

Selectmen's Monday Meeting, Sept. 25, 1989

Present: Edwin F. Rowehl, Chairman, Rachel Reinstein, William Suydam, Lloyd Henderson as temp. reporter for the Messinger, Madeleine Henley, AA, Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30

Chris Joseph, Police Chief, gave his weekly report. He handed in the Sept. and Oct. work schedule and a report on the activities of his department. The department has been busy with criminal business. His department will be tied up with court cases. Chris plans to use the second car on Friday nights for five hours for a two month period to see if it would pay to run the two vehicles.

Chris is going to look into hiring a secretary (next year) who would also act as a daytime dispatcher since many people come in during the day. He will check to see if he should plan a twenty, thirty or forty hour work week and see what the cost would be.

Bob Varnum, road agent, reported the school may possibly pull gravel from Smith Harriman's pit. Which roads to use was discussed keeping in mind the safety of the school children.

The Highway department is working on getting the gravel roads in shape for the winter. They groveled and ditched Cuddihy Rd. last week. They will be cleaning ditches. The heavy rain is expected tomorrow which will require some changes in his schedule.

Bob addressed the complaints on the cemeteries not being cut. All cemeteries were cut before Memorial Day. Due to the rain, the grass grew higher and faster than usual. If the Town wants them mowed more often, more money will have to be put in the budget next year. Since there is no time during the work week to do the mowing it is done on the weekends. Ed Rowehl said he had been at the cemeteries during June or July and he had also questioned if they had been cut. Manpower, equipment and time are in short supply. If they want more time put into the cemeteries more men, equipment and time will be required. Bob suggested perhaps they would like to hire someone to do the work other than the highway department who had agreed to do them since no one else would..

This past week, there was a lot of wind damage. Many trees were down.

Culverts will be cleaned after the leaves fall.

Mr. Sudsbury, State Highway was in during the week regarding Meetinghouse Road. He will be getting information for the zoning inspector.

The old saw, about twenty years old, gave up this past week, when the trees needed cutting. Bob had to purchase a new saw. The Municipal Insurance has been telling him to replace the old saws with new ones which have automatic shut offs but Bob had not planned to do so this week.

Bob had talked to Bill MacCulloch to schedule meetings between the himself and the sewer and water dept.

Bob was asked if highway department could plow the sewer dept. and the pumping stations. Bob pointed out the S&W have a plow and two men to do the work at the sewer & water department while he has fifty miles of roads to take care of. If the S&W consider turning their plow over to the highway dept., and it is possible, Bob would get another man to do the plowing they requested as well the plowing in town which he presently hires out since he does not have enough equipment nor men.

It was reported another sign has been put up on Pleasant St. There are too many signs and have become cause for concern. The signs block the view of motorist as does the tree on the the end of the road. Chris will get a list of sign owners names to Madeleine and she will notify them to remove the signs. The bridge at Craig Road has been condemned. Bob will check to see what is the best and most economical way to repair it will be and possible place a warrant in next years report. The bridge is posted for passenger cars only.

A suggestion was made as to how the selectmen can check to see if the cemeteries were mowed, just look for last years' dead goldenrod is still visible. If they had been mowed, there would be no old goldenrod standing.

Keith Burke sent a copy of the lease for the parking lot at the school. It does say they can do improvements at their own cost. Ed asked if there is some agreement as to the use of the field by the school? No one knows of any agreement, but if they want to do repairs at their cost, the Town owns the field and will continue to do so until such time as the town people vote otherwise. If anyone wants to use the field, they must request permission from the Park Dept. The Parks and Recs. do the scheduling for the field. The school would like the parks and rec. to also do the scheduling for the gym. Madeleine suggested Paul Russ schedule a meeting to inform the Town people of the progress of the new school, and let people know what is going on and answer some of the concerns voiced over the field.

Ed Rowehl pointed out when the Town requires the use of the gym, they have every right to use it. The gym was suggested as the place for the Town voting. The Selectmen all agreed to use the gym in March. The school will be notified of same.

