

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, March 9, 1987

Present John Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, Rachel Reinstein, Bob Varnum
Road Agent, Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Eric Tenney, & Ben Pratt, Water Commissioners and Bob Flanders, Town Moderator met to go over the Warrant for Town Meeting. Lloyd Henderson, Town Counsel joined the meeting at this time.

After discussing the order in which articles 3,4 and 5 should be read and presented to the taxpayers, it was agreed to present article # 5 first, then article #4 then article #3.

If article # 5 passes, it will give the users the chance to vote to pay the entire cost of the project, or table the project at this time.

Concern over the wording of Article #5 was voiced. Lloyd Henderson had spoken to one of the petitioners when he saw him during the day and asked if the intent was for the users to pay the \$600,000 and not accept the grant if it is available. Petitioner said this was not the intent. Mr. Flanders will speak to one of the petitioners on Tuesday and see if he will amend the article at Town Meeting, allowing the acceptance of the grant if available to the Town.

Article # 2 will show a change in the date from March 10, 1986 to March 10, 1981.

Article # 20 to be changed to read Community Improvement Fund, not Community Development Fund as stated in the printed warrant.

Bob Flanders will appoint another assistant moderator since Mr. Pratt is one of the Water Commissioners.

Bob Varnum spoke of amending the budget to add \$30,000 to the Road Improvement fund. Bob Varnum understood this to be the will of the tax payers after the budget hearing. Keith Boatright did not have this interpretation. Bob said he would request the amendment and let the town vote on the article.

The owner of Roger's Country store has asked if it were possible to purchase the parking lot adjoining his property. Lloyd Henderson was not sure the Town could sell the gift. This will have to be looked into. Would it be a benefit to the Town to sell? No decisions at this point.

Mr. McKinley's building permit was discussed. Keith Boatright believes it should go to the BOA. Since Mr. McKinley is a sub-contractor of a Federally funded project, it may be possible his proposed building change is exempt from Town regulations. It was agreed Mr. McKinley will have to produce proof of his eligibility for Federal income.

It was suggested if Article # 17 dealing with land on Rt. 202 passes, a copy of the article be sent to the involved land owners.

Peterborough Savings Bank requested a letter dealing with the taxes paid on land which they have found does not belong to them. Lloyd Henderson believes since they did not note any change on their inventory form dealing with the land, they are not entitled to a refund of the taxes paid for the first half of the year. Secretary questioned the right to appeal the tax after receiving the second half of the tax bill. They did notify the Selectmen they did not own the land several months before the second half of the tax bills went out.

Secretary also asked if one of the Selectmen will be sending an answer in regard to the EPA audit, or will they authorize her to contact the engineer to have assistance in drafting a letter defending the payments after the date approved by EPA. No decision was made at this time.

Based on Lloyd Henderson's advise the Selectmen agreed the Arthur Rockwell property can be sold and the barn rented out. This barn has been used for storage for Mr. Rockwell's business long before zoning came into effect in the Town. A note is to be into the property file to prevent questions in latter years.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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