

Present Leslie MacNeil, John Jones.

Selectmen met at 7:30 to sign checks and go over business of the week. Leslie decided that pre-existing permits would not need sub-divisions. Brian Brown, police chief gave his report. It was decided to hold Halloween on Sunday evening from 5pm until 8pm. Concern over the planned haunted house at the Grange Hall was discussed. Brian will speak to the Firemen and have them take precautions due to the shortage of parking spaces in the area and the need for those attending to walk on Rte 31 where the road is so winding. Brian and Chris will be busy on Friday and Saturday when the Firemen plan to hold the haunted house, therefore the Firemen will have to supply their own men to watch for traffic safety. Brian and Chris will be on call but this is due to be a busy weekend.

Ms Caughlan spoke to the selectmen about opening a coffee shop in S. Ashfords home next to Hyland apartments. Assured Selectmen there would be enough parking on the lawn and in the rear of the building. Front parking lot will be put in and marked off for cars. (about 12) A building permit will be coming in for renovations on the garage which she plans to live in. Since we have not received a change of owner from record of deeds, Sylvia Ashford will have to sign the permit. Ms. Caughlan was told to have the fire chief check the premises before she is allowed to open. She has agreed to call H. Cutter.

Mr. Parsons, Erickson and Conley were in to go over the plans for the Steel Pond Hydro. Land is leased from the State for fifty years at which time it reverts back to the State. Selectmen thought they would need a variance in order to install the Hydro Plant. Dave Conley, lawyer for the firm would like to see the Selectmen waive the variance, in order to speed up a building permit. Water resource has already granted permission. Lines will go under ground to the Power Co. 2½ to 5 % of the gross revenue will be paid to the Town in lieu of taxes. (Mr. Erickson sees the 5% as payment.) Since the selectmen can find no agreement with former selectmen of this fact, they asked that a copy of this agreement be mailed to the office. Mr. Conley agreed to this.

Jim Dennison of the Planning Board and J. Jones will check with the BOA and with Town Counsel Lloyd Henderson for input.

Selectmen asked why they choose Steels Pond. Similar plant was in operation years ago at the same site, the dam is in good condition and they see it not taking much to bring it up to working condition. Selectmen cautioned that the Elm Ave Bridge will be worked on next year and they will have to work with the State on this so as not to interfere with one another. They have already been in touch on this subject.

Mr Dennison spoke to the selectmen about the Depot St. curbing, and change which has taken place on the St. He sees the change as causing more problems than former, and has asked permission to work with the Road man to put in lines and stop bars far enough back so as not to interfere with entering cars. Mr. Goodwin will let them know the best place for this and proper location for the dividing lines. Selectmen agreed.

Phil Lang, Postmaster has spoken to the Selectmen about the poor condition of the rear parking lot. Selectmen will check to see what can be done to up-grade it. Electrician was once again called and has agreed to stop by next week to install a light in front of the post office. Bruce Kierstead is to be called and asked to paint the inside of the window at the post office.

P. Laflam has called and asked if it would be alright to close the Elm Ave. Bridge for repair from April 16 until about October 1. <sup>1984</sup> Secretary is to check with the School to see what effect this will have on the School bus.

Meeting ended 10:10

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