

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - JUNE 14, 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. Town Counsel, Aaron Bikofsky was also present.

WARRANTS:

#202 - June 14, 1982 - Bills \$180,404.53
#203 - " " " Drawdown Rehab. Fund \$990.00
#204 - " " " Bills \$270,472.52
#205 - " " " \$406,135.70

AMUSEMENT LICENSE:

Gasbarro Inc., 85 Hollis St., juke box, weekdays 1982, 8 A.M. to 1 A.M., Friday 8 A.M. to 2 A.M.

JUNK DEALERS LICENSE:

Barry E. Stern, President, Blandin Avenue Auto Parts Inc., 47 Blandin Avenue

MOTOR VEHICLE CLASS III LICENSE:

Barry E. Stern, President - Blandin Avenue Auto Parts Inc., 47A Blandin Avenue.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGES & WINE LICENSE:

Framingham Lodge of Elks, Grounds at 450 Union Ave., July 2, 3, 4, 1982, 7 PM- 11 PM.
Framingham Food Co-Op, Parish Hall, The Unitarian Church, June 19th, 6:30 PM - 10:30 PM.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE:

Gasbarro Inc., 85 Hollis St., coin operated machine(1), 6/20/82-6/12/83
Gasbarro Inc., 85 Hollis St., juke box, 6/20/82-6/12/83

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to obstruct sidewalks:

Cutala & Sons Inc., State St., corner of Maynard Rd., 6/10-16/82, sidewalk repair
Sarkey & Sons, 386 Hollis St., 6/1-30/82, temporary state inspection sign
Moyen Construction Corp, 120 Concord St., 6/8-8/2/82, remodeling front of building

Permit to open, occupy & obstruct street:

La Chance Excavating Co., Hasting St., Beacon St. & Rte. 30, move curbing for driveways.

APPOINTMENTS:

CONSTABLE - Peter R. Rigopoulos, 8 Howe Street, Framingham, for a term of three years.
SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER: William T. Foley, 90 Newberry Street, Framingham, for a term of one year.

CONFERENCE - COMMUNITY CABLEVISION

Mr. Elmer Goldman, representing Community Cablevision met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the level of compliance with the requirements of the licensing agreement. He stated that Community Cablevision started operation in 1979 and they had installed a cable to allow access to approximately 80% of the residences of Framingham to date. The only areas which have not been serviced are those which are beyond the economic minimum requirements contained in the license. These areas are primarily in the northwest section of Framingham and on the extreme western end of Salem End Road and that general area. He stated that they were intending to carry service into the western end of Salem End Road and the Willowbrook area despite the fact that the concentration of potential subscribers is less than that required in the contract.

To date, there are between 6,800 and 6,900 residential subscribers with an ultimate objective of 9 to 10,000 residential subscribers.

Copies of the complaint register which is filed with the State Cable Commission were submitted to the Board. It was established that a total of 8 complaints had been referred to them from the Selectmen's office during 1981 and satisfactory solutions were found to all of them. A copy of a response card sample was also included which indicated their efforts to provide satisfactory customer service.

The question of interest being accumulated and paid on a customer deposit was discussed. It was stated that it is not yet law, but that since the interpretation of the Cable Commission, Community Cablevision is making arrangements to set up a program to accumulate the interest and allow it for credit to the customers.

An average of 25 to 30 hours per week is provided for local access programming and access cameras have been utilized in the field to augment this programming. In addition, an average of 3 public meetings are covered each week on the local channel. The question of inter-connecting public buildings was answered with a comment that the following buildings were yet to be connected but that the program would be completed as soon as possible - Cushing Hospital, Framingham Union Hospital, Memorial Building, Danforth Museum, Marian High School, and Brophy School.

An analysis of the cost and level of service was submitted indicating that the service offered for the number of channels of access was not the highest in the state, or the lowest. It was about the average for the type of service being offered. In addition, a senior citizen discount of 20% has been instituted on the basic connection charge.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board of Selectmen thanked Mr. Goldman for his complete report.

