

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - MARCH 15, 1982

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

WARRANTS:

#151 - March 15, 1982 - Bills \$311,351.30
#152 - " " " Block Grant \$202.21
#153 - " " " Salaries \$976,940.13
#154 - " " " Bills \$92,118.36

BILLIARD TABLES & POOL TABLES LICENSES:

Bowlerama, Inc., 110 Mt. Wayte Ave., 4 Pool Tables, 36 Bowling Alleys.

Paul Cohen, A & C Associates, Fun & Games Arcade, 50 Worcester Rd., 1 Billiard Table & 12 Pool Tables.

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to obstruct sidewalk:

Star sign, 109 Concord St., 3/11/82

Permit to open, occupy & obstruct street:

Commonwealth Gas Co., 52 Long Avenue, work completed 2/24/82.

PRESENTATION OF FUTURE PLANS - FRAMINGHAM UNION HOSPITAL

Attorney John Garrahan, Executive Director, James Walkner and Planning Director Bud Gennison presented a very comprehensive outline of the history of Framingham Union's growth and their projected plans for the future. A very detailed series of charts making comparisons of growth and cost as well as layouts of geographic locations of land originally owned and purchased with a projection of future usage was presented.

In response to questions from the Board of Selectmen, Attorney Garrahan commented that the hospital currently owned 12.9 acres of land in the immediate area. Much of this is property which has been purchased and utilized for parking as well as some support office functions. Attorney Garrahan emphasized the logical need for the Lincoln School property for the future plans of the hospital. The Board of Selectmen pointed out that requests for proposals for utilization of the property had been advertised and no action could be taken until all of the requests were received. They stated that the hospital would have to submit a proposal on the same basis as any other developer. These proposals will be reviewed by the Real Property Committee and the Board of Selectmen for ultimate action by the Town Meeting. Attorney Garrahan requested, on behalf of the hospital, that the Board of Selectmen seriously consider calling a special town meeting within the annual town meeting for the purpose of disposing of the Lincoln School so it is not left unoccupied for a long period of time. The Selectmen agreed that they would call a special town meeting for disposition of the building as soon as all of the work connected with the proposals could be completed. It was stated that this could not be guaranteed to be within the time frame of the annual town meeting.

It was also requested that the Board of Selectmen support the hospital's application for a certificate of need from the state for expansion of the existing buildings. The Board of Selectmen agreed that they would support the hospital in this regard. It was stated that the proposal submitted to the state for approval included only property already owned by the hospital and did not include the Lincoln School property.

Mrs. Herendeen, a resident of the hospital area and Haywood Taylor, a town meeting representative expressed their concern that all proposals for utilization of the Lincoln School be considered and that the Town's best interest from a monetary and general service point of view be seriously considered in any recommendations made to the town meeting.

HEARING - TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP TO SELL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AS A RESTAURANT FROM GOFF'S CAFE, 85-91 HOLLIS ST.

Attorney Cormack, representing the proposed owner, Aden Gasbarro outlined the application for transfer of a license at this location. Mr. Gasbarro was in attendance and upon questioning from the Board of Selectmen he stated that he had approximately 18 months experience working in a restaurant which served alcoholic beverages in the Mattapan section of Boston. He had recently sold his interest in the business to his partner and was interested in relocating to Framingham. He stated that he expected to renovate the premises at 85-91 Hollis Street on a very specific gradual planned basis. He would concentrate on the bar and restaurant area first and consider the renovation of the balance of the Champs Elysees at a future date.

It is expected that a minimal food operation with pizza and light snacks with no take-out service would be the first step in the renovation and reopening of the business. It was stated that Mr. Gasbarro would be purchasing the real estate as well as the business.

It is expected that the hours of operation would be 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. and finalized plans for renovation have not been completed. However, it was stated that renovation would be primarily updating of existing facilities to meet the building codes and Board of Health requirements.

When questioned, Mr. Gasbarro indicated that his plans would include a band on weekends, if possible after the operation was underway.

Attorney Cormack stated unequivocally that his client understood all of the rules and regulations of the operation of a liquor license. It was emphasized that the Board of Selectmen will not tolerate sales to minors or anything outside the normal regulations for this type of operation.

On the motion of Selectman King, seconded by Selectman Lavin, the Board voted unanimously to transfer the license as requested.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

In accordance with the recommendations of the Safety officer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the installation of the following sign:

SLOW SCHOOL SYMBOL - On Waverly St. 300 feet east and 300 feet west of the St. Tarcisius School.

