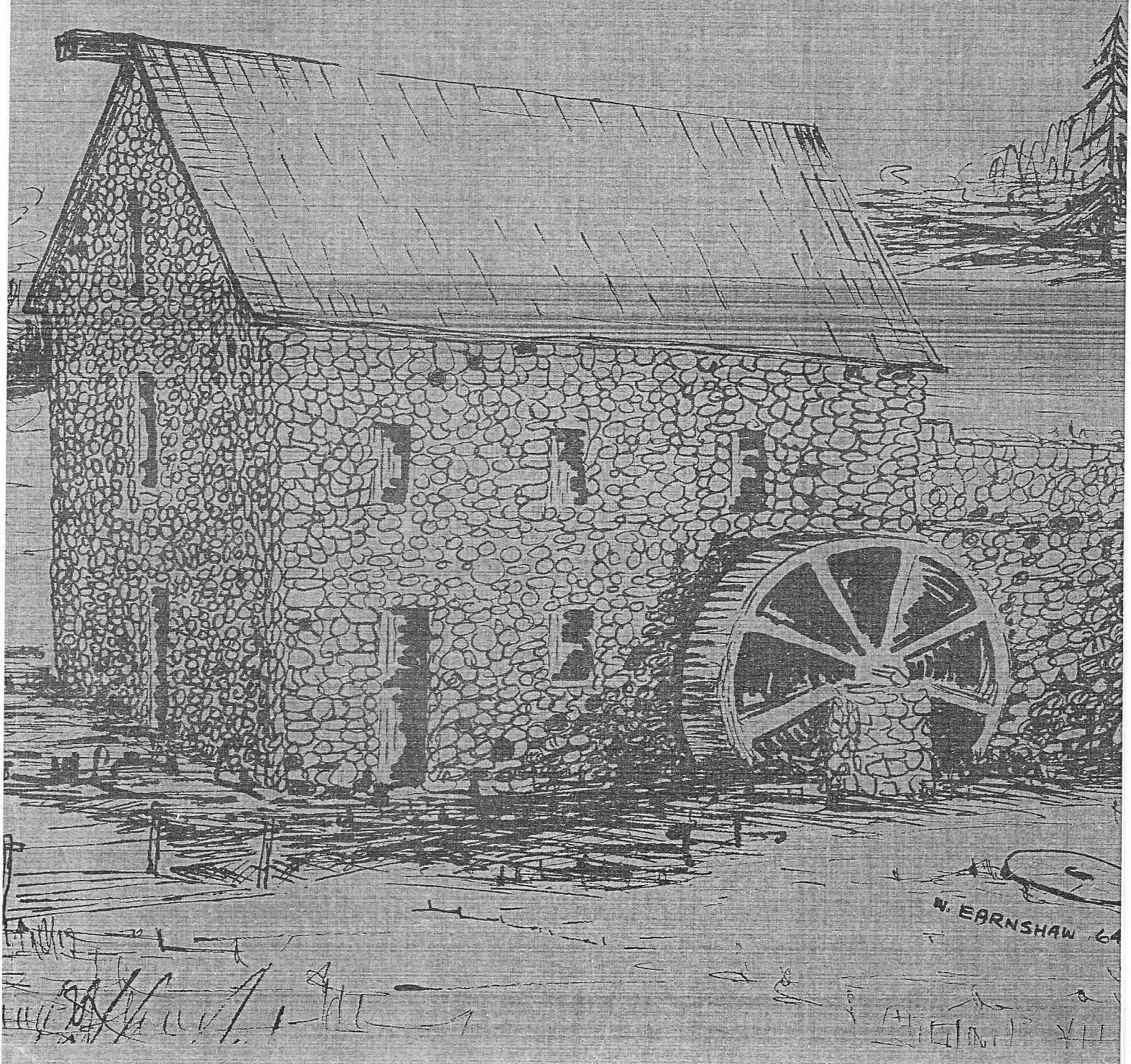


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## MUNICIPAL LIGHT DEPARTMENT STUDY COMMITTEE

The Municipal Light Study Committee held its first meeting on July 2, 1964. Since that time, the Committee has met bi-weekly.

