

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN APRIL 12, 1982

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at approximately 7:45 P.M. following an Executive Session which was called for the purpose of discussing pending litigation and negotiations on labor contracts. Present: John F. DelPrete, Chairman, Claire F. Lavin, Clerk and John F. King. Also present, M. P. Clarke, Executive Administrator.

WARRANTS:

#166 - April 12, 1982 - Bills \$289,038.38
#167 - " " " - Bills \$216,375.55
#168 - " " " - Payroll \$1,020,069.33

MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSES:

Class II - Route 9 Auto Sales, Inc., 308 Waverly St.
Michael Wilson d/b/a Irving Street Auto Sales, 260 Irving St.
Ennio P. Ferretti d/b/a Framingham Used Auto Sales, 234-240 Hollis St.

SPECIAL BEER & WINE LICENSE:

Framingham State College - Class of 1983, College Center Forum, April 15, 1982, 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight.

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to open, occupy & obstruct street:

Alan E. Wheeler, Lot 890, 135 Elm St., 4/20-4/23/82
Boston Edison Co., Speen Street (outside B.E. Co. Station), 5/4/82 - 6/4/82

APPOINTMENTS:

Special Police Officer:

Michael O'Neil, 22 Audubon Road, Framingham, for a term of duration of employment with Fyler Consolidated Industries, Inc.
Al Trotman, 340 Hollis Street, Framingham, for a term of duration of employment with Framingham State College.

CONFERENCE - RE: STREET LIGHTING - GEORGE CROVO OF BOSTON EDISON COMPANY

A discussion was held with George Crovo representing Boston Edison Company concerning the continuing escalating costs of street lighting in the Town of Framingham. In response to questions by the Board, Mr. Crovo pointed out that the current annual cost of street lighting for the Town of Framingham is \$624,118.00. Of this amount, \$384,365.00 is base-charge and the balance is fuel adjustment. The rate is based on 4200 burning hours per year per lamp.

Mr. Crovo pointed out that an on-going program for updating of old incandescent light fixtures was in progress and a great deal of improvement had been made. The 1,000 lumen incandescent lamps are being replaced with 3,500 lumen mercury vapor lamps in any instance where the age of the fixture is sufficient to allow changeover without a removal charge.

It was pointed out that the rates are based on 25 years use of a particular fixture and that for each year less than 25 that the fixture has been in operation there is a removal penalty of \$8.35. In addition, a \$15.00 labor charge is levied for a changeover on any fixture of less than 25 years use.

The question of increased value of the poles due to the charges being made for Cable TV usage has been referred to legal counsel and it is hoped a response can be given in the fairly near future.

Mr. Crovo provided the Board with a complete rate structure chart as well as general information on street lighting and street lighting costs.

REORGANIZATION - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Chairman DelPrete stated that it is normal to reorganize the Board of Selectmen following the annual election. He called for a motion for election of a chairman. Upon hearing no motion, he moved to appoint John F. King as Chairman. John King seconded the motion and he was elected chairman by a 2-1 vote with Selectman Lavin opposing. Selectman King nominated Selectman Lavin as Clerk, Selectman DelPrete seconded the motion and the election as clerk was carried by a 2-0 vote.

DISCUSSION - PERSONNEL BOARD RE: VETERANS' OFFICE APPOINTMENTS

The Personnel Board represented by Chairman Powers, and members, Dwyer, Kaplan, Bell and Personnel Director, Smith met with the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of discussing the job description and specifications for the position of Director of Veterans' Benefits. Chairman King asked how the specifications were established. Mr. Powers stated that they were established based on the request that they be made more flexible to allow for greater numbers of applicants and more eligibility on the part of people who did not necessarily have a formal college education. He further stated that they were based on a comparison evaluation of similar positions in other cities and towns.

Selectman Lavin asked that they point out how the Selectmen's request for less stringent specifications had been met in the current proposal. Mr. Kaplan asked if the Selectmen wish to have the specifications reduced further. Chairman King stated that he felt that the combination of years of experience with specific formal college training was disproportionate and that the years of specific experience were far too stringent.

