

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

NOVEMBER 28, 1988

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

WARRANTS:

#65 - November 28, 1988 - Bills - \$511,487.67
#66 - " " " - Miscellaneous - \$667,918.80
#67 - " " " - Salaries - \$927,094.57

SPECIAL MALT BEVERAGES AND WINE LICENSE:

Robert Long - Village Hall - December 31, 1988 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. - (Wedding Reception)

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to Open, Occupy & Obstruct a Street:

Diamond M. Contractors - 334 Winter Street - November 29 to November 30, 1988

HEARING - BOSTON EDISON COMPANY PETITION

Mr. Joe Bausk, representing Boston Edison Company appeared on behalf of a petition for installation of conduit on Gilbert Street. As usual, Selectman King did not participate in the hearing to prevent any conflict of interest. Hearing no objections after a description of the installation was given, the Board voted 2-0 to approve the petition.

HEARING - NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE COMPANY PETITION

The Board reviewed a petition submitted by New England Telephone Company for conduits and manholes on Hollis Street. As usual, Selectman King did not participate in the hearing. Hearing no objections, the Board voted 2-0 to approve it.

CONFERENCE - MC GRATH SQUARE LIGHTS

Police Chief Larrabee, Lt. Foley, the Safety Officer, Fred Sergeant, Town Engineer and Aaron Bikofsky, Town Counsel appeared to discuss the Town's position on modifying or discontinuing the lights at McGrath Square because of the many complaints and problems since the lights were implemented on November 10th. The lights that were installed replaced the flashing yellow lights that were at the intersection previously. Selectman King asked if the Town has the authority to modify or change the present traffic signals. The Town Engineer explained that the lights were not working properly because they were not interconnected with the Water Street lights. As of this time, Chapter 90 funds are being withheld. A ninety day trial period is to start Friday, December 3rd. Fred Sergeant said some technical problems have to be worked out, and that local and state officials will examine traffic patterns and the lights at McGrath Square. Local officials will learn within 90 days whether and how the lights can be removed, since they were approved by the state and paid for out of federal money. Some of the problems are: the status of Danforth Street being "One Way", traffic backing up from Hamilton Street onto Old Connecticut Path and too much traffic in general going into McGrath Square because of the many side streets feeding into the Square. Selectman John F. King stated that if the lights do not start working properly, the Town should return to the former system. That system combined the flashing yellow lights with a police officer to direct traffic. It was also suggested that at some point, the lights could be used only at peak periods and at other times flashing lights would move the traffic faster. Selectman King said he would like to see the lights removed in 2 weeks. The Town Engineer stated that any changes will depend on final approval of the State. Selectman King felt that the safety of the public was more of a concern than state funds. No action was taken, but a report would be forthcoming to the Board within 2 weeks.

CONFERENCE - RE: APPLICATION FOR WINES AND MALT BEVERAGES LICENSE

Attorney Alden Seltzer appeared with his client Richard Stucchi to request the Board's permission to make an application for a Wines and Malt Beverages license as a Package Goods Store at 1640 Worcester Road. He stated that Mr. Stucchi presently is the proprietor of a convenience store located at Edgewater Hills Apartment complex. After a brief discussion by Attorney Seltzer as to the need for a Package Goods store license, the Board voted to accept his application.

CONFERENCE - INSURANCE COST CONTROL CONTRACT

John Harland appeared to outline the contract agreement between the Town of Framingham and Insurance Cost Control, Inc. for the period of July 1, 1988 to July 1, 1989. Selectman King voiced his concerns as to the increase of \$5,000 for the new contract and what is the Town receiving for the amount of \$20,000 which is the new contract figure. Mr. Harland explained that this was the first increase since 1985. Mr. Harland also explained at length, the duties and function of the Insurance Cost Control. Selectman King asked Mr. Harland how many claims has the company received and what has been the ultimate saving to the Town. He also asked for a print-out of claims in order to determine if the increase in price is warranted and to see if the I.C.C. is needed. Mr. Harland was directed to return at a future Selectmen's meeting with the following answers: How many of the Town's workers are out on Workman's Compensation, and what is the cost, and also how many are out on disability and are we monitoring these claims.

