

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, May 23, 1988

Present: Rachel C. Reinstein, Chairman, Edwin F. Rowehl and John J. Jones, Elizabeth Shaw, secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Edwin Rowehl moved to accept last weeks minutes. Second by Rachel Reinstein.

Checks were signed.

Three building permits for the Foley properties were signed. Selectmen determined a special exception will be required before they can grant a permit to Mr. Breault for a conversion to his property.

A letter was signed for the Monadnock Worksource stating the Town does not at this time require occupancy permits. HUD required this for the two units receiving federal money.

A complaint was received regarding an unsightly structure on Rt. ²⁰² 31. A permit was issued in 1985 for a car port. The complaint will be checked out.

A property owner on Pleasant St. requested assistance from the Board to see that a neighboring property be cleaned up. Garbage is all over the property. The Selectmen had sent a letter to the occupant to clean up the property and had consulted with Mr. Runyon as to how to proceed if their letter brought no results. Since there has been no improvement, and following Attorney Runyon's advice, the selectmen agreed to speak to Chief Joseph to go through the same procedure as in the past to reach the required results.

There was also a report of an increase in dogs owned by the occupant. One of the dogs is reported to have damaged the fence used to hold sheep on a neighbor's property.

An improvement had been seen after the property owner was taken to court in the past. Although not all the junk had been removed, the property was improved. Now it is reverting back to its old state.

There is a bad odor in the area due to the garbage being scattered over the area. Selectmen will allow ten days after notice for the property to be cleaned up. If it is not, they will have to take the owner back to court. Jane Hill or a State health official will be asked to check the property out.

This has been an ongoing problem since 1978.

Chris Joseph, Police Chief, met with the selectmen. They discussed the above problem. Selectmen asked that Chris follow up with all required conditions to bring this problem to a close.

Janice King, representative for the Monadnock Worksource, met with the Selectmen to see what agreement could be reached on taxes for the property owned by the Worksource in Antrim. Although this is a tax exempt organization, they wish to pay something toward the services received from the Town. (Police, care of the roads etc.). Mrs. King showed the expenses and revenue of the Worksource to the selectmen and explained the programs.

The Selectmen suggested a payment of \$2,500 a year in lieu of taxes for the next two years. This agreement to be renegotiated for the 1990 taxes. Mrs. King agreed on behalf of the Worksource as she believes this will be a manageable amount for them to pay while meeting HUD requirements.

A letter will be mailed to Bradford Brown, Et.Al. to notify owners that all records dating back to 1974 located in the Town Hall show the property on Rte. 31 as never listed being more than two dwellings. Selectmen will discuss this with their attorney.

The Sewer Dept. will be asked if the property on the corner of Main and Elm was ever hooked up to the sewer.

Selectmen asked the Secretary to fill out the forms requesting a quote on the Public Official's liability insurance.

The new laws on fireworks was discussed.

Edwin Rowehl moved that Permits for the use of Class B fireworks require approval of the Board of Selectmen, Fire Chief and Police Chief.

No permits for Class C fireworks will be issued in the Town of Antrim.
Second, John Jones.

Reasons for determining that permits for Class C fireworks will not be issued in the Town of Antrim are:

1. Policing of the safe use of Class C. fireworks cannot be provided.
2. Improper use of fireworks in wooded areas is a fire hazard.
3. There is no assurance that the Town will not be liable in case of personal injury or property damage.

Selectmen agreed to share cost of new landfill stickers with Bennington and to charge \$.50 on issue of stickers. Present stickers do not adhere to windows resulting in residents being turned away from the landfill.

Katherine Clark gave a verbal resignation to Secretary. Personal problems have made it impossible to report to work. A request for a written resignation will be made.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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