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The question of a temporary appointment of James Gavin as Veterans' Agent was brought up and the Chairman, supported by Selectman Lavin reconfirmed their vote of April 5 in which they stated they wished to appoint James Gavin as the temporary Veterans' Agent. Mr. Powers stated that the Personnel Board would not accept the temporary appointment of James Gavin as Veterans' Agent because there was already a temporary appointment in effect for that position. Upon request for clarification at a later time in the meeting, Mr. King indicated that the two job titles were being used interchangeably and apparently there was a misunderstanding on the intent of the Board of Selectmen. He stated that the Board of Selectmen intended that the appointment on a temporary basis was to replace the entire job responsibility which had been vacated by John Murtagh when he retired. This is the position of Director of Veterans' Benefits as compared to the position of Veterans' Agent. It was the understanding of the Board of Selectmen that in order to do this the person appointed had to be a bonified veteran under State law. It was indicated that the position of Director of Veterans' Benefits and Services requires that status and Mr. King reiterated that it was intended that Mr. Gavin should be put into this position of Director of Veterans' Benefits and Services and also carry the duties which would be covered on a temporary basis under the more limited description of Veterans' Agent.

He further stated it was understood that this temporary appointment of Mr. Gavin would automatically terminate the temporary appointment of Jane Tomolonius to the position of Veterans' Agent.

The Board of Selectmen took the proposed job qualifications and specifications under advisement. Mr. King directed the Executive Administrator to arrange for Mr. Gavin's assumption of the position of Director of Veterans' Benefits and Services on a temporary basis starting on Tuesday, April 13.

CONFERENCE - REZONING OF COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTY

The Board of Selectmen met consecutively with representatives of R.M. Bradley Company and the Save Our Neighborhood organization concerning the proposal for rezoning of two parcels of land adjacent to the Framingham Country Club for the purpose of constructing an office park. R.M. Bradley was represented by Mr. Casnet, Mr. Thorndike, Mr. Angell and Mr. Moore. Mr. Casnet stated that it is the intention of R.M. Bradley to request withdrawal of the two articles in the Annual Town Meeting for return to a future Special Town Meeting in order to enlarge the parcel by approximately 16 acres of abutting property. He further stated that it was important that all of the various deed restrictions which had been established by completely delineated and understood by all parties involved. It was pointed out that it might not be possible to withdraw the article but that rulings would have to be made on the procedures at Town Meeting.

Representatives of Save Our Neighborhood who opposed the rezoning requested that the Board of Selectmen go on record opposing the rezoning in support of their position prior to Town Meeting. Chairman King stated unequivocally that he was opposed to the project in its present form. Selectman Lavin was reluctant to close the door on a project of this magnitude which could be beneficial to the Town. Selectman DelPrete cited a very serious concern about the traffic on secondary roads which would be generated by such a project and reserved any judgment in favor of it as a result.

The Board unanimously took the proposal of R.M. Bradley for withdrawal and the request for a position from the opposition group under advisement.

CONFERENCE - PERFORMING ARTS CENTER - USE OF DANFORTH BUILDING

As a result of agreement made with the Callahan Senior Center, Danforth Museum and the Superintendent of Town Owned Buildings, the Board of Selectmen approved the use of three current Danforth classrooms for a 10 week period only under circumstances which would not interfere with schedules of any of the current users.

PLEASANT PLACE - ASSESSORS PLAN #114, PARCEL A

In response to a request from Attorney David Whittemore, the Director of Public Works and Town Engineer agreed that the parcel in question could not be sold because it provided the ~~only~~ access to a syphon at the MDC aqueduct. The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to allow the abutter, George A. Piscitello of 231 Irving St. to improve the portion of the right-of-way which he needed to gain access to his property without any transfer of ownership or responsibility being assumed by the Town.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES

The schedule for Memorial Day Services was received from the President of the Framingham Veterans' Council. It was agreed unanimously that John DelPrete will represent the Board of Selectmen at these services.

A letter concerning the use of personal vehicles for town business was received from John F. Maguire, Chairman of the Board of Assessors. This letter was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

In response to a letter received from Howard Bernstein concerning the Energy Coordinator position, it was voted to request that the Personnel Board submit an advisory opinion to the Town Meeting concerning the establishment of such a position.

APPOINTMENT - GAS/PLUMBING INSPECTOR

The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the recommendation of the Building Commissioner and approve the appointment of Benjamin F. Santello, 760 Farm Road, Marlboro as the Gas/Plumbing Inspector for the Town.

The Board noted receipt on the following correspondence:

Request for support of a citizens committee to establish an exercise trail.
Receipt of the official tax-levy limit for fiscal 1982 from the Department of Revenue.
Letter from Town Counsel to the Board of Health concerning site-assignment at the General Chemical Plant.
Invitation to join the Chamber of Commerce on a discussion of Route 30, Route 9 improvements on April 27, 1982.
Fire Department Overtime Report.
Invitation to join the League of Women Voters on their bus tour concerning Town Meeting articles.

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at approximately 10:05 P.M.

Claire F. Lavin
CLAIRE F. LAVIN, CLERK