

Selectman's Meeting, Monday, Sept 26, 1983

7:30 Selectmen met to sign checks, building permits and go over weekly material.

Present: John J Jones and Katherine M. Ring.

Minutes of last weeks meeting approved.

Brian Brown, Police Chief, spoke to the Selectmen about a raise for his special officers. He would like to see them raised from \$4.50 to \$6.00 an hour. John and Kit both agreed to make a decision when Les is present next week and let Brian know.

George Cole, Road Agent gave a run down of work on Gregg Lake Road. An electric line was buried just under the surface of the tar and had been cut when work was going on. Transformer blew out. George called Public Service and the Selectmen at the time to see what damage had been done and the wherabouts of the line at the time of the mishap. Public Service replaced the transformer and ran an overhead line to the home that was affected at the permission of the owner. George is concerned about other possible lines being so close to the surface. No one said just who had burried the line. Lloyd Henderson sees no liability to the Town due to the transformer being blown.

George is concerned about the TRA money not coming in as expected now that the State has a Block Grant covering all highway money. K. Ring and J. Jones agreed to go ahead with paving Gregg Lake Road as the grant should come in to cover the TRA and highway subdify money.

Selectmen and George spoke about the White Birch Point Bridge. Since the Dam was built, some heavy trucks have gone over the bridge and Kit believes there has been some damage done to the foundation. When the Dam was completed, the bridge had been checked and found in good condition. At the time of building the dam, the bridge had been shored up to allow for heavy trucking which was needed at the time and the shoring was left in place when the project was complete. The bridge is posted at six ton limit. George suggested that a culvert may be used to give support and the old abutment remain in place. He was asked if a culvet would support the weight of a cement truck. George will check strength and cost and report back next week.

Roger McKinley spoke to the selectmen about running a business in his barn. Home business are allowed in his district and therefore he requested a sign permit. Granted.

Bob Watterson had questions about the portion of Rt. 9 which the State had given to the Town sometime in 1951. Town had given up the Road therefore it reverted back to the land owners. Mr. Watterson can get seven driveway permits from the State to open on Rt. 9 but he would like to see no more than two access. This would be possible if the State and Town have no interest in the Road. Lloyd Henderson, Town Counsel sees the State as having given the Road Back to the Town and not haveing any interest in it gave it to abutors. Town not involved at all. Bob Watterson will check back with the State just to make sure they have no interest as an abutor.

Mr. Watterson also spoke to the Selectmen about the White Birch Point Bridge. Since the bridge is posted for a six ton limit, what would happen if a bridge breaks due to heavier trucks going over it? Would the driver be responsible? It was explained that in the past when a heavy truck was expected to go over a bridge, a bond of \$1,000 was

Posted. Damage to bridge was responsibility of driver or company. Mr. Wattersons permit for cluster housing at White Birch Point was denied. In order to put two houses on one lot as cluster housing, the lot must contain two acres or more. Mr. Wattersons property is not two acres. He wished to join a lot on the other side of the Road to make the required two acres. This can not be done. Cluster housing is when two or more home owners share a common property. One person can not own two single dwellings on a lot and call it cluster housing.

Mr. Watterson asked if the selectmen would approve part of the permit (moving the one building to the other side of the Road). He was asked if he had septic approval and was told that no, but if that would hold up permission to move the house, he would use the present system. This *would involve going under the Road. Permission denied.*

Mr. Chirachiello asked if he were allowed to expand his business which he operates from the basement of the home he occupies on the Davis property. He wants to expand and become a wholesale business for institutional food service. He will not be a store but a mini distributor. He was told a variance would be required if he employed two or three more employees. He will not be hiring outside help therefore Mr. Dennison of the planning board and the selectmen saw no problem. Lloyd Henderson, K. Ring and J. Jones all agreed to grant whatever permission was needed with the understanding that should he expand to require more help, he apply for the needed variance.

*Mr. Watterson can post a bond and if damage occurs, he is responsible. It is posted as six ton and selectmen will not approve over that weight limit. Mr. Watterson said Smith Harriman may have an idea as to how to expand the weight limit on the bridge Does he have permission to do what he has to to get work done on his property? Asked if someone would agree to go and look at what damage has been done so far so that Mr. Watterson will not be held responsible for present damage. John Jones agreed to take a picture. George Cole will also have to check it out. Bob is willing to shore up bridge on his own and assume responsibility for any damage over present. Mr. Watterson said without building permit he doesn't have to be concerned about the bridge, but he does intend to do what he had planned. He had wanted to do the work before winter, but now all is uncertain.

Selectmen agreed to come in and work on valuation and budget for the State tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10

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