

Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting July 19, 1976

All three Selectmen present, Edward C. Clarke presiding

A letter was read from the Library Trustees complaining about the nuisance of young people loitering on the Library lawn and around the front of the building. The Selectmen discussed this problem at great length and agreed to talk to the Police Chief about it later in the evening.

Phebe Lewan met with the Selectmen to discuss the feasibility of using the Ruby Baker Bradshaw land which the Town now owns through tax sale, for public land that is, a park, extra parking at the beach or any other such use. Mrs Lewan said that the Commission meets Tuesday night and she will discuss it with them. She also mentioned the Hurlin land but did not have too much to report on it. The Selectmen also discussed the Elm Research Institute with her and what progress she has had contacting them. She said that the Commission was still investigating the program and there was no doubt that something should be done about the trees in the Town. The Commission will report back to the Selectmen. The Selectmen also mentioned to her that the water flow at Gregg Lake might have been hampered with the construction of the Beach and asked her to talk to someone in the State who is knowledgeable in this subject to see what help they can give us.

Mr. and Mrs Kurowski asked the Selectmen about making a home based business in their barn, a small appliance repair shop. The Selectmen agreed that the Zoning Ordinance allowed this kind of business in the area that they live in, but they suggested that they talk to the Planning Board to get the final verdict.

Mr. Gary Throop met with the Selectmen to introduce himself and to ake what will be done next winter about plowing Stacey Hill Road from Bishop's to his lot. He has bought a lot from Richard Herman and intends to build a house and be in residence by Augest of this year. The Selectmen said that no money had been allocated for repairing this road so that it can be plowed in the winter but they would talk to the Road Agent and ask what can be done. Mr. Throop will drop in next week and find out what has been decided.

Merle Aborn, Road Agent met with the Selectmen to report on the weeks happenings. The Selectmen asked him what it would cost to up grade the road mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. He said that it would cost in excess of \$1,000. The Selectmen asked Merle to meet with Mr. Throop and see what the minimun repair that would be acceptable for this year and report to the Selectmen so that they can have a decision by next week

Ed Clarke said that a warrant article should be put in the Warrant next year for any major repairs to roads and that perhaps this road should be done, but not until next year. Ed Clarke also mentioned the Gregg Lake Road which is in very bad shape he said that for all the taxpayers on this road something should be done for them.

Charles Jackson met with the Selectmen to discuss the problem on South Main Street. that is, loitering, public drinking of alcholic beverages and general noise and nuisance. He complained of no response from the Police Department and expressed the desire to have something done about this problem. The Selectmen said that something definitely would be done about and that they would met with the Police Chief and work it out.

Carroll Johnson call the attention of the Selectmen of a letter he has received as Trustee of Trust Funds from the Attorney General's Office. The Town Poor Funds are not being spent and the interest is accumulating to too great a degree and the Attorney General's Office is suggesting that the Selectmen find some other way of spending it to the advantage of the poor of the community. This will require some thought and Carroll will look into it further.

Chief Craig reported to the Selectmen the happenings of the past week and the Selectmen took this opportunity to ask him about the problem on South Main Street. He explained that as soon as the crowd sees the cruiser they disappear, and the policemen cannot seem to catch them in the act of causing a disturbance. He will put more effort into catching one or two of them in order to set an example.