

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Monday, June 23, 1986

PRESENT; Rachel C Reinstein, John J Jones and Keith A Boatright

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:30PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

CHECKS were signed

Two building permits were approved. John J. Jones and David Wilson, one for A. Cotton, Kincaid Construction was disapproved. Will need variance from the BOA for change of use.

Selectmen voted to approve Michael Oldershaw Sr. as a member of the BOA.

Richard and Maureen Berger requested permission to park a licensed camper in Wayno's parking lot from which they will rent out their video tapes. Since the fire at the Police Station destroyed their store space as well as the P.D. they have been out of business. Wayno has given permission to place the camper on the property. A clause in their insurance policy allows for business interruption coverage, but they will not receive the money until they are set up in business again. John Jones reminded the selectmen they had agreed the zoning regulations do not allow them to grant temporary permits for trailers or campers from which to do business out of. In order for a temporary permit the Bergers would have to go to the BOA which will take about a month. Mr. & Mrs. Berger left only to return a few minutes later and ask if there would be a problem with their using their living room and operating as a home based business. Since home based businesses are permissible under the zoning regulations there would be no problem with this plan. This will enable the Bergers to get their business in operation this Thursday when films will be delivered.

Mr. Wilson talked of trenching the side of the road in order to hook up to Town sewer. ^{at Helton} Bob Varnum reminded him to repair any damage he may do to the road while installing the lines. ^{DeBert}

Bennington and Frankestown selectmen met with selectmen to discuss the operation of the landfill.

Robert Parker and Elizabeth Behising from Frankestown and Sally Westaway, James Trow and Erving LeCain from Bennington were present.

Mr. LeCain first asked if there were any problems with Cable Vision in town. Since John Jones was the only one present who had cable vision it was hard to point out any problems. Cable Vision is looking to start up in Bennington.

It is time for the renewal of the landfill contract with Dick Watterson. A bid received from him was in the amount of \$36,400 an increase of \$6,000 over last year. If New Boston comes into the landfill, the cost would be \$43,700. Mr. LeCain does not want to put the contract out to bid. From past experience he found that any lower bids were from people who were not dependable other bids were much higher than Mr. Watterson's. Selectmen asked what alternatives are there? Mr. LeCain has looked into developing an alternative. This would involve the purchase of a piece of equipment and the hiring of an operator. The equipment can be leased for a five year period and at the end of the five years would be paid for. Lease cost of \$13,096 a year. Gas, oil, filters maintenance \$2,000 a year. Cost for operator plus fringe benefits, allowing a total of 1,200 hours of operation total cost for the operation would come to \$35,000. Equipment can be available within thirty days. Asked what portion of the \$35,000 would be for the operator. His pay was figured at \$7.00 an hour for thirty hours a week plus 30% for fringe benefits.

John asked what guarantee they have that the landfill will last five years.

~~None although they see no problems from the State. The only chemical problem~~ that was located has been corrected and the test well has showed no others.

When asked how much land has been used and how much remains for future use Mr.

LeCain figured 20 to 30 acres used but one or two purchased. Bennington is willing to comit to use of landfill as long as it is useable. No alternatives to offer.

The loader which they looked at is a good one, but Bob Varnum, road agent asked if Bennington had checked out other manufacturers. This was the only one which sent back figures.

Selectmen asked if Dick Watterson was aware that Bennington was looking into alternatives. Selectmen from Bennington heard he may want to give up the operation but hope he will fill out his contract to August 1.

Francestown was in favor of taking over the operation this way the towns would have more control.

Bennington had an operator in mind. In the event of illness, Bennington would have their road crew take over. Bob Varnum informed selectmen he would not have time or men to help out at the landfill. He needs more help to get the required work done in the town as it is.

Mr. LeCain requested an executive session to let the other selectmen know who he had in mind as the operator.

Executive session agreed upon. Minutes of executive session are to be kept confidential.

Meeting called to order.

Rachel Reinstein though the idea sounded sound. Keith Boatright had wondered if it were possible for the towns to take over the operation. John Jones wants time to consider this option.

Part of the agreement with Mr. Watterson was his being granted the right to remove 10,000 yards of gravel from the landfill. This would end. Antrim and Bennington have used some of the gravel in the past and can continue to do so. Mr. Watterson has increased his bid by \$6,000 each contract period. Many think he wants out of the operation. If selectmen decide not to accept his bid, he should be notified by the first of July allowing a thirty day notice.

Antrim Selectmen asked who would own the loader once it is paid for and was told the Town of Bennington since they own the landfill.

No decisions were made at this time.

After the selectmen from Bennington and Francestown left, selectmen talked over the contract with Bennington. Some discussion on the solid waste district came up. Lloyd said there was no connection between the landfill and the solid waste district. The State wanted all towns to form a district, this was voted on at town meeting. Nothing more has been done since.

Upon looking over contract with Bennington on the landfill there was a question as to why Mr. LeCain thinks the landfill belongs to Bennington when Antrim contributed the larger portion to its purchase and when the loader is paid for, it should belong to all Towns who helped pay for it. Bennington can, at that time pay back the portion to Francestown and Antrim and in that way own it. Selectmen agreed they will check into all areas before agreeing to the suggestions this evening.

Lloyd Henderson was asked if he plans to continue renting his office from the town. He is looking into other options. No decisions on this issue. Selectmen are checking into placement for the police department as well as a larger site for the post office.

Names were offered for contracts on plumbing and electric work as it is getting harder to find someone to come in on call.

Meeting adjourned 10:45

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