

'Politics In The Rough'

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Sweeney To Battle For Defeat of "Cow Meadow" Reasoning

For reason or reasons not immediately clear, Hempstead Town Board will convene at 10 A.M. of Tues., Jan. 2nd, to consider rezoning some 1,000 acres (in Hempstead Town) from Industrial or Residence B to Residence A-1, the latter being a classification requiring a minimum house plot of 10,000 square feet. Approximately 170 acres of the total to be considered comprise the controversial "Cow Meadow" situated within the boundaries of Freeport's Union Free School District No. 9.

The move has aroused the fighting spirit of "Slugger" Bob Sweeney, Freeport Village Mayor who inherited the "Cow Meadow" problem when he and other Village Party candidates upset the then incumbent Unity Party back in March of this year. The results of a survey requested by Sweeney several months ago proved all civic associations of the South Shore community unanimously against the construction of resident dwellings on the controversial acreage.

Sweeney, in a fighting mood reminiscent of his pre-election campaign talks, is suggesting all Freeporters join with him at Hempstead Town Hall, Front St., Hempstead, on the morning of Jan. 2nd "to raise their voices loud and strong in protest against the rezoning of the 'Cow Meadow' property."

In an interview with an obviously angry Mayor Sweeney, he told this reporter: "If the 170 acres are rezoned, it means Mr. Hornstein (owner of the "Cow Meadow" property) has won his victory without a battle, simply because the 'defeated' taxpayers of Freeport had not been given an opportunity to fight."

This surprise move on the part of Hempstead Town Board, said the Mayor, comes as a shock to Freeport Village Board as the latter group already has authorized an appraisal of the "Cow Meadow" property, as well as the preparation by engineers of a "taking map" for the purpose of condemnation of the property by the Village.

"Disastrous," said Mayor Sweeney, "is the only word to describe the impact prohibitive taxes would have on Freeport Village if resident construction is permitted on the 'Cow Meadow' property."

"The need for additional policemen, fire protection, sanitation facilities, water and sewerage facilities — as well as almost immediate need for a \$2 million school addition — combine to make the success of this move by Hempstead Town Board the worst blow the pocketbooks of Freeport taxpayers have ever suffered."

"I call upon all Village of Freeport taxpayers to be with me at 10 A.M. on the morning of Jan. 2, 1962 at Hempstead Town Hall. I am certain that by unified action we can deter Hempstead Town Board from dealing a death blow to the people of our Village."

There is no doubt that "Slugger" Bob Sweeney has donned the gloves and is ready to do battle with Hempstead Town Board in defense of the nearly 40,000 Freeport residents he represents. If these people are interested in their pocketbooks, they will be in Sweeney's corner at Hempstead Town Hall on the morning of Jan. 2nd.

As we view the situation in light of Mayor Sweeney's determination to save his constituents from an almost unbelievable tax hike, Hempstead Town Board had better gird itself for a bitter battle on Jan. 2nd. And each of its members — their posts are elective — would be wise to remember that local Republican victory is considered difficult to obtain without a Freeport plurality. Propositioning a move which leads to an especially heavy tax load is not conducive to winning friends. Nor votes.

Taxpayers DO have long memories!

POTPOURRI

County Asst. D.A. Florence Ryan Carisson addressed recent meeting of F'port Repub. Committeemen; some eyes popped when GOP leader Pete Kelly introduced her in this manner: "As far as I'm concerned, here is the Republicans' answer to Ben Burstein" . . . Those F'porters attending the Village budget hearing Jan. 26th will, for the first time in most memories, be presented with a budget broken down into detailed classifications . . . "Gentleman" Jack Mancini, proxy of H'velt Demo Club, had his 4-year-old son Mark into the Big City for a look at the lavish Christmas decorations, and enjoyed the sightseeing with a view from atop the Empire State Bldg.; all the way home little Mark was in tears because Daddy wouldn't let him reach over and pick up "one of the little toy automobiles" — the youngster's description of flowing traffic — 182 stories below . . . H'stead Town Sup. Ralph G. Casso installs 11 F'port Repub. Club officers next Thurs. night; on Jan. 13th the human dynamo takes part in Merleik F.D. Annual Insp. & Inflation Dinner at Old Country Manor in H'ville.

