

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

JANUARY 11, 1988

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

WARRANTS:

#83 - January 11, 1988 - Bills - \$611,328.98
#84 - " " " - Miscellaneous - \$635,531.01
#85 - " " " - Salaries - \$506,951.97

COMMON VICTUALER'S LICENSES:

Fred's Coffee Shop, Inc. - 517 Worcester Road
Cher Lyn's, Inc. - 12 Union Avenue
Brigham's, Inc. - 400 Cochituate Road
Royal Pizza - 780 Water Street
Framingham Donuts, Inc. d/b/a Dunkin Donuts - 266 Concord Street

SPECIAL ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE:

Framingham Swimming Pool Association - Danforth Museum - February 6, 1988 - 5:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGES & WINE LICENSES:

Radio Universal (Barfolo Liriano) - Framingham Civic League - January 16, 1988 - 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight.
The Heritage Chorale - Dennison Hall - 214 Concord Street - February 13, 1988 - 7:30 P.M. - 11:00 P.M.

DANCE LICENSE:

Radio Universal (Barfolo Liriano) - Framingham Civic League - January 16, 1988 - 8:00 P.M. - 1:00 A.M.

EXHIBITION, SHOW & AMUSEMENT LICENSE:

Narendra Patel - Framingham South High School - April 23, 1988 - 7:00 P.M. to 12:00 Midnight (Musical Concert)

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to Open, Occupy & Obstruct a Street:

New England Telephone & Telegraph Company - Pole #5 Edmands Road - January 12 to February 12, 1988

CONFERENCE - DR. BRUCE BROWN

Dr. Bruce Brown of 731 Grove Street appeared to present a proposal to give a portion of land, approximately five to six acres to the town. He had explored this possibility with the Town Counsel and wished to advise the selectmen of his interest in setting up an arrangement to do it. In return for the gift to the town, Dr. Brown requested that the tax adjustment for a five year period which applied to a total of approximately eighteen acres which was under the Chapter 61 Forest Act not be applied. He was advised as a result of Town Counsel's review that this was difficult, if not impossible to do under the law. He was further advised that the acreage which would be given to the town could fall in this category but any acreage he or his heirs maintained will be subject to the state law which applied. Dr. Brown also asked that in the event that sometime in the future planned cluster development zoning should apply to the area he lived in. He would like to have the acreage which had been given to the town credited as part of the total acreage of open space which would be required for a planned cluster zoning development. Again, he was advised that this was not a legal possibility. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board agreed that they would have Town Counsel review the situation once again but did not see any way that Dr. Brown's requirements could be met.

PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF A STREET AS ONE WAY

The Board held a public hearing attended by a great many residents of the A Street area concerning the proposal to make A Street one way south from Concord Street. This proposal had been suggested by the Police Department as one way to control the apparently dangerous traffic situation which existed. A lengthy discussion concerning the problems faced by the residents resulted in a show of hands which overwhelmingly opposed making the street one way. Further, it was agreed that increased police presence would be available whenever possible. In addition, it was agreed that the redesign of the lower end of A Street intersection with Concord Street and the proposed modifications of sidewalks, etc. would be pursued in the Annual Town Meeting.

CONTINUED HEARING RE: POLICE COMPLAINT - NEXT DOOR RESTAURANT

The Board held a continued hearing concerning a police complaint of improper conduct of a business which included a license for the sale of All Alcoholic Beverages as a restaurant. The owner and manager of the restaurant on Waverly Street was represented by Attorney Joseph Annunziata.

Police Chief Larrabee made a presentation outlining the drug investigation which had been ongoing at this location and submitted documentation of the alleged sale of narcotics by the owner and manager in the establishment. He indicated that a warrant had been served and that the case would be heard as soon as the court docket allowed it.

Mr. Annunziata requested that no action be taken by the Licensing Authority until the court case is completed.

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Selectman King, referring to a prior incident in the past year which resulted in a suspension of the license for impeding a police investigation, moved that the license be indefinitely suspended because of the operation and the reports that were submitted. Selectman Ernst seconded the motion and the Board voted unanimously to indefinitely suspend the license in question.

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATION - TIMOTHY'S SPIRITS

Selectman Ernst moved to remove the application which had been heard the prior week from the table. Selectman King moved to have the application remain on the table. Selectman DelPrete seconded the tabling motion and it was unanimously voted to leave the application tabled.

SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board unanimously approved the following Safety Officer recommendations:

1. Installation of a Resident Parking sign in front of 18 Mayflower Road which would be paid for by the resident.
2. Improvements to street lighting on Overlook Drive and installation of a Stop sign on Eaton Road at Overlook Drive for northbound traffic and on Woodside Road at Overlook Drive for southbound traffic with a Not A Thru Street sign on Overlook Drive at Eaton Road.
3. Installation of a Not A Thru Street sign on Underwood Avenue, northeast corner at Williams Street

REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Upon request from the Chief of Police, the Board voted unanimously to set up a public hearing concerning alleged liquor violation at the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Pearl Street in Framingham as soon as possible.

The Board noted receipt of the following items:

1. Correspondence from the Framingham Housing Authority re: Massachusetts Housing Partnership.
2. Correspondence from the Town Engineer re: Street Acceptances for FY '89
3. Fire Department Overtime for the weeks ending January 2 and January 9, 1988

SELECTMEN'S MEETING - WEEK OF JANUARY 18

The Board voted unanimously to hold their weekly meeting on Tuesday, January 19 because of the State and National holiday on January 18.

POLLING PLACES

The Board voted unanimously to designate the public recreation room in St. Tarcisius Church School as the polling place for Precincts 15 and 16, starting with the local elections on April 4, 1988.


CONSERVATION ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

The Board voted unanimously to set up an interview with an applicant for this position during the next Selectmen's meeting.

GENERAL MOTORS TASK FORCE REPORT

Chairman DelPrete made a brief report concerning his trip to New York for a meeting with the Chairman of the Board of General Motors. He stated that he had the opportunity to discuss the situation with Mr. Roger Smith and the President of General Motors for about 15 minutes. He stated that Chairman Smith's comment was that the only reason for the closing of the plant on a temporary basis was the fact that there was over production of the units which are made there and he stated that as soon as the economy and sale of these units picked up they would look forward to the reopening. He further stated that the position of the corporation was that they had a substantial investment in new facilities at this location and they certainly wished to get into operation as soon as possible. He further stated that the working relationship with the Town of Framingham had always been good and he felt that it had no bearing at all on their decision which was purely economic.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 P.M.



PHILIP B. ERNST, CLERK