

Selectmen's Meeting August 1, 1988, 7:30 p.m.

Present Rachel Reinstein, chairman, Edwin Rowehl and Arthur Stenberg, zoning officer

Checks were signed

Minutes of July 25 were approved with a correction covering Mr. Stenberg's report on the Watterson construction on Brimstone Corner Road.

Art Stenberg was given, for checking, building permit applications for Hammond-Grant and Peasley, checks for \$5 and \$25 respectively to be turned over to the treasurer in order to be carried on July receipts. Art reported that he had visited the Hickey property on Pleasant Street, a back lot. The proposed screen house has the proper set backs but the following questions arose; (1) Can we allow a structure on a back lot with no frontage? (2) Does the pond which has been dug there require a dredge and fill permit?

Art also reported that he had viewed the former Moore house on West Street, now owned by the Hickey Brother Trust, and found that a dormer and two windows had been added and that excavation was being done and gravel brought in on the east side.

Mr. Noble and his son came in to discuss their two lots on Pierce Lake, each having about 45 feet lake frontage with larger areas in back on both sides of a private road. They wish to replace an old boathouse/cabin with a new house which, in order to meet set-back requirements, would have to straddle the property line between the two narrow parts parts of each lot near the lake. They were told they could apply to update the grandfathered boathouse cabin or seek a variance from the Board of Adjustment.

On July 28 Rachel Reinstein was sworn in for a second term as the selectmen's alternate member of the Planning Board.

On July 28 Debi Barr was granted a building permit for an addition upon correcting the measurements in her application.

The selectmen accepted a petition with 130 signatures requesting action to remove certain members of the Planning Board alleged to have a conflict of interest with the intent of the zoning ordinance under review. Speaking in support of the petition were Bruce and Elaine Cuddihy, Richard and Carol Court and Glen Loucks. Bruce Cuddihy outlined the history of the town's desire for control of growth, citing town meeting votes in 1972, 1973, 1987 and 1988. He felt that the intent of those votes was being undermined by the revisions currently proposed in the zoning ordinance revisions. Dick Court pointed out changes in Article IV of the Proposed Zoning made at the Planning Board Meeting of July 21. He said changes in frontage and area requirements in the downtown business district had drastically weakened the effect of zoning in that district. He also pointed out that broader use of the Southwest Region Planning Commission had been rejected. The group asked the selectmen to take action to remedy a situation which they and many others felt was contrary to the interests and wishes of the town.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

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Mr. Stenberg reported that he had inspected the site on Brimstone Corner Road where Hillsboro Enterprises applied for a permit to build a house for Parent. Stenberg's written report showed proper setbacks. However, he reported verbally that the foundation had already been poured. The septic approval had been received in the meantime. As the zoning regulations are not specific in such an instance, it was felt that the premature construction did not warrant disapproving the permit application. This type of situation is corrected by the procedures adopted July 18, 1988.