

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, July 25, 1983

Present: Leslie MacNeil, chairman, John J. Jones, and Katherine Ring. Selectmen met at 7:30 to sign checks building permits for Brian Brown and letter to Mush Cook.

Mr. Grabowski did not show for his 8:00 appointment but did show at 8:50 at which time he complained about having been told not to talk to busy employee. (Summer Youth). He asked why secretary and selectmen were free to talk to one another and he did not have that right. Explained when busy, people can not be interrupted to answer his questions and complaints. Lloyd Henderson, town counsel, advised Mr. Grabowski that he was free to sit in on any meeting of two or more selectmen, but he was not free to interrupt in any way, with questions, suggestions, comments noise etc. He was also advised that when he has a complaint he should come to the regular meeting of the selectmen which is held on Monday evening and voice his complaint. He is not free to tell the secretary to change the minutes when he does not agree with the wording. That is up to the selectmen to amend the minutes.

At the time of Mr Grabowski's scheduled appointment the selectmen discussed the problem and read the minutes. It was decided at that time to delete any mention of amounts donated by Mr. Grabowski to clubs. Amended minutes were accepted, Unanimously voted.

Selectmen signed letter to "Mush" Cook.

Jim Dennison of the Planning Board was present and a discussion on length of time a building permit would be good for was in question. It has been understood by the office that a time limit of two years was reasonable yet no one can find mention of official time limit. State does not govern limit, and the Town can adopt its' own limit. A taxpayer had taken out a building permit in 1979 and a question as to it still being usable arose. No decision at this time.

Brian Brown, police chief gave his weekly report. Busy week with 18 calls due to the storm on Friday. (Fallen trees all over Town). Brian asked that the selectmen commend Chris Joseph on his rescue and was told the selectmen had already decided to do so.

Mr. A. Lane spoke to the selectmen about his easement and said he had paid taxes on all property. Selectmen went over the blotter book with him showing him the records, and also the recorded easement he signed with the selectmen years ago.

Mr. Hebert checked with Public Service as to who owns the trees in front of his property. Selectmen will have G. Cole road agent check them out and if they are on Town property and are in fact dead, will have them removed as they can be a danger with falling limbs.

Mt. Olson spoke to the selectmen about a letter having been sent to him about failing to obtain a building permit. He had been told in 1979 that he need not obtain a permit for building non-livable structures on his property. This was an error and mis-understanding. He left with a permit application and will have in filled out and returned to the office.

Lloyd Henderson agreed with the selectmen that a permit is good for usually a year or two. A fee for the permits should be determined by the cost to the Town for recording and for assessment cost relating to the permit.

S. Phinney had a letter for the Selectmen in regard to Antrim Players. A Proposal to establish a fund for improvements to the Town Hall Auditorium was approved unanimously by Selectmen.

Leslie MacNeil spoke of the selectmen having to make a concious decision before speaking to Lloyd and presenting questions. Lloyd told selectmen that the Town retainer covers warrant for Town report and services relating to warrant. (drafting articles) Attendance at Town Meeting. If he has to start a special file on problems brought to him or a need for research comes up he must charge the Town. Most questions brought to him by selectmen, tax collector or secretary are not charged for. He gives many hours to the Town and does not send a bill. A bill received for services requested by tax collector was in question. It was found that record of deeds had not sent all mortgagees to town and for a proper tax sale this information was needed. 87 Eighty seven owners were in question and Lloyd did a lot of research to correct the Town records. Next tax sale may need to have some property checked on but for the most part the Town records are up to date on the usual tax sale properties. Lloyd does not want the selectmen to stop asking questions when in doubt, but Les stressed that a concious decision must be made. Les would like to work up some kind of procedure which would cover legal assistance. He is not trying to tie anyones hands but make everyone time concious and cost concious.

Mention was made that Keene Gas Co. may be moving out of Antrim.

Mr. Grabowski injected that they are fed up with Antrim.

Cooks Nook to close. Agreement was to have moved the trailer for parking, since this has not been done and it has been found to cause a parking problem no new eating place can go into the present location without more parking made available.

Eric Tenney was in to go over the zoning regs with the selectmen to prove that his farm stand is legal. Mr. Grabowski clapped when Eric talked to the Selectmen and explained his understanding of the regulations.

His building permit was signed after all issues were cleared up.

Eric took time to tell the selectmen of the water and sewer commissioners meeting with the Gregg Lake Association. Some property owners on the lake wanted the water raised others wanted it lowered. A decision was made to lower it four inches.

Selectmen asked if there is a map of the Water District. None known of but possible that Carroll Johnson would know of one.

✓ K. Ring and Les MacNeil voted for approval of permit. J. Jones voted present.

Secretary left at 10:25.

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