

Action Spurs Tardy Town Interest Says Selectman At Monday Meeting

"It is hoped," said Chairman of the Board John C. Snow at Monday night's Selectmen's meeting, "that when the bill, submitted by the Selectmen last July, and now pending in the State Legislature, and which will return to Provincetown the Province Lands for expansion purposes, there will be some provision incorporated in it which will permit the Town to decide the type of development which will take place there. It is my feeling this should be decided by a vote in a Town Meeting".

The Selectmen were asked why there had been no publicity when the bill was introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Harry B. Albro. They replied that several hearings had been held prior to this time, with Van Ness Bates present, to which no one had come. Selectman William McKellar said it was under the Planning Board's auspices that the bill was submitted. Selectman Anthony Tarvers said a vote was taken in last year's Town Meeting authorizing such a move, by means of the Van Ness Bates Survey.

Voted By Town

The Article referred to was included in the warrant as No. 8 at the special Town Meeting on May 2 and read, "to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 to retain the services of Van Ness Bates Associates Planning and Research Consultants of Boston to render within six weeks from effective date of contract (with two weeks extension if requested) a preliminary general plan of development of Provincetown report".

Selectman Tarvers also advised that a hearing had been held by the Legislature in the State House in Boston on August 17 and "if the papers didn't pick that up, they are to blame".

Chairman Snow commented, "One of the bad things about this Town is that no one's interested until the action is taken, and then the wrong impression is always taken. I think that if a little advance interest were shown before these things were done, we would have the advantage of public opinion and we would act accordingly."

What conservation measures were being considered, the Selectmen were asked. Chairman Snow said that the State Department of Conservation is "vitaly" interested in his matter, but have not as yet submitted their recommendations.

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the West End breakwater be used; that the Town Clerk be authorized to issue licenses for \$1 to legal residents and real estate tax payers; that one 10-qt. bucket per family should be the limit; that Sundays and Wednesdays, from sunrise to one-half hour before sunset be the hours for digging; that only 2" shellfish be taken and the rest re-buried; and that the penalty for violation of the regulations should be not less than \$3 nor more than \$50, in addition to suspension or revocation of the license.

Selectman Tarvers moved to accept the recommendations. Selectman McKellar thought he had read somewhere that a fine of only \$20 maximum could be imposed in case of violation of such regulations. Selectman Tarvers said that this is the province of the Shellfish Committee and none of the Selectmen's concern: "Let's put the responsibility where it belongs!" he said. Chairman Snow said, "These are recommendations to us. We will be the ones who will be responsible for them and unless I study them further, I won't vote to accept them now."

Selectman Tarvers changed his motion to accept the Committee's report in order that further study and comparison with last year's regulations could be given them. Selectman Joseph Lema seconded, and the Selectman approved unanimously. Selectman Joseph Lema suggested they study the regulations as recommended in executive session. "I don't believe," said Selectman McKellar, "that this is something we can take to executive session." "I just wanted to save time," said Selectman Lema.

The recommended regulations were moved to the bottom of the agenda for further study in open meeting.

Airport Meeting

A meeting between the Airport Commission and the Selectmen was scheduled for 9 p.m. Chairman M. F. Patrick of the Commission reported "progress has been made on the new runway". He went on to explain, however, because of a change-about in plans for its location from the original plan approved by the Commission, to a new one, and then back to the original, an unnecessary expense of between \$1500 and \$2000 would have to be borne. Mr. Patrick also felt that the taxpayers should be made aware that in the very near future additional expense will be incurred at the airport due to increasing and expanding service, the possibility of a new lighting system to be installed and the anticipated appointment by the Commission of an airport manager. The Commission is investigating ways and means to cover these costs, and presently feels that a "head tax" of \$1 per person using the airline would be the most feasible. Such a tax is widely used and is justified in the sense that the people who use the airport are the ones who will be paying for it.

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Chairman Snow said, "We get water from our auxiliary station opposite the Light & Power Station, and there are two pumping stations in Truro. I don't think we can anticipate a water shortage in this area for years to come. Whitman & Howard, our consulting engineers, study this problem annually. I don't think the Truro people have any valid objection that we are causing a water shortage in that town."

