

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, May 15, 1989  
Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman of the board, Elizabeth Shaw, secretary.

Mr. & Mrs. Whitney requested information regarding grading the Old Stone Rd. road. This road is not maintained by the town, it is closed subject to gates and bars. Mr. Whitney wants to run the rake over the road to get the water out of the middle of the road. There is a problem with water running over L. Houghton's property when it is cleared off the road. Mr. Whitney said Ms. Houghton does not want to put in a culvert on her property and keeps filling in the ditch Mr. Whitney digs to change the director of the water.

Town Hall Building Committee met, (Harry Page, Howard Humphrey, Mr. Ali Oglu).  
Mr. Rowehl agreed to talk about the committee although he can not make any decisions at this time since the meeting is not official until another selectman is present.  
Mr. Rowehl voiced his pleasure in the above mentioned agreeing to be on the committee. He asked if the town hall building was physically sound. Mr. Page asked if he wants to know if the building is legally sound or structurally sound. Mr. Humphrey asked if anyone has asked to have the building repaired. He asked if anyone has gone back in the old town clerks records to see where the town had voted not to use the upper hall. Selectmen have continued to use the upper hall even after the vote not to. Ed beleives the agreement not to use the upper hall was due to the use of heat. The balcony is not to be used by anyone since it is not constructually sound. Mr. Ali Oglu mentioned some repairs possibly can be done.

(7:50, Gary Johnson joined the meeting at this time.)

There is a need for information to be given to the committee in order for the committee to do what is wanted by the selectmen. Mr. Ali Oglu asked if it has been determined what the town needs. Mr. Page mentioned many people wishing to see a new building and removing or selling the present town hall. Ed Rowehl read a list of things which were determined to be of importance for the committee to review and give an evaluation.

8:05 Bill Suydam arrived at this time.

Mr. Humphrey asked what the status of the gym was. It is Town owned.

Meeting called to order by the chairman.

Ed Rowehl moved to appoint, Harry Page, Mr. Humphrey and Mr. Ali Oglu as members of the committee. Second by Bill Suydam. So moved.

Ed Rowehl asked if the committee wanted to designate their chairman or have the selectmen appoint the chairman. Harry Page agreed to be chairman since Mr. Humphrey said he did not want the position and Mr. Ali Oglu was not concerned who was chairman.

Harry asked what the selectmen want them to do. Do they want to continue the use of the building or consider construction of the a new building? Harry sees the use of the large room at the school being used for meetings then they could consider closing the upper hall. Mr. Ali Oglu sees the committee as being called to give an evaluation of the building and if it is feasible to put money into renovation of the building. Bill Suydam said it would be nice to be able to use the town hall. Harry asked if there is a major cost to repair, is there land available for a new building? Mr. Humphrey pointed out there is a lot of land at the fire station which can be used for a new building. Bill Suydam asked the committee to look over the old building first. Harry pointed out he would like to have all records brought out that would assist the committee such as the old committee which did the evaluation on the town hall years ago, the energy evaluation and blue prints of the building. Harry Page agreed to look into the possibility of the Rt. 202 being made wider and the town hall being possibly in the way. Harry Page asked if the new school was to be built with a large room and asked if it would be possible to use the room for town functions? Mr. Humphrey does not see the the town hall building as being an asset to the town. Mr. Ali Oglu does not agree. In a few years this will be a historic building. The committee if free to look into all possibilities but to remember there is no money available. Mr. Page asked if selectmen will ask for all information available on the town hall from the public at large. Selectmen are in a position to ask for information from anyone who has any information to come forward. Harry asked if when they meet do they have to be public meetings? Bill Suydam suggested scheduling their meetings. To discuss information it would be well to hold public meetings. Harry asked for a key to get into the building. Bill suggested arranging for a key from Madeleine. Harry was also informed it will be necessary to keep minutes of their meetings.

Selectmen once again reminded the committee there is no money available for this work. There is a man, Brian Bourford, who lives in town who can find just about anything that is recorded at the record of deeds. But this would cost some money.

Beaver Dam Road was checked out by Jim Cruthers, Ed Rowehl and Bob Varnum. Ben Pratt will check out the road and then the deed will be presented to the Planning Board to see if

the road is acceptable to the Planning Board. If it is, the deed will be processed.

Results of the tests from the lake and brook were reviewed. Bill questioned the count at the lake and the dam being the opposite of the previous test count.

The Pond Improvement Committee has asked if they can remove the old shed or give an evaluation? Selectmen will request an evaluation of the building, they will also be asked to accept bids on the old tank. Ed Rowehl mentioned Harry Page told him the old tank would have to be cleaned out before it can be moved. This will have to be checked into.

A letter from Barry and Bette Roy was read and discussed. Ed beleives there was a bond while the work was going on and will not be brought up to specs until construction is completed. Bill Suydam suggested Art Stenberg be sent out again since there may have been some dredging without a permit. A letter will also be sent to Mr. Bergeron regarding the complaints.

Letter from the DOT re Lovern's Mill Rd. Bridge.  
(Conservation Commission and Historic Commission will be consulted)

Scott Bowden joined the meeting at 9:10. Most of the water tested was from Gregg Lake. A count was high at the beach due to low water. Test results of the lake water were not all that bad.

Twenty households from Antrim responded to the Hazardous Waste cleanup.

Bill Suydam approved the minutes as amended, second, Ed Rowehl.

Executive Session was requested by Edwin Rowehl, second, Bill Suydam.

Meeting called to order. No information from executive session.

Meeting adjourned 11:30  
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