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CONFERENCE - DOUG STEPHEN - SUBURBAN BUS LINES

Mr. Stephen requested a public commentary in response to a discussion the prior week with the representative of Able Auto Body. He stated his concern that the on-going storage rates were unfair for storage of a bus which had been towed away from Dennison crossing intersection. It was agreed that there is no DPU regulation for storage rates. A letter summarizing the situation was read into the record indicating that the rates charge for towing were within the DPU established regulations and that the storage rates were in line with those levied by other similar businesses in the Town of Framingham. At Mr. Stephen's request, it was agreed that Town Counsel would check into the Town contract in this regard and respond to him.

LELAND STREET RESIDENTS - QUESTION OF GENERAL CHEMICAL OPERATION

Mr. Italo Trombi and 2 or 3 residents of the Leland St. area stated their continuing displeasure with the operation of the General Chemical Plant on Leland St. It was established that the site-assignment hearing which was to be held by the Board of Health would probably occur during the last week of July.

The contention of the neighbors is that the change and use which they proceed at General Chemical is contrary to zoning requirements and should have required a special ruling and license from the Zoning Board of Appeals. At that point, if the Zoning Board of Appeals were to issue a special license, control of the hours of operation could be included as part of the issuance of the license. Chairman King pointed out that many of these questions had been asked before and the many questions were to be submitted in writing to the task force assigned by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of coming to some final conclusions on the legal implications of the questions involved.

TRAFFIC CONGESTION - SAXONVILLE MCGRATH SQUARE

Chairman King requested that the Chief of Police and the Planning Department review the traffic situation in McGrath Square and Saxonville and make recommendations for correcting the extreme bottleneck which exists.

ROUTE 30 UPDATE

It was requested that the Engineering Department and representatives of the State DPW meet with the Board of Selectmen at their earliest convenience to give an update on the current status of the redesign and rebuilding of Route 30.

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF TRUCK EXCLUSION IN SOUTHBORO

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Southboro Board of Selectmen's request for acceptance of exclusion of trucking on Central Street in Southboro.

TAXPAYERS HEARINGS SCHEDULE - BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board reviewed the general outline of appeal hearings submitted by the Board of Assessors. The general outline listed weeks in which various sections of the Town would be scheduled. It was noted that these schedules could be adjusted to accommodate individual taxpayer requirements.

REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN CLOSING HOURS - VICTORIA STATION RESTAURANT

The General Manager of the Victoria Station Restaurant requested that their closing hours be changed from 1:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. on Friday nights. The Board approved this change by a 2-0 vote.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS SIDEWALK SALE

The Downtown Merchants requested permission to conduct a sidewalk sale on July 14 and 15, 1982. The Board approved this request by a 2-0 vote.

REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT AS CONSTABLE

The Board received a request from Peter R. Rigopoulos to be appointed as a Constable. The proper endorsement were included with the request. The Board approved the appointment by a 2-0 vote.

The Board noted receipt of the following correspondence:

1. Letter from FSCPRG re: Commonwealth Gas Co. Hazardous Waste Site.
2. Letter from Charles River Radio Controllers, Inc. re: Callahan State Park.
3. Fire Department Overtime for week ending June 12, 1982.
4. Letter from Principal Edward Convery of the Miriam McCarthy School, thanking the Park Department for the work done at the School.
5. Letter of appreciation for cordial reception at taxpayer hearing by the Board of Assessors from Ruth W. Snow.

NATICK PUBLIC WORKS FUNDING APPLICATION

The Board reviewed the funding application being entered by the Natick Public Works Department for construction of a connector road between Natick Mall and Shoppers' World. It was requested that the Board formally endorse this application because of the benefit it would have for Framingham as well as Natick. After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to endorse the application and advise the Natick Board of Selectmen of their action.

COIN-OPERATED MACHINE LICENSE FEES

At the request of the Executive Administrator, the Board voted unanimously to include an article in the next special Town Meeting establishing a maximum fee of \$100 per machine for licensing of coin-operated machines as covered by Chapter 140, section 177A of the General Laws.

The Board was advised that the Department of Mental Health had given telephone notification of a public meeting to be held concerning intermediate care facility for mentally retarded at Cushing Hospital. The meeting will be held on Wednesday evening, June 23 at St. Andrew's Church at 7:30 P.M. A confirming letter announcing the meeting should be received prior to that date. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 P.M.


CLAIRE F. LAVIN, CLERK