MORE OF THE SAME

Some politicians are predicting Assembly Speaker Joe Carino comes out of the Lane-inspired fallout shelter fracas "a bigger man than he was before it started" . . . County Clerk Francis Anderson is guest of F'port GOP Committeemen at Jan. meeting . . . Most novel Christmas card to this corner from Atty. Vince Mutari, a frequent GOP candidate; it's a "campaign plea" to vote for Kris Kringle, aka Mr. Kringle's qualifications, and lists endorsement by Ellen, Natalie & Vince Mutari . . . More than one F'port Village Dept. head finds refreshing the habit of Mayor Bob Sweeney in "giving credit where credit is due, and praise when it is deserved" . . . If the situation becomes such that F'port's Police Justice post is up for grabs in March, don't be surprised if Atty. Nat Zalkow is a candidate.

Fairberg Is Promoted

Asst. Vice President Of James Talcott Inc.

Freeport Village Trustee George H. Fairberg, has been elected to the office of Assistant Vice President of James Talcott, Inc., 225 Park Ave. South, Manhattan.

Mr. Fairberg, an attorney by profession, was formerly counsel to the Industrial Time Sales Division of James Talcott, Inc., and has now been promoted to head the New York office of that Division.

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Mr. Fairberg resides with his wife, Ruth, and daughter, Jill at 144 N. Brookside Ave., Freeport.

PERSONALS

FREEPORT HOSPITAL

To Beatrice M. Salvage Liebler and the late John A. Liebler, 75 Parsons Ave., Freeport, a son, Danna Gilbert, Dec. 12.

To Maynard J. and Marie Rose Funck, 27 Newton Pl., Roosevelt, a son, James Allen, Dec. 16.

MERCY HOSPITAL

To Mr. and Mrs. Victor Novell, 197 Elmwood Ave., Roosevelt, a daughter, Linda Ann, Dec. 12.

To Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Gomulka, 152 E. Greenwich Ave., Roosevelt, a daughter, Alice Cecilia, Dec. 16.

To Mr. and Mrs. Max Itzkin, 101 Willet Pl., Roosevelt, a son, Russell, Dec. 19.

Power Plant and Allied Depts. Hosts to Freeport Officials, Workers at Yuletide Party

Supervising officials and fifty employees of the Freeport Municipal Power Plant, the Line and Stores Departments were hosts at a large Christmas party given in the storeroom adjacent to the Power Plant on Thursday night, Dec. 21. Their guests included members of the Water and Light Commission, the Village Board, superintendents of various departments and members of their staffs.

Clinton M. Walling, superintendent of utilities in charge of three departments, was on hand with Charles Whitty, superintendent of light distribution, and Charles Boden, superintendent of the power plant.

A. William Hindenlang, chairman of the Water and Light Commission, also attended with Commissioners Frederick T. Yee, Knowlton K. Boyce, Richard Edwards and William Wilson. Mayor Robert J. Sweeney was another guest as were Trustees Henry M. Altengarten and Arthur R. Muller, Village Counsel Edwin J. Freedman, Police Chief Peter Elar, Harry Chulsano, superintendent of highways and sanitation, Village Clerk John J. MacDonald and his deputy, Clinton Metz, William E. Crevoisier, superintendent of the Water Dept., former Mayor Robert L. Dooce, Alice Anderson former executive secretary to the Board and former Deputy Village Clerk Russell E. Hotaling were among the other guests.

It was strictly an informal affair with a sumptuous repast being served buffet style. Speeches were taboo and the only entertainment was singing a la Mitch Miller. John J. Marra headed an efficient committee which made the affair a success.

MASQUE AND WIG ADDS 38 TO MEMBERSHIP

The Freeport High School Drama Club, the Masque and Wig, inducted 38 members recently at an impressive ceremony. There were formal rites followed by a few scenes from the "Guardsman". Some members acted out monologues and the inductees then gave impromptu improvisations. Masque and Wig officers are: Carolynn McIntyre, president; Christopher Kent, vice president; Robert Feinson, secretary, and Jo Ann Hubbard, G.O. Representative.



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