

J.M.P.

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, July 15, 1985

Present: Katherine M. Ring, chairman, Rachel C. Reinstein and John J. Jones.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 with the pledge.

Bob Varnum, Road Agent, gave his report. Well has been installed on the Town property. It was necessary to dig down 400 feet to reach water. This requires 110' of casing at \$7. a foot. Donations have been made to the Highway Department to cover this cost. \$600 was donated for the well and it had been agreed to use \$125 of the Highway budget toward the cost of the well. Another gift of \$600 was received for the pump. Since the pump will not cost \$600, the balance will go to the cost of the well casing.

The new truck will be ready by the end of the week. Money is to be applied for from the trustees as was voted on at Town meeting.

Letter on the new truck is to be the same as other town trucks. Smith Road will be closed to traffic from Wednesday through Friday while the road work is being completed.

Selectmen have authorized payment for the service contract on the copy machine.

Bob Varnum spoke to the selectmen about the crews raise and the resignation of one of the crew. Ray gave notice last week. He will be replaced with Bill Gutgesell July 22.

The Hebert application for building permit was approved, as was Berry's. Cole permit and Schacht permit held for septic approval. Chauncey and Platt permits will need set backs before approval is granted. Hoehn permit was disapproved, due to set backs. Permission to remove ell on the Mary French property was granted.

Richard Seavey from Bellows Nichols spoke to the selectmen about the coverage on the Town buildings and the coverage on contents. It was agreed to raise the contents of the Town Hall by \$12,000. Buildings 3½%. Both the fire department and the highway department will be asked for an inventory of contents as well as possible replacement value. A copy of the coverage will be given to the Sewer and Water Dept. in order for them to upgrade if they wish.

Mr. Seavey will work up a cost factor sheet for the selectmen to see if they can up-grade some of the coverage. Liability limits are low, to raise to \$500,000 for all vehicles will cost about \$650 to \$700. He read the agreement between Dr. Tenney and the Town and asked if it were possible to have him lower the amount of liability from 1M since that amount has become hard to get coverage on. Bob Varnum felt sure he could talk him down to a reasonable amount. Applications were left for rescue squad and special coverage on the P.D. if needed.

Mr. William Thurston and Mr. Matthew Yakovakis from T&M Hydropower Co. met not only with the Selectmen but over ninety residents of the Town. They did not come prepared to answer any detailed questions put to them from the Town people. They tried to reassure the people they would not destroy the fishing nor the scenic beauty of the river. At present they are doing a feasibility study. Approval from seventeen agencies must be received before they can apply for a permit from the Town. State,

and Federal agencies including fish and game and conservation must approve of the project. A lot of time has been put into checking records, and filling out forms. Lloyd Henderson informed the taxpayers that the approval comes from State and Federal and taxes to be paid are governed by State and Federal laws. Selectmen have very little if anything to say about the project.

Selectmen had written to the company asking that they meet with the selectmen to explain what they plan to do. Mr. Williams and Mr. Jakovakes agreed to keep the selectmen posted although they cautioned it takes a long time to see any movement on applications.

Mr. Grabowski asked to have his appointment cancelled.

Lloyd Henderson and the Selectmen went into executive session to discuss the Town line.

Nothing to report on this.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

Secretary left 10:30pm. ems