West End Clamming

The meeting opened with the reading of recommendations from the Shellfish Committee concerning rules and regulations to govern clamming over the Winter months. The recommendations included: that the flats should be open from October 2 to April 1; that Area 1 on the West Side of

was scheduled for 9 p.m. Chairman M. F. Patrick of the Commission reported "progress has been made on the new runway". He went on to explain, however, because of a change-about in plans for its location from the original plan approved by the Commission, to a new one, and then back to the original, an unnecessary expense of between \$1500 and \$2000 would have to be borne. Mr. Patrick also felt that the taxpayers should be made aware that in the very near future additional expense will be incurred at the airport due to increasing and expanding service, the possibility of a new lighting system to be installed and the anticipated appointment by the Commission of an airport manager. The Commission is investigating ways and means to cover these costs, and presently feels that a "head tax" of \$1 per person using the airline would be the most feasible. Such a tax is widely used and is justified in the sense that the people who use the airport are the ones who will be paying for it.

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The Selectmen advised him that a question that had been asked of Mr. Snow in particular was how close his grant was to the nearest trap, and his answer had been "2000 feet" as required on the application.

Although Mr. Snelling made a complaint about the non-notification he had experienced, he had no verification to support his claim that Mr. Snow's trap was not 2000 feet from his own. Selectman Tarvers chided him on this and said, "Why aren't you prepared to give us a good, sound, basic argument? A man of your stature should know better. If you can't protect your investments, I'm not supposed to."

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Chairman Snow said, "The Board of Selectmen have voted to approve the issuance of this license. That vote stands until it is revoked. The license goes to the Department of Public Works and the Division of Marine Fisheries. I suggest you make your objection to them."

Not In Bay

A trap fisherman in the audience asked to see the map of the trap area in question. It was discovered by him and Mr. Snelling, who had been misled by a newspaper article stating that Mr. Snow's trap was in the bay, that it was not actually in the bay but off New Beach. This resolved the difficulty to everyone's satisfaction.

Thomas E. Doheny of 65 Commercial Street, wrote a complaining letter to the Selectmen regarding the operation of "The Galley" over the Summer, saying its sign is too large and that the way it had been operated constituted a fire hazard.

Joseph Martin, Jr., Harriet T. Martin, John White, Joseph Taves, Leo Silva, Edward Loring and I. G. Mitchell submitted a letter to the Selectmen requesting that "some definite action be taken against the Davis Taxi Co." stating that Mr. Davis is "not the type of person to be turned loose on the public" and suggesting that they check with the Acting Chief of Police regarding this matter."

The Selectmen checked their minutes and found that they had voted to revoke the taxi license of Mary Davis and her agents, but such action should not be taken until the end of the year and then not to be enforced unless further incidents of an unpleasant nature took place. On the basis of this, Selectman Tarvers moved that the Selectmen disregard the letter from the taximen since it contained no reference to any violation. Selectman Lema seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Later in the meeting, Joseph Rogers appeared to ask the Selectmen if "he understood correctly that the Board had said they had no taxi regulations?" Chairman Snow replied, "There are taxi regulations that have been promulgated by the Board".

The Selectmen were asked at Monday's meeting if they were planning to vote the town dry, as was rumored about Town. "We could do it," replied Chairman Snow, "by revoking all the liquor licenses, but I would hate to do that." "So would I!" agreed Selectman Tarvers, part owner of one of the town's package stores.

Choral Society Forming

Mrs. George Murphy of Wellfleet announces the formation of the Lower Cape Choral Society. The immediate aim of this new chorus will be to prepare the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah for performance in December. Conductor of the group will be Paul Nossiter, recently appointed vocal superintendent of the Nauset Regional Schools. A membership drive is now in progress with the first rehearsal scheduled for the week of October 10.

Rehearsals will be held one evening a week, either Monday or Wednesday, from 7:30 until 9:30 at a mutually convenient location. The group is open to everyone over 16 years. Ability to read music is not a requirement. Anyone interested in participating may write to Paul Nossiter, P. O. Box 245, Wellfleet and indicate the following: name, address, telephone, voice range (soprano, alto, tenor or bass), reading ability, if any, and his preference for rehearsal night, Monday or Wednesday.

Senators Deplore Cape Cod Park Delay Pledge Efforts To Pass Bill In '61

Senators John F. Kennedy and Leverett Saltonstall have released the text of an open letter to the Citizens of Cape Cod on their proposal to establish a Cape Cod National Seashore Park.

