

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, November 4, 1985

Present: Katherine M. Ring, Chairman, Rachel C. Reinstein and John Jones.
Meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Varnum, Road Agent informed selectmen the dam by the Russell property is almost gone. He has spoken to the sewer commissioners and been informed that Clough and Cleary will correct the problem and make adjustments to prevent further wash-outs from flushing the pipes.

Culverts have been cleaned out earlier in the year. Most critical spots have been ditched. Road crew is cutting brush as well as preparing vehicles for winter.

In the past a question had arisen as to the need for another man on the road crew. Intention being, he would work on the roads when needed and do various jobs around the Town Hall, such as cutting brush, and making minor repairs when due. At present this work is contracted out. Bob informed the selectmen he did not feel at all justified in hiring another man for his crew. He has been working, without one of his men for over a month now with no problems. He would not have had any more accomplished had his man been there. His fourth man will be back on time for plowing. John pointed out the need for the extra man to do the cemeteries as well as the odd jobs. Bob agreed the work needs to be done but not by adding to the road crew. No one wants to do the cemeteries since there is not enough money put in the budget for a man to go in with equipment, which may be badly damaged. Bob agreed to do the cemeteries this year, but he does not want to risk damaging the Town equipment either. K. Ring asked what all thought about making this a Town Project. A request will be made in the Town Report for a group of citizens to get together to clean up the cemeteries especially the Civil War Cemetery which needs major work.

Although this would be an answer to the cemeteries, what of the beach and around the Town Hall. Bob does not see the beach nor the town buildings as part of the Road Agents' responsibility. He is responsible for fifty mile of road which he is working to upgrade and maintain. He would not have time to run around checking to see if a man was doing work assigned work around the town hall and beach. A question as to the park depts. responsibility to maintain the beach area. Selectmen agreed to think over the problem and make some decision as to if and how they could hire a man to do the needed work.

Bob has received some prices on a grader. One has come in at \$90,000 which can be leased at \$1,800 a month for five years. All that will be allowed on present grader is from \$7,000 to \$15,000. Bob sees the only option to a lease or purchase is to dump a lot of money into the present grader and end with no guarantees. Parts are getting harder to come by each year. He will continue looking around.

Mr. Forster came in answer to a letter in regard to his building. He had a permit in 1983 for work on a solar and had not remembered his permit was for work below ground. He filled out another permit which was granted.

A building permit for A. Chandler was also signed as well as an intent to cut.

Southwest is having a meeting on the 14th and requested as many selectmen as possible to attend. J. Jones will attend the planning board meeting, while K. Ring and R. Reinstein will attend the Southwest meeting.

Hillsboro selectmen will walk the town line on the 23rd at 9am along with representatives from Antrim.

New guidelines will be coming out for grants to help with sewer and water projects.

Executive meeting called to order to discuss the Chauncey-Francis hearing with Lloyd Henderson.

Meeting called to order .

No information from executive session.

Meeting adjourned 9:30pm

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