

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN NOVEMBER 25, 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:

#59 - Nov. 25, 1974 - Bill - \$707,120.36
#60 - " - School Pay Roll - \$64,249.23
#61 - " - Pay Roll - \$439,471.27

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE - Connery's Inn, Inc., 100-104 Irving St., Oct. 27, 1974 to Oct. 29, 1975, juke box.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSES:

Class of 1977 Framingham State College, O'Connor Lounge, State College, Dec. 6, 8 p.m. to 12 p.m.
Democratic Legislators Committee - at Marist Seminary, Nov. 30, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

RATIFICATIONS:

Open, occupy & obstruct st.-Commonwealth Gas Co.:

1333 Concord St., test & repair existing gas pipes, Nov. 20 to Dec. 9.
Maynard Rd., 150 ft. west of State St., test & repair existing gas pipes, Nov. 20 to Dec. 9.

Western Ave., (Pole #17 to Pole #29), existing main in very poor condition, Nov. 21, 1974 to Jan. 20, 1975.

Open, occupy & obstruct st.:

M.H. Cohen Const. Co., Inc., 326 Union Ave., construct and connect a drain manhole, Nov. 19 to Dec. 10.
R. W. LeBaron, corner Union Ave. & Mt. Wayte Ave., install traffic signal duct, Nov. 22 to Dec. 23.
R. W. LeBaron, cor. Bishop St. & Arthur St., install traffic signal duct, Nov. 22 to Dec. 23.
R. W. LeBaron, cor. Grant & Clark Sts., install traffic signal duct, Nov. 22 to 12/23.

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS:

The following were appointed special police officers for a term to expire with the termination of their employment with Shoppers' World:

Richard J. Donovan, Jr., 20 Lookout Ave., Natick.

Wm. T. Foley, 90 Newbury St.

The following were appointed special police officers for a term to expire with the termination of their employment with the Department of Building Inspection:

George M. Seeley, 34 Knight Rd.

Primo J. Rizoli, 94 Pond St.

John J. Liberatore, 47 Berry St.

The following was appointed a special police officer for a term to expire with the termination of his employment with the Framingham Highway Dept.:

Clayton W. Steele, 215 Edgewater Dr.

The following was appointed a special police officer for a term to expire with the employment with the Sewer Dept.:

Harvey Grant, Jr., 40 Willis Ave.

The following was appointed a special police officer for a term of one year:

Jacob J. Berenson, 19 Donna Rd.

JURORS:

The following were drawn to serve as jurors by the Board of Selectmen on Jan. 6, 1975:

1. Condo, Spurgeon K., Manager, Denn. Mfg. Co., (10 Queens Way, residence).
2. Stein, Rhoda P., Gen. Clerk, Honeywell, Inc., Old Conn. Path, Framingham, (27 Briarwood Rd., residence).
2. Clark, Robert B., Electronics Technician, Raytheon, 528 Boston Post Rd., Sudbury, (residence, 53 Roundtop Rd.).
2. Shepherd, Ernest R., Mechanic, Mystic Motor Transp., 35 Bow St., Everett, (residence, 41 Anderson Rd.).
2. Anastas, James J., Operations Mgr., Banking, Nat'l Shawmut Bank, 40 Water St., Boston, (residence, 1 August Dr.).
2. Gibbs, Howard W., Inventory Control, Seas Roebuck, Natick, (63 Prior Dr., residence).
2. Kalloch, James B., Civil Eng., Mass. Dept. Public Works, 100 Nashua St., Boston, (residence, 30 Brookfield Circle).
2. Hensel, Nancy J. Housewife, 58 Oakvale Rd., (residence).
2. Davis, Herbert K., Mgr., Traffic Admin., Honeywell, Inc., 1400 Soldiers Field Rd., Brighton, (residence, 3 Angela Dr.).

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JURORS-cont.:

3. Lane, Arthur L., Bus Driver, MBTA, 500 Arborway, Jamaica Plain (residence, 28 Harrington Rd.).
3. Ramsland, Robert T., Ins. Adjuster, All State Ins., Weston, (residence, 9 Fairbrook Rd.
3. Magazine, Bertram, Store Owner, Magazine's Market, 1696 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton, (residence, 14 Clara Rd.).

