

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

\*REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - JANUARY 5, 1981\*

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:30 PM. Present: Chairman John F. King, Clerk, John F. DelPrete and Selectman Claire F. Lavin. Executive Administrator Matthew P. Clarke also was present.

WARRANTS

#112 - January 5, 1981 - Bills 247,089.75  
#113 - January 5, 1981 - Block Grant & Lumpsum Drawdown - \$15,669.11  
#114 - January 5, 1981 - Payroll - \$345,384.24  
#115 - January 5, 1981 - Bills - \$1,383,938.78

AUCTIONEER'S LICENSES

Philip Robinson, 23 Bantry Road, Framingham  
Abdul Adam, Oriental Rug Palace, 16 Cushing Road, Westwood, MA - Auctioneer and to hold an Auction at the Holiday Inn, Route 9, Framingham, on January 12, 1981 - Oriental Rugs

COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSES

Famous Pizza, 59-61 Nicholas Road, Framingham  
James Lunday d/b/a Pizza Wagon, 1B Hamilton Street, Framingham  
Fonda Del Corro Motel, 659 Worcester Road, Framingham

COIN OPERATED MACHINE LICENSES

Dramatic Club of Framingham, Inc., 29-31 Daytonna Avenue, One Pool Table  
A & C Associates d/b/a Fun 'N Games, 150 Coin Operated Machines, 624 Worcester Road

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES

Class II - Scott Carr, The Auto Shack Wholesaler, 198R Union Avenue, Framingham  
Smith Auto, 13 Roxanna Street, Framingham

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGES & WINE LICENSE

Framingham State College - Class of 1983, College Center Forum, January 16, 1981, 9:00 PM to 1:00 AM

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES

Howard Johnson Company d/b/a The Ground Round, Rte 30 at Speen Street, Juke Box, Sundays, 1981, 12:00 Noon to 12:00 Midnight  
Bobucks Saloon, Inc., 143-145 Hollis Street, Coin operated machines (3 groups), 1:00 PM to 12:00 midnight - Sundays, 1981  
Bobucks Saloon, Inc., 143-145 Hollis Street, Juke Box, 1:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight, Sunday, 1981  
The Maridor, Inc. 653 Worcester Road, Juke Box, Sundays, 1981, 1:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight  
The Maridor, Inc. 653 Worcester Road, live entertainment, dancing, 1:00 PM to 1:00 AM, Sundays, 1981

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS

In accordance with the recommendations of Safety Officer, Robert Foley, it was unanimously voted to approve the installation of the following signs:

GO SLOW CHILDREN

1. On Second Street (West End) 100 feet west of Beaver Street for westbound traffic

GO SLOW CHILDREN

1. On Walnut Street - 100 feet north of Warren Road
2. On Walnut Street - 100 feet south of Main Street

RESIDENT PARKING ONLY

1. In front of #52 and #55 Gorman Road

HEARINGS

EDISON COMPANY PETITIONS

The Edison Company petitions to transmit electricity for lighting, heating or power on Millwood Street, south-westerly, approximately 100 feet south of Winch Street a distance of about 8 feet of conduit. After hearing Carol Clinton's petition on behalf of the Edison Company, Mr. DelPrete called for a motion. Selectman Lavin made the motion to grant the petition. Mr. DelPrete seconded the motion. The Board so voted 2/0 with Mr. King absenting himself from the hearing.

The Edison Company petitions to transmit electricity for lighting, heating or power on Worcester Road, south-westerly, approximately 225 feet east of West Road, a distance of about 8 feet of conduit. After hearing Carol Clinton's petition, Mr. DelPrete called for comments. Hearing none, Mr. DelPrete called for a motion. Selectman Lavin made the motion to grant said petition. Mr. DelPrete seconded the motion. The Board so voted 2/0 with Selectman King absenting himself from the hearing.

JOINT NET&TCO AND BOSTON EDISON COMPANY PETITION

Jointly, NET&TCO and the BOSTON EDISON COMPANY petitioned to be granted permission to locate one (1) hip guy and anchor to be owned and used in common by petitioners, along and across Kendall Avenue, southwesterly side, approximately 60 feet southeast of Leland Street. Selectman DelPrete called for comments. Hearing none, Mr. DelPrete called for a motion. Selectman Lavin made the motion to grant the petition. Mr. DelPrete seconded the motion. The Board so voted 2/0 with Selectman King absenting himself from the hearing.

