

Selectmen's Minutes 3/20/89

Present: Edwin Rowehl, William Suydam, Madeleine Henley,
Art Stenberg, Elizabeth Shaw.

Meeting called to order 7:30.

Harry Page stopped in to ask about a warrant article to sell the old shed and a portion of the property behind the Town Hall.

Checks were signed.

The budget and town meeting was discussed. Madeleine asked for feedback on how the town meeting went and what she can do to make it easier next year for everyone. The Selectmen had no suggestions. It is hard to figure what questions are going to come up. Bill said there was some talk that Selectmen should answer more of the questions at town meeting. For Tuesday, although all money articles were voted at the Thursday Town Meeting, it is possible for someone to bring up a money article on Tuesday.

The cover for the two acres of the landfill was also discussed. Madeleine pointed out, although care was taken not to give the impression the State had ordered the cap on the landfill, some people are still under the impression that it was ordered by the State. This is not the case. The State has ordered the hydrogeological surveys be carried out, but not the capping of the 2 acre portion.

BUILDING PERMITS

#89002, Donna Schoefield on Pleasant St. Location and dimensions as reported. The property was measured. The present building is 2'11" from the property line. ZBA granted a variance to place a building on the sub-standard lot. A Bob Bryer, neighbor to Ms. Schoefield thought the Selectmen could overrule the decision of the ZBA. Mr. Bryer has contacted a lawyer since the selectmen can not change the ZBA decision. application approved.

ZBA approval was granted to Wayno Olson back in August. The permit #8874 is now being submitted for approval. application approved.

ENFORCEMENT

When violations come in such as on the Arthur Holt property it was agreed to have Art sent out to check the property. It would be advisable to notify property owners when Mr. Stenberg plans to view the property. Mr. Stenberg asked to have a police officer with him. On page 62 of the the new approved ordinance, #7, no lot or premise can be used for junk etc. This appears to cover the complaints received by the selectmen, and to allow action even where no complaints

have been received.

Art has viewed the Holt property in the past and beleives there is cause for concern. Piles of newspapers and garbage, and old appliances, are visible on the property. Art is to file a report with pictures. It is the wish of the board to address the problems Mr. Hennesey has voiced regarding the properties. The State will not assist unless there is an eye witness to hazardous material being buried on the property. Once Art views the Holt property, Madeleine suggested Mr. Holt be called in to point out the problems.

There are other properties in town that look as bad as the Holt property and some of the neighbors are complaining. Bill Suydam pointed out the selectmen should act on complaints:

Fales property on 202 is also causing concern. Several complaints have been made. Madeleine had sent a letter to Mr. Fales to come in for a permit and they have not come forward. Buildings are being erected on the property without approval. There are piles of trash bags, and parts of cars in the yard.

The Price property on 202 heading out of town has junk piled up around the building. Neighboring property owners are calling.

There is also a problem with a property having three school busses to house rabbits. A permit was granted for this a few years ago on the condition that the busses would not be seen from the road. Since this property is across from the Holt property, Art was asked to check this out also and take pictures of both properties.

A sign has been placed on the Dan Grant property although a permit for a sign was forwarded to the ZBA just last week. It is possible the sign that is on the property is a temporary one. If the sign is under six square feet would be legal.

BOCA

The budget has been approved for a building inspector. Until someone is hired to be the inspector, Madeleine would like to meet with Art and Barbara Elia to go over the interim procedures until a building inspector is hired.

Mr. Anderson from Hookset has offered to help with selection of a BOCA inspector. Mr. Anderson has sent information he had on hand and has offered to send anything he can to help to get BOCA off to a good start in the Town. Something has to go into the paper by April since BOCA goes into effect on June 1. An ad has to be placed for the position with a deadline as to when applications must be in. Who will be reviewing the applications, doing the cuts etc.? Bill Suydam sees no reason the selectmen cannot make decisions on the hiring and until applications are received, there may not be a reason for concern. If a lot of applications are received, qualifications will be

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checked out. An ad will be placed in a few papers with a deadline for resumes due in.

Timber tax violations will be discussed with Guy Pettell (NH Timber Tax Appraisal Division) tomorrow.

Jim LaMothe has a problem with his property being washed out. The Selectmen have discussed it with Bob Varnum and he will do some repairs to correct the problem sometime in the spring.

Bob Varnum has asked if the selectmen will consider giving the old fire truck to the highway department. It would help the highway department to clean out culverts etc. In the event the selectmen decide to turn the truck over to the highway dept., the truck will be there for the use of the fire department if a need ever arises.

Larry Elliott has looked into state mandated regulations being funded by the state. This has not been challenged. He will check further to see what, if anything can be done.

Correspondence was reviewed.

An application for abatement from Mr. McKinley was received ten days after the date allowed for filing. The Selectmen see no grounds for abatement stated in his application.

Phil Runyon will call back on Tuesday after reviewing the Superior Court Petition Madeleine wrote. The selectmen had asked Mr. Runyon to file the petition by today. Selectmen are considering hiring a new lawyer since Mr. Runyon appears to be too busy to get work done in a timely fashion. Madeleine will check out some lawyers to see if they are free to do the work for Antrim. Bill and Ed both suggested checking with Jeff Crocker. Madeleine would like the selectmen to consider other lawyers as well and not rush into changing lawyers. Mr. Runyon is willing to come in to speak to the selectmen. He did mention some work he is doing for the selectmen. There is no intention of removing any work from Mr. Runyon which he is working on. Much of the work given to Mr. Runyon has been acted upon. The Hyland property is one that is hanging which is causing a lot of concern for the selectmen.

Hickey Bros. property was discussed regarding the case pending with the courts. Mr. Runyon has answered them in the name of the town.

Information from Bennington regarding what is required before a cap is put on the landfill has been received. There is a District meeting on Wed morning 3/22.

Impact fees were discussed. Ed wrote letters to reps. to show favor for fees. He also would like to request the moderator to appoint a committee to decide what can and should be done with the town hall. Ed also has a letter answering the concerns of the tax payers over Hawthorne College and Goodell Co.

Madeleine pointed out there is \$7,500 appropriated in "86" which has not been spent. Madeleine would like to start getting some work done on the Town Hall. Painting the front of the building was discussed as well as cleaning up around the building. Bill Suydam mentioned paving the rear of the Town hall and marking parking spaces.

Meeting adjourned 10:30

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