

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, June 22, 1981

Present: Paul Mercier, Chairman, Katherine Ring and Leslie MacNeil

7.30 Checks were signed and three abatements also signed.

Virginia Grant was in to give a report on all the property that has gone to tax sale and to inform the selectmen that several properties will be deeded to the town in August is the property tax is not paid by that time.

By going over the contract the landfill can be maintained by the same person as long as there has been no complaints. There is no knowledge at this time what the charge will be.

Paul reminded secretary to get a letter out to Joe Hyland informing him that Chase Tree Service will be in town on the 21st of Sept. and hope that gives him time to remove his own trees.

Letter to go out to Mrs McCabée letting her know that the sewer problems are being looked into and will be corrected as soon as possible.

U.S.S. Antrim will send a proposal into the navy Aug. 13th to see if they accept the ship after her cruise. Big day will be announced as soon as possible.

Ted Brown was in with a contract for \$10,400 to do the basket=ball court. The figure is a bit high and after talking it over it was agreed that Paul would sign the contract but that Ted was to work at getting it down to the \$10,000 figure or as close as possible to that figure. The figure for the backboard and equipment is high and they hope to slice off some to come closer to the agreed upon figure.

Right of Way on the Merrill property was discussed with Lloyd Henderson town attorney. Lloyd thinks a tax abatement would be a good compensation for the right of way if it can be arranged.

New President will be in residence at Nathaniel Hawthorne College by July 15th. Jim Dennison is planning a get acquainted reception and will check into the price of same.

An agreement was made with the vice president of the college to start making payments starting in August and monthly after that untill all taxes are paid up.

Roger Duquette is the new finance officer at the college.

A tornado hit the North Branch fire station at 3:30pm today and cause extensive damage. One wall was knocked down and much damage was done on Elm Ave. No injuries reported. Many trees down, few came down on nearby homes. Electric and telephone were knocked out. Once the business was taken care of, the selectmen headed to North Branch to see what, if anything, they could do. Gave moral support to all who were busy clearing the roadway and seeing to everyone's safety.

Agreed that secretary could take the balance of raise promised at time of hire. "\$5.50 per hour by June 1981"

All work taken care of by 9 30pm.

Spoke to Lloyd about the right to know law since the reporter from the Messinger left in not too good a frame of mind due to not being allowed into the selectmen's office until time for the first appointment. This was to give time for signing checks and go over tax delinquents with Virginia. Also to discuss the storm damage.