

SELECTMEN'S MEETING Monday, June 30, 1986

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

Selectmen met with BOA and Lloyd Henderson at 7:00pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Notice of meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 2nd at 9:00 PM at Selectmen's office between BOA, Lloyd Henderson and Selectmen was posted on School gym and town hall.

Selectmen called meeting to order at 7:30.

Rick Seavy, Bellows Nichols, will set a date to meet with the selectmen to go over insurance coverage for the town. Renewal time is at hand. Selectmen requested that Dave Penny be notified of meeting. He has agreed to go over the coverage with selectmen and Mr. Seavy.

Letter from Mr. LeCain in regard to landfill was read. Bennington will be asked to make the amendments to the 74 and 82 agreement to protect all towns involved.

(Without the changes requested, Bennington could take over the loader at a later date. Lloyd doesn't think this could happen. John Jones does not want any misunderstandings in the future as to the ownership of the loader. Antrim pays 60% therefore owns 60%)

Use of the loader should also be in writing. If it is to be used by Bennington for work other than at the landfill, a payment schedule should be set up. A question as to who will oversee this was raised. Being that Bennington is the administrator of the landfill, they would also administer the use of the loader.

Bob Varnum, road agent is not happy with the proposed warranty, he believes if Bennington checked, they may be able to get an extended warranty. This is common practice when large equipment is purchased by towns.

Bob mentioned when tires are filled with foam, they can not be taken over the road.

There is still some question as to which companies Bennington requested figures for the loader from. Jordan Milton never received a request for a bid yet they are one of the larger distributors.

Minutes of last weeks meeting approved.

Mr. Ramsey from Hawthorne College spoke of the concerns of the College over the condition of the roads throughout the college.

He had a sketch of the roads with him and pointed out some of his concerns. Two catch basins were lower than he felt necessary. He requested they be raised.

Bob pointed out he had done some shimming to the road this year. Bob pointed out that in the past, former road agents had made agreements with the college and the college took care of their own roads. Part of the problems showing and needing attention at this time are the result of poorly maintained roads. Years of errors can not be corrected in a one year time with the allotted budget of the highway.

Bob is aware of problems yet sees the road as 90% better than most other roads in the town also needing attention. He must take care of the worse roads.

Bob refused to shim around rocks that are raising to the surface of the road. When he has the time he will go in and remove the rocks and put the proper finish on the road. It is true the road is rough but so are the remainder of the

fifty mile of road in Antrim which must be kept in repair while keeping to a budget. When accidents happen such as the cave in on the old stone bridge, this cuts into the budget and something must be put off to offset the incurred expense.

Mr. Ramsey saw the approach to the college as negative and keeping students from enrolling in the college. College age students are shrinking in volume. As well as road conditions, the dorms need attention.

Bob agrees the approach is poor but it has been there ten to fifteen years. Work that was done on the roads this year is all they can expect to be done this year. (ditching and patching) If there is time and money, Bob may get his crew back

Selectmen suggested Mr. Ramsey drive from Elm to Smith to Pleasant to Old Hancock Road and see the conditions of the other roads in town which are a concern to the road agent and selectmen.

Bob wanted to seal five miles of road but had to cut back to 3 miles due to unforeseen problems.

He pointed out the catch basins have to be low to catch the run off of water. Bob pointed out it would be a lot easier for him if he could just go out and do the work needed and not have to be concerned about where the money is coming

issue, but there is not the case.

Bob pointed out to Mr. Ramsey that he had returned his three calls but his messages never reached Mr. Ramsey which has caused some misunderstandings. Bob does not stay by the phone but out on the roads working. He returns all calls when messages are received on his answering machine.

Roughness of roads nor amount of taxes from property owners is not considered when road work is scheduled. Need is the requirement.

Pierce Lake Road could not be driven this year. He had to do 90% of this road. College requested work be done in March. The roads are full of water at that time and can not be worked on if repairs are to last.

Culverts are needed in the college, this is the responsibility of the property owner. Repairs are then the town responsibility.

Once again the long neglect was mentioned due to agreement between college and road agents, this neglect will take time to correct.

Mr. Ramsey thanked all for listening and hope in the future communications can be kept open in order to help one another.

Bob hopes to buy 1000 yards of patch next year in place of the 500 this year. This will help get all roads in shape in as speedy a time as possible.

Repairing of the roads such as Smith Road is timely and costly.

Elm Ave, Turner Hill Rd. is 90% resurfaced. Pierce Lake Rd and the upper section of Gregg Lake Road was also resurfaced. Bob has tried to hit as many spots as possible with what he had to work with. He will not have the roads which he worked on sealed.

Old Pound Road is the #1 project for next year. He will ditch and cut bumps out next week. He hopes to then tackle Old Hancock and Pleasant St. The lower portion of West St. was also done this year.

Most roads in town do not require reconstruction but resurfacing. Stones will continue to come up and crew will have to continue to remove them.

A question as to a proposed change from the bank to a bakery was mentioned. It was agreed to sent Wayno a building permit in order that selectmen

be posted as to changes going on and to know of possible violations. Asked by John if everyone who makes a change in buildings will be required to submit a permit? It was agreed that if selectmen are to enforce the zoning, permits were have to be obtained. John pointed out the number of times property owners change the interior as well as add apartments without saying anything.

Lloyd pointed out that changing from the bank to bakery required a permit. Rachel checked it comes under art. 7 paragraph C.

Pheasant Run Trust building was in question. His septic will have to be checked to see if it is adequate for added bedrooms. Permits for Bagloe, Baker and Horne were approved.

K. Boatright pointed out new energy codes go into effect tomorrow.

Great Brook final approval for matching funds received.

It was determined that a public hearing would be required for a decision on cutting on designated scenic roads. Scenic roads were designated and approved in 1976. A public hearing will have to be scheduled for Mr. Lambs' proposal to cut on Meetinghouse Hill. A stone wall is involved as well as the cutting proposed.

Notice must be posted 2x in paper at least one week between the notice and hearing, (7 days between).

Lloyd made copy of notice and Rod Zwirner made list of abutter to be given to Debie Barr.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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