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CONFERENCE: Board of Assessors re: Status of Revaluation

Board of Assessors Chairman John Maguire and Assessor George Eck were present to discuss the status of revaluation as summarized in a report. Mr. Maguire pointed out there are a lot of loose ends in the present law. The assessors reported that J. M. Cleminshaw Company holds the contract to reevaluate three-family residential parcels (R3), four to eight residential parcels (R4), Residential-Commercial (RC), Commercial, Industrial, Vacant Commercial Land, and Personal Property. The assessors are not satisfied with the progress to date under the Cleminshaw contract. However, department expectations have been revised because of the passing of Proposition 2½ and Mr. Maguire has notified the Cleminshaw Company of the revised goals and expectations. Management of the Cleminshaw Company have indicated they are "on time schedule." The assessors believe there is a lack of qualified help doing project work. Mr. Maguire suggested the performance bond could be pulled. Purchasing Agent, Lorraine Regan, explained that if there are difficulties with the contract, there are measures to rectify the difficulties. Since she was the person to award the contract, she wants the opportunity to at least be informed of the difficulties in order to contact proper authorities.

Selectman King instructed Mr. Clarke, Mrs. Regan, and the Assessors to get together to resolve the matter now in order not to allow the situation to go on. Mr. King further stated that, if necessary, the assessors could return before this Board shortly.

Selectman DelPrete pointed out that he would again like to point out that there should be special attention worked in the revaluation of the Tax Exempt properties since these properties could make a tremendous difference in the final figures to the Town.

Mr. Clarke, the Assessors and Mrs. Regan agreed to work together to resolve the matter in the Town's best interest.

CONFERENCE: John Ahearn - Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination

Chairman King welcomed Mr. John Ahearn of the MCAD and advised him the Board expects to approve a Fair Housing Plan for Framingham this evening. Because of the hiring freeze imposed as a result of Proposition 2½, the Board now finds it impossible to accept the Affirmative Action Plan as worked out by the Personnel Department of the Town and the MCAD. The Board fully understands the importance of goals and timetables as management objectives and pointed out that whenever possible, minorities are hired in Framingham; but, the Chairman, as spokesman for the Board, pointed out that inasmuch as they respect Mr. Ahearn's point of view, it is impossible for them to adopt a plan which they know cannot materialize. Mrs. Lavin is particularly concerned that adoption of such a plan could, in the future, prove harmful to personnel who will probably have to be laid-off. Mr. DelPrete pointed out he understands Mr. Ahearn's position, however, he wants to encompass safeguards into any plan, before, rather than after the fact. Mr. Ahearn pointed out that Massachusetts communities have been vulnerable since 1972, but adopting such a plan proves to be good business for any community.

The Board concluded by pointing out to Mr. Ahearn that he understands the position of the Board.

Chairman King, on behalf of the Board, told Mr. Ahearn they would like to see a meaningful plan reworked by Mr. Ahearn and Mrs. McGrath that could be acceptable to both Framingham and the MCAD and he thanked Mr. Ahearn for being in Framingham tonight.

CONFERENCE - Doug Stephan of Suburban Bus Lines re: Discussion of Local Transportation

Doug Stephan gave members of the Board maps outlining the routes Suburban Bus Lines anticipates to undertake by the first of February to provide service to downtown Framingham, the southside, and to Shoppers' World to connect with other bus lines. To undertake this ambitious program, Suburban is seeking \$125,000 funding to provide service at 65¢ a ride for all persons 14 to 59 years of age. Others will ride for 45¢ a ride while senior citizens' service will be provided free of charge. The revisions are necessary in order to continue some service in Framingham. Mr. Stephan reports his operation has lost \$14,500 serving Framingham during 1980. It is obvious this cannot continue. Under the new system, service would be provided five days a week, twelve hours a day.

Mr. DelPrete wants to be reassured that the present senior citizen services will not be affected in any way. The meals on wheels is an extremely important program to this community.

Mr. King asked Mr. Maltas for some input since the Planning Department worked very hard to develop transportation plans.

Christy Maltas pointed out that presently, public transportation exists for only a very select group. Transportation for the remainder of the Town is limited severely. That is not an effective way to operate a transportation program. With a professional firm operating the transportation program, there will be no worry about vehicles breaking down. The cost of transportation per mile would be greatly reduced by having town-wide transportation. We anticipate the service could be reduced from its present cost about 45¢ a mile. Vehicles would be used all day. We believe the new ridership would contribute to the revitalization of downtown Framingham. The Town would have to control by going out to bid on a regular basis and getting an operator who meets the criteria of the Town. In some instances, it may even be advisable to pay taxi fares for a certain few. The Town would still come out ahead. The overall approach makes sense.

