

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, March 30, 1987

Present John Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, Rachel Reinstein, Bob Varnum Road Agent, Ledger, Messenger and Transcript reporters and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

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

Selectmen read the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. Norm Cody requested information on a survey taking place by Meeting House Hill. Mr. Cody walked his property and found a marker in his field. Selectmen are not aware of any survey.

Bob Varnum asked if it is possible for the survey to be taking place for a topography map? No one has notified the office of any survey being planned for this purpose.

Selectmen agreed to keep Mr. Cody informed if they hear anything of the reason for the survey.

Bob Varnum gave his weekly report. Whiticomb Construction has looked at Pound Road. It will cost about \$13,000 a mile to resurface. Test holes must be dug before final decision is made as to repairing the road. If they do one and a half mile of the road, it will take care of the worse part of the road. Fish and Game will have to come in to blow the beaver dam. Water is over the road and to eliminate the problem, the road would have to be built up two to three feet in that area to acquire good drainage. The road crew will probably do that work themselves. The Forest Tenney land has good gravel on it and Bob hopes to use this gravel to build the road up. He will have to contact Mrs. Tenney for permission.

Not much can be done at this time to Loveren Mill until it dries out. Some owners must park on this side of the road. Road can't be graded until the soil dries out enough to get a grader in. Mud is appearing in places it never has in the past. Loveren Mill Bridge is scary at this point. Bob will be glad when Bailey Bridge is in.

Smith Harriman is holding his price from last year on repairs to West St. This road will be started when it dries up.

In regard to a letter received from a Mr. Wood concerning an odor problem with water in the brook behind his property, nothing can be done by the road crew to eliminate the odor. Mr. Wood may get some results if he contact the Fish and Game Department as the odor may be caused by beaver.

Bob will get firmer figures on Pound Road. At this point everything he looks to do is held up due to mud. Jameson and West St. are showing water bubbling up through the surface of the road. This has been a problem since the sewer lines went in. Bob is thinking of installing underground drains.

Peter Beblowski was sworn in as a new member of the Conservation Commission. Ron Zwirner had asked if Mr. Beblowski would be the Towns' coordinator for the ground water committee. The State is doing an inventory of each Town. There is a question as to the possibility of the South West Region Commission tying in with the Water Resources Package.

Selectmen informed Mr. Beblowski that although the Town of Antrim pays 60% of the cost of the landfill, the landfill is under Bennington and questions relating to fill should be directed to Bennington.

Mr. Beblowski asked if any thought had been given to revitalizing the Town dam

on Summer St. for hydro., either for the Town use of to sell to Public Service. Mr. Beblowski saw it as a possible solution to the added electric required to pump up to the coming water storage tank. Selectmen advised he speak to the Water Commissioners as they are more familiar with this project.

Shaun Hickey asked if a preexisting lot with 275' frontage but with 1.9 acres would be considered a buildable lot. Sub-division took place in 1973. Selectmen agreed this was a buildable lot as long as it met with septic approval and required set backs. In the event it does not meet set backs, being an existing lot it could be considered for a variance. Mr. Hickey requested a letter to this effect for the bank. Mr. Hickey is planning to build a duplex on this property on Goodell Road.

Property on Gregg Lake Road which Don Mellen believes belongs to the Town was once again discussed. Selectmen informed Mr. Hickey, if the land in fact does belong to the Town, Selectmen can not sell it without approval from the Town. The Zachos family have used the portion of land in question as parking space and the turn into their property. Rachel said that something may be worked out to satisfy everyone. Mr. Hickey is working with Lloyd Henderson and Don Mellen in hopes of coming up with an answer.

Three building permits were approved for Anthony & Lucille Roberts, Richard & Virginia Smith and Donald & Joanne Johnson.

The contract for United Appraisals was signed.

TAN will have to be secured. Figures for estimated expenses will be calculated before an amount is agreed to.

All three Selectmen agreed to upgrade the BC/BS from 165 days coverage to 365 days. The increase in payment will be under \$20.00 a year.

Selectmen will be looking into bids to paint the Post Office. Questions as to when painters can do the work and who will move the Post Office equipment must be answered first before bids are requested.

Dave Penny, Twila Tenney and Carole Webber, Trustees of the Library submitted the bid for removal of the asbestos from the basement of the Library. Estimate received from Abatement Specialist was for \$4,200. Removal of asbestos from Town Hall was \$5,700. Since the Library has a maintenance budget of \$1,000 they will not be able to pay the total amount themselves. \$9,900 for removal on the two buildings with \$1,000 from the Library budget leaves \$8,900 to come out of Government Buildings. There isn't any slack in the Government Building account. Facing an increase in oil prices as well as general expenses for the Town buildings leaves a question as to where the money is to come from. Questions arose as to the possibility of using the fund set up for Town Hall improvements.

Since the Church is also facing the same problem of asbestos, the possibility of having the work done at the same time may help to get a lowered amount. This will have to be checked out. It was agreed to seek other bids for the work although the Company which gave the bid, was the one used by the School after much research.

The Library would like to see the work done the school spring vacation. Carole Webber pointed out there is a 45 day limit on the contract and the State must be notified 20 days before work starts. Library would require a waiver if it is possible to do the work while school is recessed for vacation.

The Trustees have done more research on the Grant for the Library. If they wait for the Grant to be approved, construction can not start until November. Trustees voted to use the funds made available by the Town to do Phase I of the project and apply for the grant for Phase II. This way they will get the driveway, parking lot and rear entrance this year.

Lloyd Henderson advised a notice be placed in paper of an auction on the land on Gregg Lake Road formerly owned by the Davies family. The Selectmen can reject any bid, and since Lloyd can find no law saying a minimum bid is required, Selectmen can place a minimum bid of \$250 on the property to cover lost taxes and expenses to the Town. Lloyd will give a copy of auction to the Selectmen and suggest they sent a copy of notice to the abutters of the property.

Public Service assessment is in question. When taking the new assessment into consideration, is it possible the old assessment was higher than it should have been? This question will be presented to United Appraisals when they do the pick ups. If this is found to be the case, Public Service would be entitled to an adjustment on their taxes.

Mr. Knapton has had his deed returned to him. A list of concerns over the conditions of the deed were presented to Lloyd Henderson. He will be dealing directly with Mr. Knapton to resolve the questions raised by the conditions of the deed.

Lloyd will be checking on ownership of land formally billed to Peterborough Savings Bank. Ownership should be established by April 1 for the tax year 1987. Keith Boatright is concerned over legal expenses to locate the owners.

Lloyd will also check property owners affected by the change in Rte. 202. Letters can then be sent to those owners notifying them of their right to request from the State deeds to acquire the property given up by the State and the Town.

Lloyd sees no problem with the request for a sign on the corner of Main and Pleasant St. In the future it may become necessary to limit the number of signs on this property. John Jones, Keith Boatright and Rachel Reinstein voted to grant permission to Mr. Belham to place a sign on the property belonging to the Town.

Lloyd has not had time to research the list of donors who purchased the parking lot by Roger's store and donated it to the Town. John Jones is uncomfortable with the thought of selling a gift which the parking lot was. Lloyd agreed in the event it is being considered, all those who donated to the purchase of the parking lot for the Town should be contacted for their input.

Selectmen were checking into any responsibility the Town has now to see to the removal of the Hyland building. There is a possibility that in 1985 a change in the zoning regulations require all burned out building be removed within one year. This will be checked out.

Meeting adjourned 10:55

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