

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, August 22, 1983

Selectmen met at 7:30

Present, Leslie MacNeil, chairman, Katherine M. Ring, John Jones. Selectmen signed checks, building permits for G. Cole, C. Cook, and W. Clough. Morris permit was in question and K. Ring agreed to check out the distance from property lines.

Intent to cut and yield tax warrants also signed as well as the discretionary easement warrant.

Dispense with reading of last weeks minutes.

Electrician to be called to install light in front of P.O.

Repair will be needed on the old shed in back of Town Hall.

Bob Flanders informed the selectmen that in order to have a Historical Society, it must be incorporated, State would furnish by-laws. Work involved could not be finished this year and will have to go into another warrant article for the next year.

Bud Hardwick, Carrol Webber and M. Browski would be willing to work on the committee. (18 additional people would help out when needed.)

Town Hall Committee would meet in the Fall. John Jones, Alice M. Flanders and Linda Lester. John does not think that meeting that late will give enough time for the needed information to be ready for Town Meeting.

Bob sees no need for a budget committee since the selectmen are no longer new at the job and it is their budget. Up to the Town to approve or disprove. If the selectmen think there should be a committee, they should put an article in the Town Report and make the terms of office alternate. Les MacNeil saw how not having a Committee has helped the selectmen get more involved in the budget.

George Cole road agent was told Depot St. looks good. George discussed with the selectmen the value of having hot top put on the roads. Would last much longer, cost more to do but would last longer and eliminate oiling the roads in an attempt to keep them up. Cost less in the long run for a better road.

Bill Gutgesell will be finishing this week. Three papers to carry notice of job opening. Applications to be accepted until the 16th of Sept. at 12:00 (noon). Applications will be reviewed and interviews set up by the 19th to start no later than Oct. 1.

If George gets in a bind, he has permission to hire a man for short term. Bellows Nichols to be called checking on Town liability in the event man must be called in for short term.

After Labor Day Gregg Lake Road will be resurfaced.

Once the Town has a decent bed over some of the roads, it may be well to look into blacktopping them.

Top of West St. needs some work.

Tree Service Co. busy now, will get work done as soon as possible.

George was told to clean up cars in sand pit.

Remainder of time due Bill Gutgesell in question. Les said he is not entitled to it since he is not giving two weeks notice.

It is time for Town Crew to get their raises.

Ed Toy to be called to see if any word from Antrim Village.

Mr. & Mrs. Hyland came in answer to a letter from the Selectmen. Mr. Hyland said in 1971, he looked into the regulations of the Town and spoke to the selectmen at the time. He had planned to put thirty apartments into the Main St. building. He has since altered his plans to nineteen apartments. Chariman Stan Tenney saw no problem with plans for 30 apartments. Zoning went into effect in 1974. Someone told him that his plans were grandfathered and he would have no problem. Spoke to Eric Tenney, and had an official inspection of the building. In 75 Bob Morrill said it would be a year and a half until the sewer went into his property. Made a gentlemen's agreement to continue building but not to rent out the space until septic was taken care of. At that time there were seven apartments rented, He thinks. Spent a lot of money to keep up appearance of property. K. Ring spoke to N.H. Legal and was told that since zoning went into effect property was in violation. As mentioned, initial plans have changed from 30 to 20 to 19 apartments. Will not rent to college students. Mr. Hyland has had legal advice as he continued to build and was told no problem, rather legal advice was that if he should get a building permit which was required by the Town zoning, it may jeopardize his project. He has been acting in good faith with nothing in writing that he can think of. Asked if he screens tenants and said yes. There have been several arrest of his tenants and many move in and come to the Town for aid within a few days. Third floor apartment was in question. There are two apartment on third floor but a fire ladder to be put down wall and was told by fire chief that it was fine.

Les MacNeil explained that as selectmen they are following up violations and enforcing zoning using a strict interpretation of zoning regulations. Lloyd Henderson, Town Council asked how many apartments were laid out before zoning and was told all of them. Asked who looked at the house and was told first inspection was Bob Morrill. It has been agreed that Selectmen and Mr Hyland will get all the information collected and set up another time to discuss problem. Mr. Hyland said he wished it had come up a year or two ago before he put so much money into it and secretary reminded him she had given him a permit two and a half years ago and told him it would be needed for any major work being done inside as well as outside. He agreed this was so.

Mr. Hyland was told by some people that the selectmen were out to get him and they were going to close him down, that selectmen were against Mr. Hyland and apartment building.

Lloyd will also look into his files to see if he can find any information needed to make a proper decision on the matter. Until such time as there is an agreement between Mr. Hyland and the selectmen, no further building is to go on.

Fire marshall has been in to check the building and Mr. Hyland has made good any suggestions made by him.

Mr. Grabowski was in to discuss the poster secretary hung on the bulletin board without the selectmens approval. Mr. G. saw it as a double standard, since he is not allowed to hang information on the board. Bulletin was for a tribute to I. Nichols and proceeds are to go to the Antrim Players fund which was set up to do repairs on the Town Hall. Selectmen have some latitude as to just what goes on their board, and can not see this as a double standard but an exception to rule, since it is for the benefit of the Town Hall.

Executive session was called in order to discuss welfare case and pay raises for the highway crew.

Secretary to look up company who does the fire proofing of the drapes.

Secretary left at 11:25pm.

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OFFICE of the SELECTMEN

Antrim, N. H. 03440

August 26, 1983

Dear Sirs & Madam,

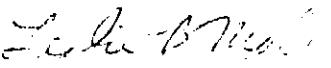
We are writing in the hope you will be able to help us clear up a problem that has arisen in regard to the Joseph and Ann Hyland property on Main St.

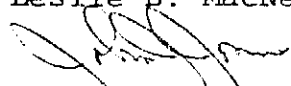
We can find no information or agreements made between Mr. Hyland and the Selectmen at the time. Mr. Hyland purchased the property in 1973. Shortly after the purchase, or at the time of purchase, Mr. Hyland contends a selectman inspected the property and saw no problem with Mr. Hyland turning the building into thirty apartments. During re-construction of the building a selectman saw the starting of all the apartments and approved. Assessors have also viewed the property throughout construction.

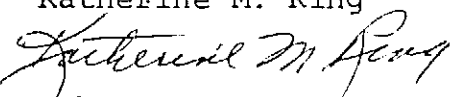
We are trying to find some information that will uphold this agreement and find someone who visably saw what construction had been completed prior to zoning in 1974.

Any information you can give us will be a great help and most appreciated. We thank you in advance for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

  
Leslie B. MacNeil, Chairman

  
Katherine M. Ring

  
John J. Jones  
Board of Selectmen

cc: Mr. Gillmore, Mr. Estey, Assessors  
Robert Morrill, Edward Clarke, Howard S. Humphrey, Selectmen  
William Abbott, Harold Grant, Dick Schacht, Peter Merrifield,  
Mildred Dudley, Planning Board  
Helene Wiggins  
Lloyd Henderson, Town Counsel.