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PERMANENT PATROLMAN - Joseph M. Besardi, 400 Plantation St., Worcester(2)
selected for appointment, effective March 29, 1982

PUBLIC HEARING - ABANDONMENT - PORTION OF MT. WAYTE AVENUE

Town Engineer, Fred Sergeant and Park Department Director, William Carey appeared on behalf of the proposal for abandonment of a portion of old Mt. Wayte Avenue. A letter from the Board of Public Works and the Planning Board stated their support of the proposed abandonment and exchange of properties. The Board of Public Works' letter included a concern over continued access to a pumping station adjacent to Farm Pond. It was pointed out that none of the transfers would be made until new access was available.

The proposed abandonment is part of a total package of exchange of properties to allow access of the Park Department to Farm Pond. Hearing no opposition to the proposal, the Board of Selectmen accepted the recommendation of the Town Engineer and Director of the Park Department for consideration by the town meeting.

CONFERENCE - PETER J. WHITE, d/b/a BOSTON FISH HOUSE - INTEREST IN LIQUOR LICENSE AT FORMER SEA 'n SURF LOCATION

Mr. Peter J. White and his wife had an informal conference with the Board of Selectmen concerning his interest in the availability of a license for sale of all alcoholic beverages at the former Sea 'n Surf location. Mr. White stated that he currently operated two fish restaurants and one of them was scheduled for closing because the building in which it was located is being demolished. As a result, he has contacted the SBA and been assured of financing to purchase the former Sea 'n Surf property. A new corporation will be formed for the purpose of renovating the Sea 'n Surf location and it is expected that the same type of fish restaurant operation which is currently run by Mr. White and his family would be operated here in Framingham. The Board of Selectmen pointed out that there are back taxes which must be paid prior to the issuance of any license and Mr. White said he understood all of these details. By unanimous vote, the Board assured Mr. White that the license would be available for the restaurant operation at that location and that he could apply for the issuance of such a license as soon as all of the other details on financing and transfer were arranged.

The Board voted unanimously to petition the County Commissioners for an abandonment of a portion of Western Ave. as a result of a request from the Board of Public Works.

A letter from the Chamber of Commerce requesting a meeting concerning Route 30 traffic was reviewed by the Board of Selectmen. They voted unanimously to have such a meeting set up and to participate as requested.

In response to a request from Robert A. Maschi, the Board reviewed the possible use of the Framingham Centre Common for a peace rally on March 27, 1982. A representative of the Village Hall stated that the schedule for rentals of Village Hall should be consulted before any such authorization was issued. The Village Hall is indicated for rental on that date, and as a result, the Board agreed that with Police Department approval, the peace rally could be conducted at the downtown common but not at the Framingham Centre Common. The Board voted unanimously to require clearance with Village Hall prior to authorization for use of the Common.

Parking regulations for the Arcade Parking Lot designating tow zones and limit of parking times were presented by the Executive Administrator on a layout setup in conjunction with the Town Engineer and the Police Dept. The parking regulations were adopted unanimously and proper signing will be installed.

In response to a letter from the Planning Director, it was unanimously agreed that a request would be made to modify the proposed Zoning By-Law changes in the annual town meeting pertaining to parking regulations. It is requested that exceptions to the parking regulations continue to be authorized by the Board of Selectmen in the central business district. It was pointed out that frequently quick action is required in order to stimulate business in the central business district and the record of the Selectmen in accomplishing this would stand in favor of maintaining that capacity.

The Board noted receipt on the following correspondence:

Support letter from the Board of Public Works for the abandonment of Mt. Wayte Ave.
Letters of approval from Public Works Dept. and the Fire Chief concerning the acceptance of streets as public ways in the annual town meeting.
Copy of a long-range proposal for a Hollis St. access by-pass road from the Planning Department.
Fire Department Overtime

At the request of a developer, it was agreed by the Board that barricades could be put in place during a rehabilitation operation at 4 & 6 Elm St. in the Saxonville area. Notification was given to the Police Dept. to authorize such a barricade to allow access of construction equipment and trucks.

The Board noted the Town Counsel's submission of a preliminary injunction which would allow Masspurg to canvass after hours of darkness. They asked that Town Counsel advise them of the next step in the procedure.

A review of a letter from the Board of Library Trustees resulted in a suggestion that the Chairman of the Board of Library Trustees contact Chairman DelPrete to set up a mutually agreeable time for a meeting in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room.

A letter from the President of General Chemical Corporation was submitted as a late arrival and it was requested that it be listed as an agenda item in the March 22nd meeting.

The Board reviewed a late arrival request from the Safety Officer for authorization for a slow-school symbol on Waverly St., 300' east and 300' west of the St. Tarcisius School. By unanimous vote, the recommendation of the Safety Officer was adopted.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote, at 10:00 P.M.


CLAIRE F. LAVIN, CLERK