to:

1. Delete the provision giving Town Meeting "Advise and Consent" powers over Selectmen hiring and firing of an Executive Administrator.
2. Delete the residency requirement; and
3. Retain the provision giving the Executive Secretary the power to reorganize or consolidate departments or offices under his supervision with the Selectmen's consent.

Parker and Bates Road Water Tank - In connection with the Article for the water tank at Parker and Bates Road, Finance Committee Chairman Jay Gordon alerted the Board that it was possible that the tank would have to go out for bid again because only one bid had been received and it was felt that it was not good practice to accept only one bid. He explained further that no decision had been reached as yet, however, because there was some question as to whether inflation would make a delay too costly.

Operation 275 - Special Town Meeting:

A request from Planning Director Christy Maltas several weeks ago for a Special Town Meeting limited only to the Operation 275 item was also discussed briefly. John King suggested waiting until after the public hearing on Operation 275 before setting a date and the remaining members of the Board agreed.

OLD CONNECTICUT PATH:

In light of a recent fatal accident on Old Connecticut Path, north side of the Massachusetts Turnpike overpass, recommendations were received from Sergeant Foley that a guard rail be erected on the east side of Old Connecticut Path, and grooving the bridge to allow vehicles better gripping on the surface. He also suggested that the Board ask the Board of Public Works to investigate the availability of a machine from the State Department of Public Works to test friction on the bridge surface. At the request of the Board of Selectmen, Police Chief Martins, Police Lt. Harrington, Safety Officer Foley and Town Engineer Fred Sergeant were present to discuss positive steps to make Old Connecticut Path safer at this location. In connection with same, a telephone call received from a resident of the area, together with a letter received from another resident urging positive corrective action, were reported to the Board. Police Chief Martins reported that the morning after the accident he had contacted the Town Engineer to study and submit recommendations. Accordingly, Town Engineer recommended for immediate implementation that a fog line be painted approximately 1' off the curve line. He also recommended that the road be elevated on its east side, pointing out, however, that this is a long-range project. A number of other suggestions were presented by several residents of the area; (Mrs. Ruth Hickey, Mrs. Kathy Maguire and Arthur Alpert) to correct the safety hazard at the Old Connecticut Path Bridge over the Mass. Turnpike. After much more discussion, the following recommendations were endorsed by the Board of Selectmen and will be channeled to the Town Engineer and the Department of Public Works for immediate action where possible.

1. Paint fog strip.
2. Install Signs: "Caution"; "Slippery When Wet".
3. Place sand barrels in front of pole.
4. Install Guard Rail
5. Increase street lighting. (Town Engineer to study).
6. Request Toll Road Authority to install lights on Bridge.
7. Ask Utility Companies to relocate poles to opposite side of street.
8. Request the Utility Companies to consider removing the overhead wires and placing them underground.
9. Reconstructing the approaches to the Bridge.
10. Review road elevations in the vicinity of the Bridge. (Town Engineer to study).

The Board of Selectmen directed the Town Engineer to submit a progress report at their next meeting.

APPRAISALS - LAND TAKINGS:

Town Counsel Aaron Bikofsky recommended to the Board that in the future the Town should get two appraisals at all land takings.

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL (FY 76):

As a result of a letter received from the Finance Committee regarding their position on requests for additional personnel for FY 76, Finance Committee Chairman Jay Gordon, Representatives of the Personnel Board and Director of Personnel, Dana Burdette, appeared before the Board to determine the Town's policy in the matter of new personnel requests. Jay Gordon told the Board that the Finance Committee is suggesting a hiring freeze on new town positions, unless they can be filled under Title II federal funds. He stressed that the town can't afford new permanent positions - the slowdown in construction within the area being the cause. John DelPrete said he was dismayed to learn that the Department Heads (under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen) were appearing before the Personnel Board with these requests. He agreed with the position the Finance Committee had taken; stating he felt strongly that because there is no new

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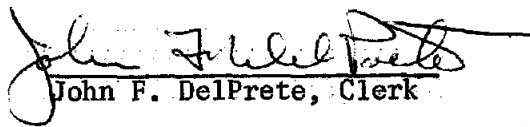
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ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL (CONT'D.):

business or construction, plus additional programs mandated by the State and Federal governments on the Town, and inflation, the town has to tighten its belt. Peter Ablondi said he was also disturbed to read about personnel board hearings in the paper before he knew anything about them. Personnel Board Member, Elizabeth Harney, said the hearings have been past procedure and she questioned when this was not considered so. She pointed out that each year the Personnel Board routinely interviews department heads to hear their personnel requests and makes their recommendations to the Finance Committee and Selectmen. Dana Burdette told the Board that town department heads have applied for 60 Title II jobs, however, there is only funding for 51 positions. These jobs, however, are in addition to other requests for new permanent positions, and upgrading of some current positions. Mr. Gordon said the Town cannot afford new positions; explaining that because of the escalating costs, the tax rate may be increased by \$5.00 to \$15.00. He suggested the Personnel Board, Selectmen and Finance Committee should establish a policy limiting new jobs. John King suggested filling what jobs it could under Title II. He emphasized, however, that it should be completely understood by everyone that the positions will be filled only as long as there is funding, and under no circumstances would the Town pick up these positions when the Federal funds are depleted. He did add that as permanent jobs become available, and if those persons employed under Title II meet the qualifications, they will be given consideration. The Board was concerned specifically with federally funded/state funded programs where funds run out and the town is left to fund the position. Mr. DelPrete complained further that even if the Board oppose the town taking over payments for a federal or state position, supporters of the positions can get support for it from town meeting. After further discussion, Selectman Ablondi suggested improved liaison with the Personnel Board, noting his disturbance that - in one particular instance - the Building Official had made the same request for new employees to the Personnel Board as he had to the Selectmen. Miss Harney pointed out to the Board that they would have to look at some of the requests for upgrading - only because of several inequities. In conclusion, Dana Burdette asked the Board to grant permission to him to submit a list of 60 positions to be filled with Title II monies to the Marlborough Regional Office even though there was not enough money allocated for FY 74-75 because the figure was not necessarily firm (\$340,000 - \$350,000) and additional funds might become available. (The 60 positions would require \$390,000). He explained further that the deadline for submission of applications was the next day and he wished to be covered for the 60 positions in the event additional funds become available. The Board granted permission for submission of applications for the 60 positions. It was also voted, on the motion of John King, that Department heads clear before the Executive Secretary before they go to the Personnel Board with their personnel requests.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:30 P.M.

  
John F. DelPrete, Clerk