During 1964, the Committee concentrated on collecting information necessary to complete its study. The 40 cities and towns in the Commonwealth which presently have municipally-owned power systems have been contacted. Many have returned completed questionnaires to the Committee.

The Committee has surveyed the Town's residential, commercial and industrial subscribers to obtain electric rate and usage data. In addition, a detailed map of the Edison equipment and distribution system in Sudbury is nearing completion.

In order to consolidate and organize the information and data, a comprehensive outline has been developed which will permit an item by item - as well as a total - comparison of costs and related factors between the present privately-owned system and hypothetical municipally-owned power and light department.

The Committee plans to complete its study and present a report to the Town evaluating the feasibility of converting from its present system to a municipally-owned system by the end of 1965.

Respectfully submitted,

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EBEN B. STEVENS, Secretary  
CHARLES D. ADAMS  
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## POWER AND LIGHT COMMITTEE

The Committee has continued in its duties of advising the Selectmen on petitions by the Boston Edison Company and the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for new or replacement pole locations. The Committee considered ten petitions and made reports and recommendations to the Selectmen. It is the practice of the Committee to make field inspections of the proposed locations before making recommendations; we then recommend approval, or modification, depending on site conditions.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities on December 2, 1964, issued an order on the application of the Boston Edison Company to take land by eminent domain for the proposed high tension lines through Sudbury, Wayland and Concord. This order was against the Town; but it represents only one battle in a continuing war to prevent these lines from being stretched along the marshes between Sudbury and Wayland. The Selectmen and the Planning Board, as well as this Committee, have gone

on record as favoring an appeal. The appeal has been filed by Mr. Philip B. Buzzell, special counsel working on this case with Town Counsel Alan Winsor. The appeal lists 27 errors of law in the Department of Public Utilities' order. We intend to pursue the case. We believe that the Town of Sudbury can prevail in the end and that it is important to continue our efforts to put these lines underground.

Current information indicates that new technological developments are occurring so rapidly that even as we oppose these lines, new techniques make the placing of such equipment underground more feasible.

ROBERT C. WELLMAN, Chairman  
JOHN J. HENNESSY  
FRANK SHERMAN  
MYLES STANDISH, JR.

## TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

On September 10, 1964 the Selectmen appointed the Transportation Advisory Committee to advise them on matters of regional transportation to represent Sudbury on the various regional planning and transportation organizations, and, in general, to keep abreast of transportation matters, including mass transportation, highways, and legislation, outside Sudbury in the light of their possible effect on Sudbury.

Two factors led to the formation of the Committee. Under the law which created the new 78-community Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (M.B.T.A.), Sudbury is now a member and for the first time this year will be assessed her share of the M.B.T.A. bill - approximately \$1500. Representing Sudbury and her interests on the M.B.T.A. Advisory Board has been and will continue to be one of the committee's responsibilities.

Sudbury is a participating town in the Boston Regional Planning Project (B.R.P.P.). This project, consisting of 152 cities and towns, is the second largest project of its kind in the world. The results of this study will serve as a bluespring for the highway and mass transportation development of this region for many years to come. Sudbury is part of the "Route 20" sub-region of the B.R.P.P. and has demonstrated her active interest by hosting the first two meetings of this group. Three of the five towns in this sub-region have an active interest in the Route 20 bypass issue. The B.R.P.P. forum is one of a number of areas in which the committee feels the Route 20 bypass proposal should be pursued in the coming months.

We welcome information, suggestions, or questions from any individual, committee, or group regarding any of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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M.B.T.A. Advisory Board  
LAURENCE L. GARTHE, representative  
Regional Coordinating Comm. B.R.P.P.  
RICHARD LARHETTE