1. Grand Jury, Cambridge.
2. Jury Pool, Cambridge.
3. Jury Pool, Lowell.

HEARINGS:

A public hearing was held at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Rm. 21, Memorial Bldg., on the petition of the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. JO Boston Edison Co. for the following permission: Harrison St., northerly side, approx. 50' west of Harrison Pl., one JO hip guy and anchor; Harrison St., northerly side and approx. 554' west of Harrison Pl., one JO hip guy and anchor. Mr. Chisholm, representing the Edison Co., appeared in favor. Rodolfo DiMatteo, an abutter, appeared seeking clarification. There was no objection, and the petition was granted.

A public hearing was held at 8 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Rm. 21, Memorial Bldg., on the petition of the New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. JO Boston Edison Co. for the following permission: Concord St., westerly side, opp. School St., one hip guy and anchor. Mr. Chisholm, representing the Edison Co., appeared in favor, and there was no opposition. The Board voted to grant the same.

A public hearing was held at 8:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office, Rm. 21, Memorial Building, on the application of Sure Oil & Chemical Corporation for a license to use the land at 1826 Worcester Rd., for the storage of 10,000 additional gallons of gasoline, in one underground tank, (making a total of 40,000 gallons). A representative of the applicant was present in favor. Fire Chief Byrne was also present in favor. Return receipt cards were received from all abutters except for one, however, Sure Oil Representative told the Board he had a record of the notice being mailed. There was no opposition and the Board voted to grant same on the condition that all requirements set forth in a ZBA decision in connection with the applicant were met.

275th ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE:

A Coin commemorating the 275th Anniversary was presented to the Board of Selectmen by the Anniversary Committee.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:-

Members of the Human Relations Commission appeared before the Board to request an upgrading of the Executive Assistant position to that of Executive Director. Present were Chairman Barbara Radovsky, The Commission Assistant, William Gottesman; Reverend Mason Wilson, Jim Donovan, Sal Farias and Estelle Peterson. Mrs. Radovsky explained that they were looking for the Board's support before they appeared before the Personnel Board with their FY76 budget requests - specifically, for the upgrading of their assistant to Executive Director (S-13/1) at an annual salary of \$12,195, which is an increase of \$1800. over his present salary. She detailed his qualifications, ability and work performance and informed the Board that he was presently underpaid and under-recognized. She told the Board the Commission did not feel, knowing his qualifications and ability, that the inequity of his present salary should continue to exist. Peter Ablondi said he was amazed that a request was being made to upgrade an employee who was with the town for less than three months. He said "If we jump an employee's salary up several grades, what's going to happen to the rest of the payroll structure - every department in the building would be asking for increases". He also said it appeared to him that Mr. Gottesman might have been promised a higher salary when he was hired and, if so, that was unfortunate. John DelPrete also pointed out that when the position was advertised the duties and salary were clearly spelled out. He noted "here we are twelve weeks later and you are asking for an \$1800. jump". He pointed out there were many employees in the Town who would look for the same treatment and he could not in good conscience support this request. He pointed to collective bargaining, noting that a request of this nature would have to go through that channel. Reverend Mason Wilson and Jim Donovan supported Mrs. Radovsky's remarks. Mr. Donovan pointed out he was hired as an executive assistant, however, he is the executive director. He explained they were asking the Board to correct an inequity, adding they were asking the upgrading of the position, not a salary raise for Mr. Gottesman. Reverend Wilson pointed out that the Commission has been asking this for four years. He said if other departments complain, you can tell them you're merely bringing this position up to their level. He said they have been attempting to upgrade the commission to the same level as other human service groups and urged the Board to support them before they appeared before the Personnel Board, Finance Committee and Town Meeting. Mrs. Radovsky reminded the Board that the Commission had asked for the Board's support last May after Town Meeting had turned down funds for an Executive Director. She pointed out that if they went to the Personnel Board without the Board's support it is unlikely they would honor their request. Mrs. Radovsky told the Board the Commission received their support last May and they were asking the Board to honor it. John DelPrete said he had the utmost respect for the Commission, however, he was very much concerned with the tax structure. He said the Selectmen have to face the cold, hard facts of dollars and cents, and with no new funds coming in, increased assessments from the State, Chapter 766, etc., he was forced to take a strong position. Mr. Ablondi also said he had no quarrel with the Commission or Mr. Gottesman, however, he did have a quarrel with the procedure.

