Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, August 22, 1988

Present Rachel C. Reinstein, Chairman, Edwin F. Rowell and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM.

Robert Bryer requested assistance from the Selectmen to see that his property, which was damaged while water lines were installed to the new water tank, is put back to its original condition. He had spoken to Ben Pratt who assured him the property would be taken care of but since that was two weeks ago, he has become concerned. Secretary pointed out the project is not yet complete and part of the completion is the clean up. Rachel Reinstein assured Mr. Bryer she would contact the Water Commissioners and have them get in touch with Mr. Bryer as to having his property put in order.

Mr. Arthur Stenberg, Zoning Inspector was given permit #s 8878 to 8881 for inspection. He was also asked to check on permit #8826 to verify that an old trailer has been removed.

A building permit was approved for Peter Jennison subject to liability waiver.

Permit for Wayno Olson was denied due to front set backs. An application for BOA will be forwarded to Mr. Olson.

A permit for Sandy Grant, on Arthur Holt's property was denied. An application for the BOA will be forwarded to Mrs. Grant.

Harry Page asked if Mr. Stenberg was checking out the Town as he goes through his inspections looking for construction on property without building permits, and would he also be checking out permits which were issued without a variance? Mr. Stenberg will call attention to construction he views and see if there is a permit issued for the construction.

Mr. Page mentioned a deck being construction on Old Hancock Rd. and said the property owner must meet the 50' set back from each road. Selectmen assured Mr. Page they were working on correcting problem and have questioned many violations.

At present the Town does not have building codes. Selectmen are looking into a warrant article for the Town to adopt building codes and from there a building inspector.

Shaun Hickey responded to a letter from the Selectmen as to a pond on his property. After consulting with the wetlands board, it was found that no one can prove that the land came under wetland restrictions before the pond was put in. Now that it is there, the land comes under the wetland regulations.

Shaun asked how many letters were mailed on August 10 regarding possible violations beside one letter personally to him and two to his business? Edwin Rowehl believes these were the only letters mailed.

Mr. Hickey pointed out the Town also requires a fill and dredge permit when disturbing wet lands. Mr. Hickey pointed out the project on Pleasant St. required a dredge and fill permit. Selectmen were not aware of this but agreed to look into the matter.

Mr. Hickey asked what the procedure is for reporting violations. Selectmen would rather see written letters signed by those reporting the violations as they would rather not act on verbal complaints.

Mr. Hickey asked if Selectmen were aware of septic repairs 200' from water requiring permits?

Selectmen will also look into portable buildings, such as screen houses, requiring permits. It is possible they are considered personal property.

Mr. Hickey wanted to know just how involved the Town is with the Camp Sachem concern. Rachel Reinstein pointed out the Town Moderator voted appointed a committee when the Town voted to have a committee look into the possibility of saving Camp Sachem.

Mr. Hickey asked who can use the Town Hall? Secretary can not recall anyone having requested the use of the Hall being denied its use as long as it was not reserved previously.

Mr. Hickey has taken care of a possible problem with the outside lighting on the former Vose property. He pointed out many properties in town have the same type of lighting.

When asked when the 3rd selectmen will be appointed and how does one go about being appointed, Mr. Hickey was informed one person had been interviewed and two were scheduled to be interviewed tomorrow. People volunteer or someone may suggest who may be a possible candidate.

Mr. Hickey once again offered to have the Selectmen view any of his properties as he did before he started work on the former Vose property.

Mr. Rowell agreed to view the Sweeney property with Mr. Stenberg.

Rachel Reinstein checked the Planning Board budget to see what funds are available for S.W. Regional to continue working on the zoning regulations.

A correction to last weeks minutes was made regarding the construction on the Gary Gagnon property. The construction is for the replacement of a porch and not a building as stated.

Minutes approved with the above correction.

Edwin Rowell moved to accept the draft of contract approved by Phil Runyon for the Administrative Assistant. Second, Rachel Reinstein. So moved.

Meeting adjourned 10:05