

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM
SELECTMEN'S RECORDS

OCTOBER 30, 1989

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held at 7:30 P.M. Present: John F. King, Chairman, Selectman Clerk Philip B. Ernst and Selectman John F. DelPrete. Also Present: Edgar C. Gadbois, Executive Administrator.

WARRANTS:

#54 - October 30, 1989 - Bills - \$317,172.60
#55 - " " " - Bills - \$7,731,707.00
#56 - " " " - Payroll - \$651,205.91

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE:

W.K.O.X. Radio - Baseball Card Show to Benefit Jimmy Fund at Duca's at the Maridor, 653 Worcester Road, on November 5, 1989 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

RATIFICATIONS:

Permit to Open, Occupy and Obstruct a Street:

Commonwealth Gas Company - 223 Walnut Street - October 27, 1989 to finish.

HEARING - NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY PETITION:

Mr. Bill Wilson appeared on behalf of New England Telephone Company on a petition to extend a conduit on Burr Street from the east side of the street to the west side of the street because of the road widening. Hearing no objections, the petition was granted on a 2-0 vote. Selectman John King did not participate to prevent any conflict of interest.

SAFETY OFFICER RECOMMENDATION RE: NOT A THRU STREET SIGN ON ARNOLD ROAD AT PLEASANT STREET:

Upon the recommendation of the Safety Officer, the Board voted unanimously to approve the installation of a Not A Thru Street sign on Arnold Road at Pleasant Street.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE RE: LEGISLATION ALLOWING TOWN TO RECOVER COST OF ADMINISTERING PAID

POLICE DETAILS:

Selectman John King suggested that a report be given from the Police Chief as to the number of man hours that are spent each year on administering the extra paid details and based upon that, the Board will make a decision on what the fees should be because all these fees will be passed onto the users of the police services.

The Executive Administrator stated that he will have a report in the next couple of weeks.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM POLICE CHIEF RE: HAN DYNASTY LIQUOR VIOLATION:

The Board voted unanimously to set up a hearing on the matter.

CONFERENCE - ATTORNEY ANDREW ROGERS RE: FORTUNE TELLER'S LICENSE FOR BARBARA MILLER AT 209 WORCESTER ROAD:

Attorney Rogers stated that on May 11th, he requested the Board issue a Fortune Teller's license for Barbara Miller. The Board wanted proof of residency in Framingham and there were some legal aspects. He stated that no complaints have been issued and there is nothing pending in the courts.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the license.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN ENGINEER RE: TRAFFIC SIGNALS - CONCORD/CENTRAL/ELM/WATER STREETS:

The Executive Administrator stated that there has been a review of these lights and a number of problems were discussed: (1) the green arrow for the northbound Concord Street traffic should be lowered, (2) the green time for traffic turning left from Central Street to Elm Street is too long, (3) the green time from the southbound Elm Street traffic light is too long when no vehicles are at this location, (4) the green time for northbound Concord Street traffic is too short between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. The Executive Administrator also stated that Mr. Peter Donohue of the State Department of Public Works agreed that he must obtain permission from the Boston office to make the necessary revisions. He expects to return in a week or so to make the revisions and observe the traffic movements thereafter.

Selectman John King suggested that if this does not alleviate the problems with the lights, maybe we should invite the District Engineer from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works to come before the Board with Mr. Sergeant, the Police Chief and Lt. Foley to make a determination. The lights are still under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Board noted receipt of the following items:

CORRESPONDENCE FROM TOWN COUNSEL RE: PROPOSED SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR VETERANS' DAY

COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR TO MASSACHUSETTS HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY RE: MEADOW GREEN:

The Executive Administrator stated that the memo outlines a number of shortcomings in the proposal; (1) the developer's contact with community leaders has been very minor. They haven't come before the Board of Selectmen, they haven't touched base with the Planning Department, etc. There are some environmental concerns, where the project is being planned for is near Wetlands and could cause some serious environmental problems and is also near the floodplain and (3) there is a question whether the water and sewer is capable of handling the project in the area.

Finally, he raises the question of public safety because it's near a firm that produces hazardous materials. It has been referred to various agencies.

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CORRESPONDENCE FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR RE: MEADOW GREEN (continued):

Selectman DelPrete stated that he knows that there is a water pressure problem in the area and the project is completely in a wetlands. They have not approached anyone except the Housing Authority and have made no proposals to any other town board. It is in the area of General Chemical Corporation.

TIMELY REPORT OF EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR:

LIBRARY REPAIR:

Last week, it came to the attention of the Board that there was a hazardous situation where some of the bricks were falling off the side of the building. The Executive Administrator spoke with Gene Oliva and he has taken care of the situation.

PARKING GARAGE:

The parking garage continues to show additional interest in its use. Revenues to date received by the Town is \$1,188. The management has begun opening at 6:00 A.M. rather than 7:00 A.M. It continues to be closed at 7:00 P.M. The facility is clean and repairs are done on a daily basis.

