

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, September 14, 1987

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

Meeting came to order at 7:30 PM.

Bob Varnum believes since, the water department dug the hole on West St. they should be responsible for the repairs.

John Jones asked that Bob check between High St. and Pleasant St. to see why there is always a wet spot.

Bob reported having a problem finding someone to do the contracted services this winter. This person is responsible for the plowing of the residential area of the town. Bob sees the need for another man on the highway department and believes this is the time to hire one and eliminate the need for contracting services out. The highway department has enough equipment to allow for another man to be out plowing.

Sewer and Water Commissioners have spoken to Bob about doing road repairs after the Sewer and Water Dept. has installed new lines and when repairs have been made to existing lines. Without another man this would not be possible. When the road man does repairs for the Sewer and Water Dept., the Sewer and Water will be billed for the service.

The Town Maintenance will be given top priority.

Without another man, Bob said he will not be able to clear the residential roads until after all roads are plowed. This will result in many calls from property owners due to late plowing.

Allowing for the use of money budgeted for contracted services and present condition of the Highway Dept. budget, there should be ample money in the Highway budget to cover the pay of another man for November and December of this year. John Jones voiced his concern over other budgets which are over budgeted. Lloyd Henderson pointed out if the budget is overdrawn, Selectmen will have to explain at Town meeting. Many expenses could not be foreseen.

John Jones, Rachel Reinstein and Edwin Rowehl voted to hire another man with a starting date no earlier than November. 2, 1987.

Chris Joseph requested an executive session to discuss personnel. John Jones, Rachel Reinstein and Edwin Rowehl voted in favor of executive session.

Meeting called to order.

Rachel Reinstein moved to promote Gary Gagnon to Police Sgt. Gary will be in Wednesday AM. to be sworn in as a Police Sgt. Edwin Rowehl second. John Jones approved. So voted.

Mr. Cody requested permission to cut shrub and upgrade the portion of Meeting House Hill beyond Peter Lambs' property. This is a Class VI road and not maintained by the Town. Mr. Cody is aware of this, He is interested in being able to clear the sides of the road, without removing trees, or moving the stone wall in order to drive up to his property. Mr. Rowehl asked if this is leading to eventually requesting the road agent to plow this road. This is not Mr. Cody's intent. Mr. Cody will also install a culvert under the road to direct the water under the road rather than over the road as it is now flowing.

Kincaid Construction Co. requested a building permit for the old sawmill on Gregg Lake Rd. State WSPC wrote and to inform Selectmen there is no need for

septic approval if no septic is going in and no water line is to be brought into the building. Permit was approved, with the understanding water will not be piped into the building.

Mr. Page of Kincaid Construction then presented another permit for renovations to an existing house on the same lot. No increase in number of bedrooms. existing septic. Permit granted.

A third permit to construct a garage on the adjoining property was also granted. In the future Mr. Page hopes to convert the old barn into a house. The permit for the garage was also granted.

Mr. Page made an appointment to discuss a dredge permit next week.

Mr. Page asked how Selectmen felt about a Halloween party at the old mill on Water St. for the children. Selectmen have no say in this matter. Mr. Page will check into insurance for this occasion.

Mr. & Mrs. Walley from Gregg Lake Rd. voiced their concern over the hearing scheduled for the BOA on the Shaun Hickey property. Mrs. Walley asked how the Selectmen can sell property belonging to the Town without taxpayers being asked their feelings on the sale. It was explained that Mr. Hickey had approached the Selectmen and asked if he could buy the old parking lot on Gregg Lake Rd. but the Selectmen did not not make a commitment to him. They heard his request. Lloyd Henderson sees this piece as a very valuable piece of property. Mr. & Mrs. Walley asked how Lloyd can act as town Council while representing Mr. Hickey. Lloyd said he is involved in a land purchase with Mr. Hickey and does not see this as a conflict of interest.

Mr. & Mrs. Walley informed Selectmen they had researched the deeds at the Hillsboro record of deeds in Hillsboro, as well as the owner of record of the Old Town Beach and disagree with Lloyd Henderson's finding. They found the property still belongs to the Town.

Lloyd suggested a sign be placed on the parking lot to let taxpayers know this is a public parking lot and not a private one belonging to the abutter.

With time running short, there may not be a special town meeting to request the right to sell this piece of property. If no special town meeting is held, selectmen asked if there is a time limit in which they can enforce the proposed zoning changes. Lloyd Henderson informed selectmen, once zoning changes are posted selectmen can enforce the proposed changes. There is no time limit until they are voted on as long as they are voted on at the next town meeting. Lloyd will check this to make sure he is right on this issue.

A special Town Meeting had been proposed to request the transfer of money from the police capital reserve to cover the cost of the new cruiser, allocation of possible revenue from Revenue Sharing, proposed zoning changes and the request to sell the old parking lot on Gregg Lake.

A letter will be sent to Peter Lanman, presently living in a camper, with children registered in the Antrim School, to inform him of the violation to the Antrim Zoning regulations.

Location of the last house in Antrim on the Hancock line will be checked out also. It is believed children living in one of the houses may actually be Hancock residents while attending Antrim schools and payment for these children comes from Antrim taxes.

Proposed work on the School Gym was discussed. What people felt thirty years ago should be taken into account but not carry the entire weight of any decisions. Any change of use would have to be approved by the Selectmen.

All Selectmen approved of the purchase of a new typewriter for the Town Clerk/Tax Collector.

Selectmen discussed Youth Services for the Town. It was agreed to try the service for the first year, with no expense to the Town. The second year proposing the expense to the town be proportioned between Bennington and Antrim taking into consideration the use each Town has made of the service the previous year.

Meeting adjourned 10:55

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