CONFERENCE - HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR APPOINTMENT

The Human Relations Commission and the Personnel Board had recommended previously to the Selectmen the appointment of Ms Joan Webster as the Human Relations Commission Administrator. Prior to making the requested appointment, the Board met and talked at length with Ms Webster, who appeared with Heidi Pihl-Buckley. Having satisfied the Selectmen's concern over several issues facing the Town, the Board unanimously appointed Joan Webster as the Human Relations Commission Administrator.

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CONFERENCE - M.C.I. INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM

Appearing before the Board were the Planning Director, the Police Chief and the Director of Public Works seeking permission to apply for the \$875,000 state grant. The funds would be used for public safety equipment and public works improvements. The grant falls under the correctional Expansion Infrastructure Program. The Police Chief asked for \$75,700 in order to update its radio equipment. James Hanscom outlined the need for the Department of Public Works to replace and repair water mains on the southside as well as road repairs. He stated that the facility should not be built without water main improvements. The Board voted that the disbursement of funds would be in order of priority - the \$427,750 water main improvements, \$75,700 for the radio equipment for the Police Department, \$250,000 for the Fire Department to purchase a specially equipped rescue truck and the balance of funds to go toward the \$217,500 road improvements as requested by Public Works. The Board suggested to the Director of Public Works that he look into Chapter 90 funds or Community Development funds for the balance of the road improvements project.

CONFERENCE - SAM SWISHER RE: DEVELOPMENT OF 15th YEAR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Sam Swisher, Community Development Coordinator and Doris Sarkisian, Chairperson of the Community Development Committee appeared before the Selectmen to outline the Committee's recommendations in respect to developing the 15th Year (July 1, 1989 through June 30, 1990) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. These recommendations come as follow-up to a public hearing held November 15, 1988.

Preliminarily, the Planning Department and the Community Development Committee anticipate that a total sum of approximately \$508,000 will be available to support 15th Year activities from the following sources:

Entitlement (Annual) Grant	\$428,000
Projected Program Income	20,000
Reprogrammed (Unexpended carry-over from previous years)	<u>60,000</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE	\$508,000

In general, the Committee would favor an open solicitation of proposals from town departments and community agencies in all permitted CDBG categories. The Committee would recommend however, that a sum of \$35,000, from funds anticipated to be available be set aside specifically to support employment related transportation services for disabled citizens. This is a needed service that has operated effectively with CDBG funds for several years. A provider of this service for the 15th year would be sought through a separate request for proposals.

Budgets would also be requested from the Planning Department for performance of Administration and operation of the Housing Rehabilitation Program. A general solicitation of requests for proposal would be run from December through early January seeking proposals in any of the following areas among others, public works, public facilities, public services, architectural barriers removal, economic development, transportation, and housing.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER APPOINTMENT

Upon the request of Police Chief Larrabee, the Board appointed Kate Magidson, 40 Henry Street, Apt. #12, Framingham, MA., 01701, as a Special Police Officer for a term of duration as Parking Enforcement Officer for the Town of Framingham.

CONSTABLE APPOINTMENT

The Board appointed Philip A. Robinson, 23 Bantry Road, Framingham, MA., 01701, a Constable for a term of three years.

SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

Upon recommendation of the Safety Officer, the Board approved the installation of a RESIDENT PARKING ONLY sign in front of 11 Gorman Road. Ms. Kathleen Cole Berry and Ms. Alberta Cole Casali, 11 Gorman Road, will pay the cost of installation.

The Board noted receipt of the following items:

1. Correspondence from Planning Director re: Fox Gate Residential Development.
2. Correspondence from Refuse Fuels Associates to Director of Public Works.
3. Correspondence from Town Engineer to Conrail re: update of estimate to install signals and gates at California Avenue Grade Crossing.
4. Fire Department overtime for the week ending November 19, 1988.
5. Correspondence from M.C.O.A. re: Director of Callahan Senior Center position.

Upon the recommendation of the Police Chief, the Board voted unanimously to promote Frank Masiello as Permanent Police Lieutenant, effective December 1, 1988.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.


JOHN F. DELPRETE, CLERK