

Selectmen met with Shaun Hickey on Tuesday, April 19, 1988, 11:00 AM

Present, Rachel Reinstein, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, John Jones, and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Selectmen discussed a complaint from a tax payer regarding the former Vose property which now belongs to Hickey Brothers.

When Hickey Brothers purchased the former Vose property, Shaun Hickey reported three apartments as being in the building.

Prior to the first meeting with Mr. Hickey, selectmen were not aware of the apartments in the building.

Selectmen sought a legal opinion since in 1985 when the Town was re-assessed, Mrs. Vose requested the assessment be lowered on the grounds it was a one family house. Selectmen were advised that since Mrs. Vose reported the property as being a one family dwelling in 1985, bringing the property into a conforming unit, a variance would be required in order to return to the previous non conforming three apartments.

Mr. Hickey pointed out he had come into the office and asked the Selectmen to view the property and see that it contained three apartments before he started work on the house. He had left that meeting with the selectmen feeling assured there was no problem.

Mr. Hickey pointed out that the neighbor stated to the selectmen that having three apartments in the adjoining building, (former Vose property) would lower the value of their property while other people are telling him (Mr. Hickey) how much he is improving the property.

Mr. Hickey knows of several officials who knew there were four units in this building.

Selectmen pointed out that any alleged misrepresentation was on the part of the previous owner.

Mr. Hickey asked why his building permit application had not been acted upon. Rachel Reinstein asked if the stairs was to gain access to one of the apartments. She was assured this was not the case.

Mr. Hickey has put in three months of work and has completed 3/4 of the renovations before he heard of the neighbors' complaint.

Mr. Hickey will get back to the selectmen to set a date when he can have his attorney, Mrs. Vose, Steve Allen (Appraiser who made the change on the assessment for Mrs. Vose), selectmen and town attorney together to clear up this matter.