

Selectman's Meeting, June 5, 1989

Present: Edwin F. Rowehl, Chairman, William Suydam, Elizabeth M. Shaw, Secretary.

Chris Joseph gave a report on Sandy Grant, Arthur Holt property.

Meeting called to order at 7:45.

Chris Joseph gave his monthly police report. Reports gave officers' hours and case numbers from first of year till mid. May, hereafter reports will be on a monthly basis. Chris Joseph was given a supply of accident reports to keep on file for his department and to be turned in as the need arises.

Selectmen informed the police of the capital improvement program. The Planning Board wants all departments to forward capital improvements projected for the next five years.

Bill Suydam spoke of the May 2nd arrest of an armed person. An award was presented to both Chris Joseph and Gary Gagnon. Gary Gagnon reported how impressed he was by Chris's cool response and care during the arrest.

Chris asked how Mike will be paid for directing traffic for the Highway Dept.

Bob Varnum, road agent, gave a report on his department. Pierce Lake is finished and most of Pleasant St. is completed. The remainder of Pleasant St. will be completed by the end of the week, weather permitting. This will be 4/10 of a mile. Bill Suydam asked if the road agent keeps track of where and what is done by the highway along with number of hours. Bob does not keep track since it will take a couple more hours a day to do the paper work.

Bob was also given a supply of worker's comp applications to be kept on hand should the need arise.

Rod Zwerner questioned if the selectmen had heard anything from the school building committee. A question of some wet land was raised. Selectmen have heard nothing on this.

A draft letter to Gary Bergeron was reviewed by the selectmen. Selectmen approved the letter which will be signed by Art Stenberg.

Drafts of letters to be used during the building process were reviewed for the building inspector.

Copies of the closeout of the audit report were given to Jackie Cottle of the Ledger and Gary Johnson of the Messenger.

Intent to cut was signed for the Perry Cloutier property.

Memo to go to fire department informing the department of the need to have the Selectmen's approval to use the fire station for functions.

A letter was received from the Chamber of Commerce regarding the Hyland property.

Edwin Rowehl reported the two cases he attended at court last week. The Hyland property and the Hickey property were brought to court on contempt of court charges. The Town Attorney, Bart Mayer and the attorney for Mr. Hyland met to discuss the Hyland property. The Judge will be issuing an order to clean up all junk and junk cars within ten days on the Hyland property. A subdivision is before the planning board. If the subdivision is approved, Mr. Cutter will purchase the property and the building must be removed. If the subdivision is not approved, the Judge requested being informed by June 30. In any cases the court order to start demolition and restoration by August 11 will be in effect.

The Town attorney and Hickey' attorney met to discuss the contempt of court order. Judge is taking it under advisement.

Bill Suydam moved to refer the Public Service request for tax abatement for the year 1981 to Bart Mayer. Public Service had offered a few years ago to settle for a tax refund of \$18,967. They now have offered to settle for \$16,750 plus interest. If interested, Len Gerzon, Property Tax Administrator, 669-4000 Ext. 2435.

Bill Suydam has asked for help to do the septic testing. Scott Bowden will be asked to help once a schedule is set up of using the signed forms which have been returned.

Bill Suydam moved to go into executive session to discuss letter from attorney. Edwin Rowehl second.

Executive: Bill Suydam has offered to call Phil Runyon to discuss his letter. He also wants Phil to know that Bart Mayer mentioned the Town was well ahead with the Hyland property do to his work. He will also bring Phil up to date on rumors regarding the Hickey property.

Meeting called to order.

Harry Page, Howard Humphrey Jr., Eric Tenney, Phil Dwight, Bill MacCulloch, Dick Schacht, Dave Boule. Mr. Page wanted to discuss the Hyland property and wanted to know why the Planning Board has not moved on the Hyland property. Mr. Humphrey mentioned having a zoning ordinance which calls for removal of burned ruins within two years. Selectmen reported outcome from the court hearing last week. Mr. Schacht reported having heard that Bill Suydam was not in favor of the plans for the Hyland property. Bill Suydam said he is not opposed to the Cutter project. Selectmen have not held up the Cutter project as they are being accused of. Harry requested a preliminary approval for the Hyland property. Bill Suydam does not see where the Selectmen should change zoning regulation to accommodate one property. Ed Rowehl reported the planning board had not followed their own rules on the Cutter property causing concern. It is important to follow the rules for all property owners and not make exceptions to the rules. Harry asked if the issue was the time frame. Plans have to be in fifteen days before the hearing. This is in the subdivision regulations and had not been followed. The Planning Board is trying to follow the regulations. The Planning Board has mostly new members who are following the requirement of the fifteen days. They have to set the standards and conform to them. They can not swing back and forth. A long discussion followed.

Phil Dwight pointed out the group was asking that the selectmen help to clear up any questions to assist the planning board in reaching a quick decision. Bill Suydam has offered the chairman of the planning board a meeting with the planning board, attorneys and the selectmen to clear up any problems. He was refused a meeting.

Since there has been some talk on the street of some owners having a problem with Mr. Cutter's plans, it is best to be careful with the applications etc.

Sight plan review has been started with the Planning Board. Mr. Page wants to see Mike Oldershaw remain on the planning board. He asked why he has not been reappointed. Bill Suydam had been informed in April that Mike Oldershaw's term was to expire in April. Before Bill could speak to him about coming to see the selectmen if he was interested in remaining on the board, a third party reported Mike having said he would not sit on the board until he was reappointed. A letter was then sent thanking him for his service and asking if he were interested in reappointment to contact the selectmen. He has not done so. The Selectmen have been interviewing prospective members for the board. Phil Dwight did not see where the selectmen should interview a person who has served on a board. He believes a letter of that nature is an insult. Bill Suydam wants to see all boards and committees including the selectmen follow up on all decisions and set standards and

follow them closely on all matters.

A lengthy discussion as to members and alternates on the boards in Antrim took place. Mr. Schacht pointed out that when Harvey Goodwin resigned, Bill MacCulloch presented a list of about a dozen names to be considered, and it appeared that none of them were considered. Howard Humphrey asked if anyone on the Planning Board has attended schooling for Planning programs. Bill Suydam pointed out two members have attended seminars sponsored by the planning commission. Mr. Humphrey sees a lot of decisions made by the ZBA when a question in the grey area comes up.

Mr. Page asked why he was not appointed to the board when he applied. He never received a letter stating he was not appointed to the planning board and was never interviewed. He asked why Mr. Chambers was appointed to the board. Bill Suydam pointed out the selectmen appoint members for the boards and do not have to discuss the way the selectmen choose a member.

Bill Suydam answered Mr. Schacht's answer as to Mr. Chambers being against development. Mr. Chambers had told the selectmen he would like to see industry development in the town. Bill Suydam sees Mr. Chambers as a middle man and hopes he will work with the board. Appointments have been a concern to the selectmen and they have been going after people who will make everyone happy. Bill MacCulloch believes five alternates are allowed on a board.

Phil Dwight asked that appearance be considered. Diverson of opinions should be on the planning board.

Bill Suydam asked that Harry Page make an appointment to be interviewed for the Planning Board if he wishes.

Phil Dwight asked that Mike Oldershaw be contacted and the letter explained to him since he was insulted by the letter. Selectmen allowed they will not appoint anyone for at least a week allowing Mr. Oldershaw to call for an appointment if he so wishes.

Selectmen were asked when the Industrial Development Committee would be appointed. Since this committee will be appointed by the Moderator they did not know. Mr. MacCulloch reported he heard the committee will be in effect by next week.

After everyone had time to voice their concerns, they left and the selectmen adjourned the meeting at 10:45  
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