The letter reviewed efforts to secure action on the measure during the recently adjourned second session of the 86th Congress and contained a pledge for continued efforts for enactment. The two Bay State Senators expressed "deep regret" that final action had not been reached during the year which has passed since their bill was first introduced.

Senators Kennedy and Saltonstall said that the Lower Cape had experienced a "continued increase in population density and commercial expansion" during the past year: "Delay and indecision have brought waste and imperiled further the proper preservation of this incomparable segment of America's natural and historical heritage."

"We shall continue to work with dedication in the hope that this project will at last become a reality early next year," they concluded.

To Cape Cod People

Dear Citizens of Cape Cod:

It was a source of deep regret to us that final action was not reached during this past session of Congress on S. 2636, our proposal to establish a Cape Cod National Seashore Park. We have been strongly convinced—since this bill was first filed over one year ago—that early action was most important both in the interest of the Park and in justice to the citizens and towns of the Lower Cape. We cannot, however, fail to be grateful for the sincere and generous support which we have received from many citizens on and off the Cape in our effort to obtain this legislation.

There were a number of reasons for the failure of this or a similar Park bill to pass the Congress in 1960. There were several delays at strategic points in the early legislative history of the bill. These delays occurred both in the Executive and Legislative branches of government. In addition, sincere and genuine local differences of opinion regarding possible revision and modification in the legislation were only slowly crystallized and never effectively coordinated; in other cases they were wholly impractical within the basic framework of our proposal. We feel that the exhaustive work involved in the preparation of the bill and the Senate hearings in Eastham in December 1959 provided adequate guidelines for further action. Nevertheless, by June, when further hearings were held in the Senate, very little progress had been made in resolving the differences expressed in December. We ourselves made a number of revisions in our legislation and tried to encourage workable local suggestions among the six towns involved which would be reasonably consistent. Given the urgency of this situation, we feel that further progress should have been made in obtaining a practical revision of the legislation.

Unique Balance

We emphasize again that the legislative process calls for an agreement on specifics rather than mere reiteration of vague and polemical generalities. In our judgment, S. 2636 strikes a unique balance in the preservation of the seashore area and the protection

of interests of individual homeowners. The response which we had at the time of the bill's introduction—and since—confirms this belief. By comparison with traditional national park legislation, the bill provides unprecedented protection to the six Lower Cape towns. In addition, we feel that the provisions of the bill and the record of the Park Service give promise that preservation of the area would not be frustrated by excessive and indiscriminate recreational uses. We have repeated many times our pledge to include in new legislation a provision for payment in lieu of taxes to the towns.

During the past year, we have noted a continued increase in population density and commercial expansion in the Lower Cape. Delay and indecision have brought waste and have imperiled further the proper preservation of this incomparable segment of America's natural and historical heritage. More building permits have been issued, more bulldozers slash at oak trees and scrub pine, more property developments clutter land adjacent to the great beaches, more subdivisions are approved. This relatively open and magnificent stretch of nature could quickly be reduced to an unplanned conglomeration of developments spoiling the broad sweep of dune, the clean sand beach, the open stretches of marshlands, the cedar forests and meadow. All of these facts make action urgent.

The House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs has scheduled local hearings in Eastham beginning December 15th. This would appear to constitute a prelude to new consideration of our measure in the next session of Congress. While we believe the hearings as such are unlikely to provide much new information, we are most hopeful that they will provide genuinely constructive modifications and lay a firm base for action in the House. We shall, of course, cooperate in every possible way to make these hearings a success, and we repeat our willingness to consider every reasonable improvement which is consistent with our basic approach and purpose. We shall continue to work with dedication in the hope that this project will at last become a reality early next year.

Sincerely,

Leverett Saltonstall
United States Senator
John F. Kennedy
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Public Supper Coming

The Auxiliary of the Lewis A. Young, Post, VFW, will sponsor a public ham and bean supper to be held at VFW Hall, Jerome Road, October 19. Serving will begin at 6 p.m.

New Stations Will Broadcast "No School" Announcements

William L. Roche, Superintendent of Schools, has announced that arrangements have been made with WBZ-TV and WEEI Radio to broadcast no school announcements in the case of bad storms. WOCB radio in West Yarmouth and WPLM in Plymouth have been doing this for a year, but because some people find these stations too weak to pick up on their radios, the new arrangements have been made.