Mr. Stephan pointed out that he is not here to seek property tax funds. He suggests there is flexibility in some of the Federal and State funds that come into the Town. In adopting such a program of transportation, he hopes it might be possible to eliminate some of the local spending.

Mr. Stephan further indicated he has had conversations with Michelle Cuhna of the Chamber of Commerce who is very interested in the transportation program and indicated she would seek support of local merchants.

Selectman Lavin would like Mr. Stephan to further study the plan and return before this Board with Ms. Cuhna within a week or two.

FISCAL YEAR 1982 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET

REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION		\$360,500
Housing Rehabilitation	\$318,000	
Framingham Civic League	30,000	
Venture Corporation	12,500	
PUBLIC FACILITIES		\$56,000
Dudley Road Water Main, Phase II	\$41,000	
Hollis Street Fire Station	15,000	
PUBLIC SERVICES		\$95,000
Elderly-Handicapped Transportation Service	\$50,500	
Community Voluntary Action Center	24,500	
South Side Community Day Care Center	20,000	
PLANNING AND URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN		\$41,500
CDBG Planning	\$23,500	
Energy Coordinator	18,000	
GENERAL ADMINISTRATION		\$74,000
CDBG Administration	\$61,500	
Fair Housing Assistant	11,000	
Interpreter Services for the Deaf	1,500	
CONTINGENCIES/LOCAL OPTION		\$18,000
TOTAL		\$ 645,000

PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

SEVENTH YEAR (FY 1982) COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

REHABILITATION AND PRESERVATION

Housing Rehabilitation Rebate Program - Continuation of the program of financial and technical assistance to owner-occupants in the South Side, Mount Wayte, Clinton-Freeman, and Saxonville target areas. Funds will be used to rehabilitate approximately 88 housing units.

Framingham Civic League Repairs and Renovation - Insulation and weather-proofing of the Civic League building.

Venture Energy Conservation Project - Energy conserving improvements to Venture Corporation's training facility located in the former main post office on Franklin Street. The project also includes a feasibility study of energy alternatives.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Dudley Road Water Main, Phase II - Extension of water main along Dudley Road from Mt. Wayte Avenue to the northerly entrance of Cushing Hospital as the second phase of a project to assure adequate water supply to area residents and provide improved fire protection capacity. Phase I was carried out as part of the FY 1979 CDBG Program.

Hollis Street Fire Station Rehabilitation - Energy conserving improvements to the Hollis Street Fire Station, including installation of new windows and lowering of ceilings.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Elderly-Handicapped Transportation Services - Continuation of the special transportation program for the elderly and handicapped. Funds will be used to pay the drivers of two vehicles and the dispatcher, and to cover vehicle operating and maintenance costs.

Community Voluntary Action Center - Continuation of the program of recruitment, screening and placement of volunteers who work with human service agencies. Funds will be used to pay a director and a secretary to provide these volunteer services.

South Side Community Day Care Center - Continuation of funding of a portion of the cost of a day care center which will serve 12-20 children from low-income South Framingham families.

PLANNING AND URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

CDBG Planning - Funding of staff necessary to prepare the Community Development Plan, the Housing Assistance Plan, the Community Development application, environmental reviews, and analyses and evaluations of program progress; and to act as liaison with local, state, and federal agencies.

Energy Coordinator - Funding for an Energy Coordinator in the Planning Department to work with Town boards and departments, utilities, and federal and state agencies to promote effective energy use by the Town.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

CDBG Administration - Funding of staff and supplies necessary to implement all activities included in the Community Development Program including management of all CDBG-funded projects, administration of related housing programs, and collection of program data used to evaluate program effectiveness.

Implementation of Fair Housing Plan - Funding of a Fair Housing Assistant in the Human Relations Commission office to assist in the implementation of the Town's Fair Housing Plan.

Interpreter Services for the Deaf - Funding to provide interpreter services for the deaf at meetings of the Human Relations Commission, Town Meetings, and other meetings of Town boards.

CONTINGENCIES AND LOCAL OPTION ACTIVITIES

Set aside of funds to be used in the event of unforeseen expenses or circumstances. These funds will also be used to pay fringe benefits, step increases, and any cost-of-living increases voted by Town Meeting.

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CONFERENCE - Discussion of local transportation with Doug Stephan (Continued)

Selectman DelPrete further wants Mr. Stephan to meet with the Counsel on Aging and he would also like to be present at the next meeting.

