

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - JUNE 7, 1982

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

WARRANTS:

#198 - June 7, 1982 - Bills \$155,162.76
#199 - " " " Block Grant \$7,761.25
#200 - " " " Bills \$142,826.43
#201 - " " " Payroll \$1,138,875.78

COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSE:

Gasbarro, Inc., 85-95 Hollis Street

COIN OPERATED MACHINE LICENSES:

Filippo's Restaurant and Lounge, 1656 Worcester Road, 1 machine
Tennis International d/b/a Racquetime of Framingham, 21 Blandin Ave., 1 machine
Dean Pharmacy of Framingham Inc., 1 Hartford St., 2 machines
ABC Pizza, 51 Hollis St., 1 machine
Corfu House of Pizza, 795 Concord St., 2 machines

DANCE LICENSE:

Latinamerican Confraternity, Sharpshooters Hall, 36 Concord St., June 12, 8 PM - 1 AM.

LODGING HOUSE KEEPER:

Kentington Realty Trust, 62-64 Kendall Street.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE:

Garbo's Inc., 969 Concord Street, Musicians, 6/6/82-5/29/83

SPECIAL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES:

St. Tarcisius Parish, 560 Waverly Street, June 19 and July 24, 1982, 7 PM - 12:30 AM.
Framingham State College - College Center, June 22, 1982, 4:30 PM - 8:30 PM.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGES & WINE LICENSES:

The Trial Court of the Commonwealth, Picnic Area, Dudley Road, June 13, 1982, 1 PM - 5 PM.
Latinamerican Confraternity, Sharpshooters Hall, 36 Concord Street, June 12, 8 PM - 1 AM.

APPOINTMENTS:

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER -

John T. Ritchie, 33 Franklin St., Malden, for a term of duration of employment with Alliance Detective & Security.
Michael T. Fahey, 86 Brewster Road, Medford, for a term of duration of employment with Alliance Detective & Security.
Paul L. Scaglione, 7 Joyce Road, Medford, for a term of duration of employment with Alliance Detective & Security.
Benjamin M. Lavine, 422 Dutton Road, Sudbury, for a term of duration of employment with Lechmere Sales Inc.
Daniel J. McCarthy, 55 Paragon Road, West Roxbury, for a term of duration of employment with Marshalls Inc.

TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

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

NO PARKING LOADING ZONE - On Winthrop Street in front of #7 (Approx. 15 feet).

CONFERENCE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Thomas Ball and George Eck of the Board of Assessors met with the Board of Selectmen at the request of Selectman Lavin. The subject of discussion was an update on the processing and handling of Form 128 applications for abatement. During the discussion, it was established that approximately 1700 Form 128 applications for abatement were received by the Assessor's Office within the time limit required by law. Under the law, they must be completed by the 2nd week in August and that Mr. Ball as Chairman, stated that they would be completed on time, that there was no problem apparent in handling them. It was stated that approximately 180 hearings had been held to date. It is expected that schedules for hearings will be established daily between 10:00 A.M. and Noon and 2:00 P.M. and 4:00 P.M. It was required that a majority of the Board sit on each of the hearings and, if possible, a full Board participate.

Upon questioning by the Selectmen, Chairman Ball stated that there should be no problem in getting the next tax bill out on time which would be due by October 1, 1982.

Chairman King asked if the total cost of revaluation had been compiled, including the charges from Cleminshaw, the extra computer help and review help and the CETA funding for the original work in setting up the program. It was stated that the contract costs to Cleminshaw was \$160,000 with extra expenditures over a 2 or 3 year period of \$150,000 for computer services and extra help. A figure on the amount of expenditure for CETA was not immediately available but the Assessor's advised they would make it available in the near future.

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In the proposal for use of the \$90,000 revaluation fund which had just been voted for fiscal year 83, it was stated that a portion would be used for computer hardware and software and the balance would be used for temporary help. It was estimated that 3 and possibly 4 people would be needed for a twelve to fifteen month period in order to do all of the reviewing and most particularly inside reviewing of properties for the next update of valuation. Selectman Lavin asked what the qualifications for this temporary help would be and in response, Chairman Ball stated that they would have to be people who were familiar with the Framingham area and could make some evaluation of structures but not necessarily fee appraisals.

