

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, March 17, 1986

Present: Rachel C. Reinstein, Chairman, John J. Jones, Keith Boatright.
Selectmen met at 7:30pm.
Brian Brown called an Executive Session.
No decisions from the executive session.

Meeting called to order.

Checks were signed as well a building permit for Tucker Brook Builders. More information needed on the application from Mr. & Mrs. Bennett (set backs). A land release form will be sent to Mr. & Mrs. Bundy to release the Town from liability since the new driveway will open onto a class VI road. Road Agent will not plow beyond the present driveway. Mr. Bundy will have to be responsible for the remainder of the road which is class VI.

Mr. Forbes Leland spoke to the Selectmen for the Audubon Society. They wish to have a stable tax bill in order to budget for it. Since they are a tax exempt society, Lloyd Henderson saw no reason to turn down the request. They feel an obligation to help with tax money to the Town. Their present bill is for \$1,090.70. All land in under CUV but the buildings run the tax bill up. They have never asked for the tax exemption which they and Lloyd believe they are eligible for. In the past the Boy Scouts land on Gregg Lake received an fixed tax bill while they also were eligible for tax exempt status. Bearing this in mind, the Selectmen set a tax figure of \$700 for the next five years. Rachel Reinstein, John Jones, and Keith Boatright voted in favor of this. Mr. Leland was in agreement with this amount. A letter to this effect will be sent to the Audubon Society.

Minutes of last weeks meeting accepted as written.

Bob Varnum, Road Agent gave his weekly report. Mud season is upon us causing many road problems. Grader has been ordered. Road crew has cleaned up most of the damage caused by the ice storm on Friday and Saturday. Transmission for the truck will be rebuilt since a new one is unavailable.

Bob has spoken to Hank Cutter and requested the old tanker be given to the Highway Dept. for use cleaning the Roads, and walks. It will come in handy to clean up around the Town and yet be available as a back up if a need ever arrises for the Fire Dept. to use it.

A question was raised as to when to raise or lower the lake. Bob is willing to do it any time but he will need to be told when and how much water is to be released from the lake.

Bob spoke to the Selectmen about Town equipment going out of Town. He is not in favor of loaning the equipment for repairs in other Towns. Any rental would not cover possible breakage of the equipment. When asked if he would be willing to rent equipment along with the man to run it, he responded that he and the crew have enough to do keeping the roads in Antrim in repair and no time to run to adjoining Towns to do repairs. Tax payers are paying for equipment and have a right to see repairs being done in their own town. John Jones, Rachel Reinstein and Keith Boatright all agree with Bob on this issue. The new policy will be no equipment to be loaned to other Towns at any time. This does not mean Bob would not be willing in an emergency situation to go to the aid of adjoining Towns. An emergency would be the exception to the new policy.

Dave Penny, BOA requested copies of all bill paid to Lloyd for the BOA. He reminded the selectmen of the need to swear in Pat Hammond as an alternate to replace Eric Tenney. Mary Allen no longer wants to act as clerk to the BOA but rather as a voting member. Pat will do the work of the clerk once appointed and sworn in. M. Roberts has resigned leaving another opening to be filled.

Dave asked if Jim Dennison had followed through with plans to advertise for a paid secretary to take the load off the clerk's job. No one was sure if he had put the add in yet. (Tuesday, he dropped off a copy of the add he was calling in to the papers.)

Several zoning violations will have to try to get variances once the selectmen notify them of being in violation.

Lloyd and the Selectmen discussed the Francis/Chauncey hearings. Dan Grants' violation was also discussed. Once the BOA has denied a variance, any legal bills are charged to the line item for legal. Dan Grant has purchased some land and will probably re-apply to the BOA. Mr. Sudsbury will have to be talked to in regard to junk cars on his property. Lloyd asked if the Selectmen would attend the annual meeting of the BOA where he plans to bring the board up to date on the Chauncey/Francis case.

Discussion on cluster housing took place. The zoning regulations leave a lot of questions unanswered. There is no provision for allowing a trailer on a property while a house is being built and there is a permit expected requesting this. Keith mentioned the long standing violations on the property in question and the request for permission to place a trailer on the land may become another violation if not removed if permission is granted and a time set to remove the trailer. No decisions made on this issue at this time.

Katherine Ring was appointed as building inspector with Rachel Reinstein and John Jones voting in favor of the appointment and Keith Boatright voting present. The duties of the building inspector will be set up and Kit will have to become familiar with the zoning regulations since this will be part of her duties. The Town does not have building regulations at this time, therefore the inspector can not check on the interior of the building.

Lester Russell was appointed to replace Barry Frosch as Civil Defense Director.

Keith mention three telephone lines into the office as he became aware of the number of questions which could be handled on an answering tape. Selectmen did put money into the budget to have a second line put in since working with the one telephone has become a problem. Some information will have to be checked into to see if a third line was possible and keep within the budget.

Rachel Reinstein and Keith Boatright will attend the Land and tax appeal on the James Rymes property tomorrow.

Meeting adjourned 10:45

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