

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, July 6, 1987

Present: John J. Jones, Chairman, Rachel Reinstein, Ed Rowehl, Jackie Cottle, Bob Varnum, Road Agent, Chris Joseph, Police Chief and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM.

Minutes of last weeks meeting approved.

Permits were signed for Pheasant Run Trust, Dr. Homicz, Stuart & Susan Gross and a sign permit for Kenneth Boucher. The sign permit for Kenneth Boucher is on the condition the sign is to be placed on his property. His description of placement was not too clear. Building permit for David & Kathrine Breault was denied pending a variance from the BOA.

Chris Joseph reported having received many complaints from tax payers of having been treated rudely at the landfill over the week-end. Selectmen agreed to have Secretary write a letter to Mr. LeCain informing him of the complaints. Many questions were also received as to the need for permits in place of tax bills and auto registrations to show residency in the Town of Antrim.

The Tip Holt, John Grant trial is scheduled for either July 20 or August 17. Chris will check for a firm date. Chris will request a penalty of \$50 a day to be paid to the Town until the property is cleaned up. Selectmen do not want the problem of junk on this property to continue for another year.

Chris will try to do the cross walks this week. Bob Varnum and Chris managed to do the cross walk in front of the Library but have not had time to get back to complete the job.

Bob Varnum has some signs on order and they will be placed when they are received. As fast as signs are put up, someone takes them down. This is causing a lot a problems not only for delivery truck drivers, but also for visitors to the Town. (River Rd. and Holt Hill are just two missing signs mentioned at this time although Bob is aware of many others and is working on replacing them.)

Bob Varnum asked the Selectmen to consider increasing the vacation time for the Highway Department. Bob pointed out the difficulty of the long hours during the winter and this spring as examples for burn out among workers. It is next to impossible to relax and rest up for another year with just six days off. John Jones, Rachel Reinstein and Edwin Rowehl agreed to increase the vacation time.

Five (5) days for first two year,  
Ten (10) days for three to nine years service,  
Fifteen (15) days for ten to nineteen years and  
Twenty (20) days for twenty years and over.

Secretary pointed out this resulted in a decrease in her vacation by two days and suggested the entire package be looked at. Selectmen agreed, with the understanding the ten days will be granted to those who are on their third year work on the highway department effective immediately.

Selectmen are also going over the allowance of sick days and benefits for permanent part time workers.

James Hammond's resignation will become effective on July 10. Starting July

13, Bill Gutgesell will take over the leading maintenance man and will receive an increase to \$8.64 an hour.

Bob Edwards had stopped at the office and asked if the road crew will be filling in Turner Hill Rd. This was washed out during the flood and although some fill had been put down, the work hasn't been completed. Turner Hill Rd. will be filled shortly. The road crew is working on White Birch Point and will move on to Brimstone Corner, both roads were washed out during the flood and received minor repairs at the time to keep them open. Major work being completed this summer.

White Birch Point is Class V Summer maintenance only. This is a Class V going to summer cottages.

Work on Old Pound Rd. will begin about the 28th of July. When this is completed, the lower end of West St. will be worked on. Bob will be checking culverts for repairs or replacements along these roads as the work is going on. Bob will watch closely to see if the present formula for repairing Old Pound Rd. is a good one. If so, he sees a possibility of doing all of Elm Ave. with the \$60,000 road improvement fund next year.

Rachel Reinstein gave a report on the progress of the committee to protect Camp Sachem.

Meeting adjourned 9:30

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