

Emery S. Doane and Richard Schacht opened the meeting with Richard O. Schacht presiding.

James Wilson spoke to the Selectmen about his assessment he feels that his trailer and the land it sits on is assessed too high. After some discussion Mr. Wilson and the Selectmen agreed that he would wait and talk to the State Assessor when he comes to do the pick-ups this year.

Charles Rabideau had a complaint about the service given the North Branch Fire Company on the night of April 29/30 when they had trouble with their alarm. He said that he had two men waiting for the repairman until 4:30 in the morning and when they called the operator to see where he was she stated that the repairman said that the Fire Company would not need the repair right away because they had a quick call system. Note: The quick call system was not working either. Repairs made 12 hrs later. Eric Tenney arrived while this discussion was taking place Charlie asked the Selectmen if they would back up the Fire Company in their complaint to the Telephone Company. Dick Schacht asked him to put the complaint in writing so that they would have something definite to work with. The Selectmen agreed that they would support the complaint if it was presented in writing.

Marshall Danforth expressed a concern for cleaning up the back yard at the Inn. He said that he had money available for the project and asked that the Selectmen see that it was taken care of. Eric Tenney stated that a crew of about twenty people had volunteered to clean it up this Saturday or Sunday. It was agreed that the Selectmen would wait and see what happened this week-end before pursuing the matter further. The Selectmen and Mr. Danforth agreed that they will handle the matter as kindly as possible.

Rudolph Stebner renewed his pistol permit

Theodore Hardwick with a petition to rethink the proposed location of the sewage treatment facility. He had a petition with 31 names on it and he asked the Selectmen if they would need any more to start looking into the relocation of the plant. Dick Schacht expressed a concern that this might delay the implementation of the program, he felt that this should have all been cleared up at the meetings held by the Study Committee. He said that while he is not against it he will not advocate it. Eric Tenney said that because of his position he is non-committal. The Selectmen said that the Sewer Committee should be contacted.

James Rymes applied for and received a Building Permit

Freda & John Hulett applied for a Building Permit

Sue Craig and the Recreation Committee, Harold Grant and Russ Cuddihy met with the Selectmen to discuss the backstop at the ballfield. She has an estimate from American Fence of \$1685.00 for the backstop only. This would be a backstop to Little League Specifications. The Selectmen asked if it could be repaired using the old fence and getting new posts. Dick Schacht suggested that Russ figure the job using the salvage from the old fence. It was stated that some thought should be given to future use. Sue reported that someone has taken the drinking fountain. The Selectmen suggested that it be installed in a way that it could be removed. Russ will contact Don Paige and see what is needed for a Little League Backstop and get back to the Selectmen. Sue also reported that she had met with the lifeguards and they will be JoAnn Jennison and Amy Webber. The beach will open June 24 through Labor Day weekend. Mothers should remember that this is a lifeguard service not a baby sitting service. The Selectmen agreed to an increase in the salary of the lifeguards.

Phebe Lewan, chairman of the Conservation Commission reported that they have nominated two new members, Mike Chase who replaces Meade Cadot, and Dana Healy who replaces William Abbott as representative from the Planning Board.

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Mrs. Lewan also reported that she had heard from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests in regard to the Hurlin Land. If the Town feels that it would like to acquire this land they should apply to BOR for funds. They suggest that even though the Selectmen would want to have this done through Town Meeting the Town should apply now for the funds. <sup>Now</sup> The land would have to have an appraisal done by an approved appraiser. Dick Schacht suggested that inasmuch as an appraiser will be looking at the Jameson Avenue property he might have him look at this at the same time. There is money available through the Society by means of the Hurlin Fund. The Society will let Phebe know the particulars. The Conservation Commission will investigate and report back.

Arthur Bryer asked the Selectmen if he will need a Building Permit to repair his garage roof. The Selectmen said that none was necessary.

Merle Aborn, Road Agent reported a problem on Masquanipi Drive. Dziejic built a house in line with the culvert and now he is complaining about it eroding his property. The Selectmen told Merle to tell him to fix it. Both Merle and the Selectmen agree that this should be done at his own expense.

Emery reported that Howard Humphrey Jr. reported that the gravediggers had increased their fee to \$90.00 and asked if the Road Crew would be interested in doing it. Merle said that is is a big job with many complications and he feels that he doesn't have time to do it. It can be arranged for by the Undertakers.

Dick told Merle to have in the back of his mind Congreve Road. The property is being sold and maybe the buyer will be looking for service, it is a Town Road.

Merle suggested that the Parking Lot be paved and a good job be done. He plans to use poles for bumpers and cut them off Bumper high. He was told to get a figure on paving and the Selectmen will see if the budget will stand it. Old Hancock Road was mentioned, but Merle said that he had problems all over the place and he would have to decide priorities. The Sander needs to be fixed it will cost from \$200. to \$300. The Selectmen said to fix it. He will be mowing the Town Cemeteries and plans to have them done by Memorial Day.

Chief Craig met with the Selectmen and reported that people were traveling over the North Bennington Bridge and something should be done about it. The Selectmen suggested that Merle either have a rod welded across the bridge or put up poles in front of it so that cars and horses cannot cross. This is a potential hazard, and should be corrected as soon as possible.

The Selectmen appointed Emery Doane as the Selectmen's representative to the Con Val Advisory Committee.

The Selectmen agreed that Meetings will be cancelled on holidays which fall on Monday, namely, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day.

Emery Doane reported that Paul Lavoie will have the crane from Yankee Crane Service here tomorrow and until Wednesday Noon. It will cost \$490. plus \$250. to paint the Fire Station on three sides plus the tower. He will not paint the dormers and there will be no sash paint, no carpenter work and no replacement of glass. He will replace clapboards and will scrape and touch up the tower and spray one coat. This is all providing that the back of the station is cleaned up by Wednesday.

A pistol permit was issued to Douglas Dyer.

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