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HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (CONT'D.):

He emphasized that he was hired as an Assistant and if he was hired with the wrong impression then they would have to consult with the Personnel Board. Mrs. Radavsky told the Board that it was their understanding that they were to appear before the Board of Selectmen with their requests before going to the Personnel Board. She reiterated that they expected the Board's support in light of their previous meeting, and if they go to the Personnel Board without it, it will go against them. She also explained that the raise, if approved, would begin next July, after Mr. Gottesman had been on the job for nearly a year.

John King told the group that he sympathized with them. He reviewed the Article creating the Commission in 1970 and added that it was typical of many of the articles that are adopted at Town Meeting Floor and at the State level wherein goals are established with no tools to carry them out. He agreed with their desire to professionalize the Human Relations Commission - noting the only way to do it is to hire a professional and pay him a professional salary - however, he also was concerned about upsetting the pay scale. By the same token, he added, he did not want to throw cold water on their request and said he would present their case for upgrading their executive assistant to an executive director to the Personnel Board and the Finance Committee.

The Human Relations Commission also asked the Board to support their request for a full time secretary, to be paid by either Title II funds or Secretarial Pool Funds. The Board unanimously supported this request.

CONFERENCE - SMOC ACTIVITIES:

The Board conferred with Paul Houlihan, Executive Director of the South Middlesex Opportunity Council and John Kahn, Selectmen's representative on the SMOC Board of Directors regarding SMOC activities in the Framingham area. Specifically, the Board had requested an updating on:

Programs-Service provided; Budgets-Source of Funding; Staffing; Salaries; Town Department Participation, etc.

Paul Houlihan detailed the numerous SMOC programs and the funds acquired and involved. Responding to a question raised by John King, he also presented a break down of state aid received. A list of the programs provided by the Council, together with a table of organization was presented to the Board. An evaluation of the on-going programs, budgets and future plans were also discussed. John Kahn commended Paul Houlihan on his performance as Executive Director and told the Board he was very impressed with the efficiency of the organization. Peter Ablondi asked if there were any truth to the rumor that some elderly in the Town are eating dog food. Mr. Houlihan said some people had reported this. Mr. Ablondi expressed shock and asked what could be done to prevent this. Mr. Houlihan asked what alternative they had. He said bottlenecks in food stamp delivery caused by bureaucracy have been a contributing factor. He advised that SMOC and other individuals and agencies are trying to get additional personnel assigned throughout the State to break the bottleneck, however, this still takes time. He noted that another problem is monthly rents that consume up to 75% of some elderly people's incomes. John Kahn commented on two other problem areas. He told the Board that there was a need for better coordination between Town Boards, and a need for better inspection of low income housing. He asked whether the Building Department had any plans to add to that department. Chairman King said he had talked with Building Official George Seeley and has learned that he plans to hire a Spanish-speaking inspector. In addition, he said Mr. Seeley has asked for two other building inspectors to handle the added town workload when Framingham comes under the State Building Code. Dan Murphy of the Framingham Housing Authority advised that the Authority had voted to hire a building inspector to work under the Inspection Department of Framingham to work on this program only and to be paid for under Title II. John Kahn emphasized that it really was a matter of priorities in the Building Department. After further discussion, Chairman King said he would set up a hearing between SMOC and the Building Department to review the housing inspection problem. He commended Mr. Houlihan for his comprehensive, enlightening report, and extended the Board's appreciation for their outstanding work.

