

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, MONDAY, November 3, 1986

Present: Rachel C Reinstein, John J. Jones. Keith A Boatright Elizabeth Shaw.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectmen swore in Kathy Wasserloos as a member of the Recycling Committee.

John Jones set Thursday at 10:00 AM as the time for the Selectmen to meet with an advisor for the Civil Defense. If possible, John would like Bob Varnum, Road Agent, Chris Joseph, Police Chief and Hank Cutter, Fire Chief to attend the meeting.

Chris Joseph, Police Chief, gave a report on his department for the past week. He had raised some questions on his budget during the day and asked if Selectmen had made any decisions. They have had no time to discuss the issue raised.

Bob Varnum questioned what portion of White Birch Point is the Town responsible to plow. For years the road has had winter maintenance to the turn around. A resident has moved onto a property at the top of the Road. Lloyd Henderson and Keith Boatright looked up records on the ownership of roads in Town and the best record they could locate as the portion of road belonging to the Town, shows 4/10 of a mile on White Birch Point belonging to the Town. This would possibly be to the turn around. Bob agreed to check this out.

Bob voiced his concern for Mr. Wasserloos being snowed in or in need of emergency assistance and trucks not being able to reach his place at the top of White Birch Point.

It may be possible to plow the road, but sanding during icy conditions could be a dangerous situation.

More research will be conducted as to portion of road belonging to the Town.

Bob will speak to Mr. Wasserloos and voice his concerns.

Lloyd Henderson spoke of the Public Service assessment and a questionnaire received from Public Service. John Jones asked if the Town should fill this out. Lloyd will check into the the need for the form to be filled out by the Town.

Lloyd Henderson looked over the Quit[?] Claim Deed presented to the Selectmen by Mr. Knapton last week. It appears to be a gift with a lot of restrictions which the Selectmen had not agreed to. Lloyd will request the deed be re-written before the Town accepts it if they so choose.

A question of ownership of two small portions of land on Rte 9 having for many years (about 20) been taxed to Peterborough Savings Bank was discussed. The bank no longer believes they own the land and want taxes from last year and this year refunded. Lloyd pointed out it was too late to request last years taxes, and past the April 1 date to change this years tax records. Lloyd agreed he will try to locate some record as to ownership of the two parcels of land. It is possible they were left over portions when Rte 9 was relocated. After he checks for ownership, if it is proved the property does not belong to PSB, Selectmen will make a decision as to refund of this years taxes.

John Jones pointed out at the Tax and Land Appeal Board, he was informed there is no such thing as a useless piece of land and the Town can not abate taxes because of portion of land is small.

Since the State now allows Towns to decide if they wish to continue with Inventory Forms and Resident Taxes, an article may be put in next years warrant for the tax payers to vote on.

A discussion took place over a vendor selling outside of Wayno's store. The RSAs require a license. Towns are responsible to enforce the law. If the vendor sets up again, Chris Joseph will inform him of his need for a license.

Mr. Herman is looking to sell some of the lots in his sub-division. The road is in poor condition. Bob Varnum can not get up the hill with the grader most of the year. He has graded as far as the vehicle will go in safety. The road is ledge and no way to bond material to it making it impossible to maintain. It would cost the owner \$15,000 to \$20,000 to put in a road with no guarantee it will last. Bob does not see this as an area to put Town money. He would not be able to maintain it during the winter.

Meeting adjourned 10:20

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