FY/91 BUDGET:

The first step in preparing the FY/91 Budget has taken place. On Wednesday, October 25th, the Executive Administrator held a meeting with Department Heads. They were asked to prepare two budgets that reflect a six percent increase over FY/90 and a four percent decrease over the FY/90 budget. The Department Heads displayed a lot of cooperation and showed enthusiasm in addressing what could be a very difficult fiscal year in terms of budget preparation. In addition, he asked that these budgets be prepared by December 1st so that on December 1st he could begin to work on it and pull it together and give it to the Finance Committee by the end of December in the form of a balanced budget.

PUMPING STATION - ARTHUR STREET:

There has been a couple of inquiries made on the project. Some of the questions have been asked about the project being done by the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Originally, the site was a Sewer Pumping Station site built in the late 1800's. However, it was destroyed by a fire seven or eight years ago. The Massachusetts Water Resources Authority wants to build a new and larger station on the site. The M.W.R.A. wants to own the site and that's not a negotiable item. They are not going to lease the site, it has to be purchased. They are going to invest a substantial amount of money into the pumping station. The station is being designed at this time and the questions of odor and noise are being addressed in this design. Presently, the Real Property Committee is deliberating the sale of the property and he believes they will be coming back with a report possibly at the next special meeting, if not, at least at the annual meeting.

COST SAVING COMMITTEE:

The Executive Administrator has contacted the Chairman and most of the members of the Committee and they will begin to meet. The first meeting will be Tuesday night, October 31 at 7:30 P.M. in the Peter Ablondi Room.

PARKING METERS:

During the past three weeks, the parking meters have produced over \$2,600 in new revenues.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF TOWN ENGINEER RE: PLEASANT STREET AND MAYNARD ROAD:

The Executive Administrator reviewed the intersection with Fred Sergeant and he as wekk as Lt. Foley agree that a stop line should be painted on both sides of Maynard Road where it intersects with Pleasant Street and also some of the hedges should be trimmed. This recommendation is now being implemented.

TRAFFIC ISLAND ON CONCORD STREET AND SCHOOL STREET:

The Town Engineer recommends that the island be reconstructed in order to have all traffic bear right of the island.

ASBESTOS COMMITTEE:

The Executive Administrator was appointed to the Asbestos Committee and they met a couple of times and the committee is now prepared to go to the Town Meeting and request a transfer of funds so they can complete a report on all the town buildings in terms of the issue of asbestos. All the school buildings have been done and there is a report on them outlining what needs to be done and what should be done. However, our own buildings have not been done and there have been some complaints. There has been some money appropriated to do that but it's not enough. There was a proposal that Gene Oliva received from the same firm that did the School Department's proposal. He received it last February sometime. He did not recall the exact figure but they are willing to stand by that figure this year until the end of December and if we get the money by that time, they will do the project for the same amount of money that they said they would do it for a year ago. That's why we are going to go before Town Meeting and ask them to transfer the monies. It was Town Meeting that asked this committee to look into it.

Selectman Ernst asked about the cost involved.

The Executive Administrator stated around \$20,000.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

The Executive Administrator recommended November 28th as the date for a Special Town Meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to call a Special Town Meeting for November 28th. The warrant was opened and will be open for a week.

ESTOPPEL:

The Estoppel is the release of the property that the town has agreed to sell to the 9/90 Associates, the land that's on top of the hill that we'll use as a landfill operation and they call it an Estoppel. It just removes all encumbrances that's on it. He asked Town Counsel to review it and he has. Now that we have made arrangements to collect the back taxes that were owed on it and we've got a commitment on those taxes, the Executive Administrator recommended that the Estoppel be approved.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Estoppel.

CLINTON STREET ABANDONMENT:

Selectman King stated that last week we had a request to hold a public hearing to abandon a portion of a public way on Clinton Street that will be a subject matter at the November 28 Special Town Meeting. He asked what has been done.

The Executive Administrator stated that we would set the date for November 13th for a public hearing.

Selectman King wanted to make sure that all of the Town Meeting members in that precinct receive a letter on that so they are well aware and they certainly can contact the people in that precinct to let them know that a public hearing will be held on that matter.

PROPOSED MEADOW GREEN HOUSING PROJECT:

Selectman King stated that in the report that the Planning Director sent to the Board on the proposed 35-Unit Low Income Housing Project on the south side of town, there were concerns of hazardous materials and is near General Chemical Corporation. He stated that it's more of a concern to the 500 students who attend the Woodrow Wilson School which would be in much more close proximity to the General Chemical site. This matter has been in the courts for some time and the Building Commissioner has ruled that they are operating in violation of the Zoning By-Laws. We have waited as a Board very patiently to hear from the Building Commissioner and the Town Counsel as to the status of that case within the courts. He would hope that next week we could have an update on what's transpired relative to that court case.

Selectman DelPrete stated that on the application, they didn't mention that there was a hazardous waste site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 P.M.



PHILIP B. ERNST, CLERK