Selectman King agreed the public transportation program as outlined has possibilities. However, everyone will have to work hand in hand to make it the best program possible, available as quickly as practical.

Mr. Stephan agreed that he will try to return before the Board on January 19th. The Chairman thanked Mr. Stephan whose plan will be on file at the Selectmen's office and Mr. Maltas for the fine presentation and he declared a two-minute recess before the next conference.

CONFERENCE: Christy Maltas and Community Development Committee re: Use of Community Development Funds for FY'82

Christy Maltas, Planning Director and Louis Guerrieri, Chairman of the Real Property Committee were present to discuss the use of Community Development funds for FY '82 (see the report attached). Mr. Maltas reported there have been five committee meetings and two public hearing in accordance with the block grant. The way the committee handles the preparation of the budget is by working to administer the program with the Community Development Committee who advise the Selectmen on how to spend the funds. The proposals are reviewed by the Committee and the Board is advised as to whether or not the projects are eligible for HUD funding. This year, 19 proposals were received. The committee recommended funding 9 of them in the amount of \$645,000.

This year, the Human Relations Director, Ria McNiff, is seeking \$11,000 to fund the position of Fair Housing Assistant to implement the Fair Housing Plan being adopted and for office supplies.

The Community Voluntary Action Center is seeking \$24,500 for its operation.

Venture Corporation is seeking \$12,500. Bernard Malone, Director of Venture Corporation stated "Venture" is seeking the funds because they have taken on additional wheel chair clients for whom they need additional space and to repair the inadequate heating system in the building they have taken over -- particularly, the wheel chair clients need the comfort of adequate heat. Town meeting member, Hayward Taylor questions the validity of the Venture Corporation request since "Venture" is a non-profit corporation.

Interpreter Services for the Deaf are being sought. Mr. Maltas reported that HUD has advised his department that communicators for the deaf are not eligible for funding. Selectman John DelPrete quickly advised that group to contact ROTARY CLUB who would assist the handicapped in such an instance.

Selectman King pointed out that \$150,000 to administer Community Development appears to be a sizeable amount. Planning Director Maltas pointed out that when housing is taken into consideration, 173 housing units, valued at \$8.4 million, have come into Framingham. Bringing an Energy Coordinator would bring more funds.

The Board unanimously voted to take this matter under advisement and will hope to take a vote upon it at its next Monday meeting.

Request of Purchasing Agent for exemption of Purchasing Bylaw re: purchase of brake wheel for Incinerator.  
After hearing a letter from the Chairman of the Board of Public Works, Claire Lavin made the motion to grant the purchasing agent's request. Mr. DelPrete seconded the motion. The Chairman declared the vote unanimous.

Memo from Christy Maltas re: creation of municipal parking authority

In his memo to the Board, Mr. Maltas clarifies that a Town Meeting vote is not necessary to the creation of a municipal parking authority, but that approval of the Board of Selectmen is essential. The Board noted receipt of Mr. Malta's memo and asked for further clarification from Town Counsel, Aaron Bikofsky. Mr. Clarke will refer this matter to Town Counsel. The matter will be presented as an article to Special Town meeting.

Letter from Sudbury Board of Selectmen re: perambulation of Town bounds

Mr. Clarke established this has been done recently -- the boundary lines have been identified.

Memo from Ria McNiff re: Fair Housing Plan

Chairman called for a motion to accept the Fair Housing Plan. Selectman Lavin made the motion to accept the Fair Housing Plan. Selectman DelPrete seconded the motion. Chairman declared the vote unanimous.

Request for use of Village Green on May 31, 1981, for State College Commencement

Selectman Lavin made the motion to grant this request. Selectman DelPrete seconded the motion. Chairman declared the vote unanimous. Mr. Clarke will notify the College authorities.

Letter from Artists Foundation re: State Arts Lottery

The Board noted receipt.

Letter from Attorney Michael Norris requesting meeting with the Board re: application for all alcoholic beverages license for Deli, Inc. at Shoppers' World

The Board unanimously voted to note receipt and placed the matter under advisement with the requests for applications.

Police report of liquor violation at Sea 'N Surf Restaurant

The Board requested that a hearing be arranged as soon as legally possible.

Fire Department Overtime

The Board noted the overtime reported is for a two-week period which covers the Christmas and New Year holiday. The Board would like the Fire Chief to come is next week with the breakdown of the overtime for that period.

Chairman called for further business, hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. DelPrete made the motion to adjourn, Mrs. Lavin seconded. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:10 PM.

  
JOHN F. DELPRETE, CLERK