

**TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM**  
**SELECTMEN'S RECORDS**

\*REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MAY 25, 1976\*

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:

#127 - May 24, 1976 - Bill - \$648,682.72  
#128 - " - Pay Roll - \$486,716.16

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSES:

John Cella, 28 Bridges St. (res.), 641 Waverly St. (bus.).  
Leonard Doliner, 1341 Old Worcester Rd. (res.), 262 Hollis St. (bus.).

MOTOR VEHICLE CLASS II LICENSE:

Harold D. Smith d/b/a Smith's Auto Sales, 57 Pearl St.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGE AND WINE LICENSE:

Knights of Columbus #87, at National Guard Armory, Concord St., May 30, 1976, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

RATIFICATIONS:

Open, occupy & obstruct st.:

New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., pole #2 Edmands Rd., to clear trouble in buried splice, May 19 to May 21.

Commonwealth Gas Co.:

261 Central St., install new gas service to #261, a new house, May 24 to June 24.  
27 Cochituate Rd., insert existing 3/4" service, May 24 to June 21, 1976.

VARIANCE:

It was voted to authorize the Building Commissioner to issue a permit to Kenneth Possick, Trustee Ocean Realty Trust, for the construction of a house at 5 McCarthy Circle, with a 26.7' side yard.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

On the recommendation of Sergeant Foley, it was unanimously voted to approve the installation of the following sign:

NO PARKING ANYTIME - On Concord St. both sides between Cochituate Rd. & Old Connecticut Path.

In connection with same, John DelPrete asked the Executive Administrator to direct the Safety Officer to investigate parking all along Concord St. and to submit his recommendations to the Board.

CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT (R. L. HARRIS):

Receipt was noted of a letter from Robert L. Harris requesting appointment as constable and dog officer in the Town. Application request was in order since all required accompanying letters of recommendation were submitted. The matter was tabled, however, pending receipt of recommendations from the Chief of Police, and pending clarification on his request to be dog officer since that position is no longer available. John DelPrete suggested he should be advised to submit a new application deleting the dog officer request.

FRAMINGHAM INDUSTRIAL PARK - STREET ACCEPTANCE:

Attorney John Garrahan, representing Paramount Development, Inc., summarized the agreement and work completed concerning the acceptance of California Avenue, New York Avenue, Pennsylvania Avenue and Mountain Road. The summary included a description of the contractual agreements which had been accepted by the Town Counsel, and the acknowledgement by the Planning Board Consultant, Town Engineer and Public Works Department that all required work had been accomplished. Questions concerning the liability for railroad crossing signals and modification of a private way on California Avenue drew the response from Attorney Garrahan that while specific responsibility could be argued, Paramount Developers were willing to guarantee completion of the required work at their expense in order to expedite the process. They guaranteed \$26,000 for the installation of the railroad crossing signals, with an amendment to the agreement that they would stand any additional cost, if any, should the cost exceed the amount committed. It was requested that the Selectmen take an affirmative vote recommending acceptance of these four streets as public ways as a result of the completion of all requirements. On the motion of John King, it was unanimously voted to recommend the above noted streets for acceptance. John King directed the Executive Administrator to provide the Planning Board with copies of all correspondence received from the involved departments confirming all work had been completed so they could also be prepared for Town Meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

The Board proclaimed May 24 to May 29, 1976 as "CAMPERSHIP WEEK" and urged everyone to participate with the South Middlesex Campership Coalition in the drive for camperships and the attempt to get more children to camp.

The Board proclaimed May 28, 1976 as "CUB SCOUT PACK 70 WEBELOS DAY" and urged all citizens, organizations and institutions to recognize this special day and join in its observance.

RESOLUTION - RALPH B. TRUE:

Ralph B. True, Framingham's last Spanish War Veteran, was honored by the Board of Selectmen. A tribute was paid to this distinguished veteran, a resident in the Town of Framingham for more than seventy years, and presently living at Cushing Hospital.

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COOPERS & LYBRAND AUDIT REPORT:

Donald Croatti, Treasurer/Collector, reported to the Selectmen on the findings and recommendations of the Coopers & Lybrand Audit Report. A letter outlining the chronological steps which caused the out of balance situation on the payroll account in question was submitted and is on file. The accounts which were in question have all been reviewed and balanced. Additional work must be done to categorize all of the checks connected with the payroll account. This will be done as soon as it is practical. In the meantime, the cash balance has been established and there is no concern over any missing funds. The final audit report has been accepted by the Director of Bureau of Accounts and the procedures followed by Coopers & Lybrand were found to be in line with state requirements. The suggestions for improvement of operation have all been implemented and many have been completed.

At Mr. King's request, Mr. Clarke commented on the validity of the reference to \$600,000 of increased interest which could have been gained during the audit period. A review of the 9 month period since change in the Treasurer's position and the audit procedure showed that the interest gained from careful cash management, as recommended by Coopers & Lybrand, was almost twice the interest gained in the immediately prior period. The fact that over 12 million dollars of school construction bond revenue was available during the audit period, coupled with interest rates as high as 11+% indicated that the estimated \$600,000 amount was very conservative. Donald Croatti stated that the utilization of re-purchase notes, which was one of the several recommendations from Coopers & Lybrand, had proved very successful and the town was gaining substantial benefit from this practice. In conclusion, Mr. Croatti told the Board he would strongly recommend an annual audit of his office. Following additional discussion, John King pointed out he did not approve of the current method of payroll check disbursements and suggested a new practice wherein all payroll checks would be concealed in envelopes. Mr. Croatti told him he has already begun an investigation of the most practical way to accomplish this.

All three Selectmen congratulated Mr. Croatti on his accomplishments to date and urged him to continue the good work.

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:35 P.M.

  
John F. DelPrete, Clerk