Questions from interested citizens centered on a concern for establishing a schedule for hearings which would allow people to make their plans for their own summer activities. Several citizens commented that their application for hearings were only the result of lack of action by the Board of Assessors on what had been agreed during the Impact Hearings. It is agreed that 2 of them, Mr. Fred Singer of Debra Lane and Mr. Larry Marsh of Hickey Drive would not require a hearing because the Board of Assessors could make the proper adjustments in their cases without this sort of hearing and it would agree that they would. Mr. Richard Price of Bacon Road asked what the effect of the Impact Hearings were because it appeared that despite agreements by the reviewers, no action had been taken by the Board of Assessors. Tom Ball replied that the commentary from the reviewers were recommendations only and were not final decisions. Other specific questions were lodged and the Board of Assessors agreed that they would set up tentative schedules in areas so their office could advise taxpayers of approximate time periods in which their hearings might occur.

CONFERENCE - DOUG STEPHEN RE: RATES CHARGE FOR TOWING OF VEHICLES

Mr. Doug Stephen, representing Suburban Bus Lines stated that he felt he was being unjustly charged for towing of a disabled bus owned by his company from the Dennison Crossing intersection by Able Auto Body. He requested a description of the authorization for such towing. It was explained that the towing for snow removal and Town-directed activities of that type was accomplished by the low bidder on a public bid contract which was done under a rate established by the State DPU. He went on to state that he felt that Able Auto Body was charging more than the correct rate for both towing and storage.

Mr. Paul F. Lanin, the owner of Able Auto Body appeared on his own behalf and stated that the standard rate for the tow of a vehicle such as a bus under DPU regulations was \$45.00 for the time period in which it occurred plus 18% adjustment for fuel costs. He further stated that the DPU regulations did not apply to storage charges and that the standard storage charge for his establishment was \$18.00 per day for passenger cars and in the case of a large vehicle such as a bus it was \$45.00 per day for outside storage. These rates were very similar to those which are established by other companies in the Town who provide the same service. Mr. Lanin further stated that he was called to help clear the intersection because the Suburban Bus Lines could not send their own tow truck and he was doing it only as a favor to the Police Department because Suburban Bus Lines had a reputation with him and other towers of causing difficulty when it came to rates and paying the bills. He further stated that they had stopped payment on a check for a tow which was made in the fall of 1981 and still owed him over \$100 on that particular service.

Mr. Stephen left the meeting before the complete explanation was given by Mr. Lanin. The Board of Selectmen seemed satisfied with the explanations submitted by Mr. Lanin.

In response to correspondence, the Board took the following action:

1. Voted 2-0 to accept the recommendation of the Safety Officer to establish a no parking, loading zone sign in front of 7 Winthrop Street approximately 15 feet.
2. Accepted the Safety Officer's recommendation not to make Gilbert Street one-way without first asking for residents comment on the proposal.
3. Noted receipt on the following correspondence:
 - a. Letter from the Energy Coordinator concerning Mass. Water Conservation Week
 - b. Decision of the ABC re: issuance of a license for Beer & Wine sale to Round-Up Food Stores
 - c. Fire Department Overtime
 - d. Letter of thanks from Rev. Almonte of St. Tarcisius Church
 - e. Notification of temporary appointments in the Veterans' Office from the Personnel Board
 - f. Copy of letter to the Library Trustees concerning branch libraries.

REZONING PROPOSAL FOR FRAMINGHAM CENTRE LIBRARY

The Board approved the recommendation of the Real Property Committee to submit an article to rezone the property occupied by the Framingham Centre Library during the next special Town Meeting. The change would be from a single resident zoning district to the same business district which currently surrounds the location.

INTERVIEWS - DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

It was noted that the closing date for applications for this position is June 11, 1982. It is intended that preliminary screening of all applications will begin at approximately 8:30 A.M. on June 14. Former director, John Murtagh will participate with the Personnel Department and Mrs. Lavin as the representative of the Board of Selectmen in this screening process. Interviews will be established for the position by the same group for June 17 and June 18 with final interviews by the full Board of Selectmen scheduled for the June 21, 1982 meeting. The objective is to complete the filling of the position in time to start the new fiscal year on July 1, 1982.

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TRAFFIC PROBLEMS - IRVING STREET FROM ARLINGTON STREET TO IRVING SQUARE

Louis Guerrieri, Chairman of the Real Property Committee requested that the Board review the parking situation in this area. He stated that, with parking on both sides of the street, the passage of a large vehicle such as Anchor Motor Freight trucks made it almost impossible for two-way traffic to continue and was an extremely dangerous situation. The Board agreed to refer the matter to Lt. Foley for review and recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.

Claire F. Lavin
CLAIRE F. LAVIN, CLERK