OPERATION 275:

Following a public hearing/^{held} last week, discussion was reopened on the request of Planning Director, Christy Maltas, for a Special Town Meeting date to act on Operation 275. Selectman Ablondi spoke strongly for Operation 275 and suggested the second week in January to hear Operation 275 only. Jay Gordon, Chairman of the Finance Committee, pointed out that the School Committee will be calling a Special Town Meeting early in February to ask authorization for plans and specifications for renovation and expansion of the Saxonville School, and where the Finance Committee was still in the process of investigating Op. 275, he suggested deferring the Article until the February Special Meeting. He emphasized that the Finance Committee was far from negative about the plans, and was in agreement that it should be considered at an early date, however, since they still had some questions, they would prefer to complete their investigation. Richard Cote, Planning Board Member, was present and said although he was not authorized to speak for the Planning Board, he was in favor of the proposal as it stands. John DelPrete suggested deferring the Op. 275 Article until the Feb. Special and combining it with the School Committee Article. He said he did not feel a two or three weeks wait would make too much difference. He also said he was enthused about the viable plan although there are some drawbacks, however, he indicated these could be worked out. John King complimented Mr. Maltas on the work he's done and agreed that the time has come to ask Town Meeting to decide. He noted that a two-thirds vote of town meeting members was needed to pass Op. 275, and said it is up to those of us who are committed to the project to sell it to Town Meeting members. After further discussion, and on the motion of Selectman Ablondi, the Board unanimously voted to support Op. 275 and set a tentative Special Town Meeting date of February 4, 1975.

It was later voted to schedule two Special Town Meetings on Tuesday, February 4, 1975 - one of which will be held at 7:30 P.M. and the second scheduled for 7:45 P.M. (See December 2, 1974 Selectmen's Meeting).

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

In accordance with a request of Dennison Mfg. Co., and on the recommendation of Safety Officer Sgt. Foley, it was unanimously voted to approve the installation of the following sign:

NO PARKING BETWEEN SIGNS - On Grant St. from Clinton St. to Howard St. east side.

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SALEM END ROAD - SALEM END LANE (SIGHT DISTANCE):

In accordance with recommendations received from the Safety Officer Foley, it was voted to request the Tree Warden to remove the tree trunk which is obstructing the view at the intersection of Salem End Rd. and Salem End Lane. As a result of a guy wire attached to the tree, Mr. Ralston will also be asked to coordinate the removal action with the New England Telephone Co. The practice of attaching guy wires to trees by the Utility Companies was discussed - and because of the hazards found with this practice, it was voted to inform the New England Telephone Company that effective immediately no guy wires are to be attached to trees. John King abstained from voting.

DOWNTOWN TREE PLANTING:

Action was tabled in connection with a letter received from the Department of Public Works regarding planting of trees in the downtown shopping area at the request of Public Works Commissioner Giargiari

PARK AVENUE:

Discussion was tabled on a report furnished by the Town Engineer regarding Park Avenue pending additional information from the Safety Officer.

LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST:

A request from Vernon Butler of the Center Food Mart for a full liquor license was noted. Peter Ablondi motioned to hear the request, however, John DelPrete motioned to note receipt because he was not in favor of any changes at this time. John King seconded Mr. DelPrete's motion. Mr. King also directed Mrs. Gherna to find out what the status of liquor licenses are in Framingham.

LIQUOR LICENSE FEES:

It was unanimously voted to retain the same fees for liquor licenses as charged in 1974. In connection with same, Selectman Ablondi asked the Executive Secretary to prepare an exhaustive report on the matter for next year in order to establish how much added revenue will come in as a result of raised license fees.

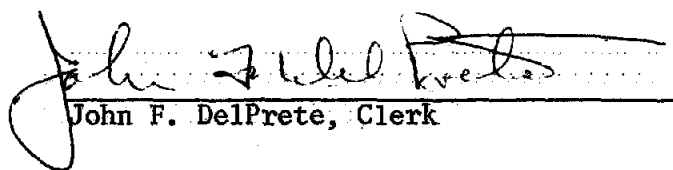
LIQUOR HOURS - 2:00 A.M. CLOSING:

No action was taken on requests for continuation of a 2:00 A.M. closing. The matter was tabled on the suggestion of John King pending receipt of recommendations from the Police Chief.

HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:

On the motion of Selectman DelPrete, it was unanimously voted to appoint Louis F. Griffith as a member of the Human Relations Commission, for a term to expire April 30, 1975. (Mr. Griffith replaces Mr. Fred A. West, recently resigned member).

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:00 P.M.


John F. DelPrete, Clerk