Weekly mail was reviewed.

Rachel moved the minutes of last week's meeting be approved. Second, Bill Suydam, so moved.

Tom Hickey violation regarding the trailer on the Gregg Lake property was discussed. Tom Hickey does not believe it is in violation since no one lives in it and he plans to move more trailers onto the property for the winter. This will make a parking lot of the property which is in question.

A copy of Bart Mayer's letter will be sent to Brian Hennesey.

Selectmen met with Mr. David Ross. He read all three books and found nothing unfavorable. Ed Rowehl said he will be informed of the decision of the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen are interviewing other applicants to fill the opening on the Planning Board.

Selectmen voted to use the inventories again next year. All inventories not received or incomplete will be assessed the penalty.

Bob Flanders had come in earlier this week to see if the Board wished to talk to him regarding the industrial development committee. If the selectmen wish to set up a new committee, or have him set one up, he will be at the selectmens disposal.

Since Oct. 9th is a holiday, there will be no selectmens meeting that day, the selectmen therefore want to meet on the 10th.

Harry Page requested copies of the Town Hall plans. He went through the town hall with a plumber last week. So far the electrician did not show. Mr. Page that from the beginning Mr. Humphrey was in favor of removing the town hall. Mr. Page sees the building as a white elephant with no parking. Due to the expense, if the town chose to retain the building it would be best to go at the renovation in three steps. The slate roof may best be replaced with asphalt. Mr. Page believes no painting should be done on the outside of the building until a decision is made as to cleaning the brick and the possible replacement of the roof. If the building is renovated the problem with parking is an issue. He believes an egress through the telephone building lot, by the pond, would be one way to created a safer parking situation. He sees it unfair to the town's people and employees with the meetings in the same space. The post office moving out of the building would leave a good space for a meeting room.

Jim Weatherbee out of Milford did a review of the heating system. The boiler should be hot water and not steam. This would give each space better heating. The pipe in the police office should be insulated. In order to heat the upstairs there are propane heaters which would cost about \$4,000, and be mounted to the ceiling. It would then take about 1/2 hour to heat the area, although the heaters are noisy and could then become a problem. The doors should be sealed and close off the air flow through the town hall. A radiator is required in the ladies room. If the ladies room is not used, the pipes will freeze. Bad pipes in the basement which are dripping and the pipe in the corner of the selectmens office also requires attention. The oil line in the basement should be buried.

Recommends no money be spent other than repairing the doors and the air space between the door and the Town Clerks office until after the March Town Meeting. It is possible that the Town people will vote not to spend all the money on the required repairs and would rather see a new building..

The Governments Energy will pay the \$2,000 for a technical energy

report on the Town Hall. Once the report is made, it is possible the Town could acquire as much as half the cost of the renovation if it is shown that it would conserve energy. Madeleine asked for specs to close off the entrances. Harry agreed to draw them up.

The Selectmen signed the Technical Assistance Report contract. Once the money is received, the Town will be required to follow the low cost, no cost recommendations.

The news director of the new radio station has offered her services to the Town for public information announcements and such. the phone number is 478-3123.

A meeting Wed. evening with State Highway at the Hillsboro Town Office will be attended by Edwin Rowehl. This meeting is to discuss the 202 expansion.

Bill Suydam, and Rachel Reinstein see no problem with Madeleine not attending the Planning Board meetings. Ed agreed she can attend only when there is something important on the agenda and when none of the selectmen plan to attend.

The proposed purchase of a copy machine was discussed.

A meeting is scheduled by the Dept. of Safety to discuss speed limits on Gregg Lake.

Any result on an emergency management director? Dick Atkerson was to talk to Grace Walker and once some information was known, Hank Cutter was to give a decision if he would consider the position of Civil Defense Director. Madeleine will contact Dick Atkerson to check on the Hazmat report. Rachel saw Bob Bethel as a possible Civil Defense Officer. All Selectmen agreed. Madeleine will check with Bob to see if he is interested.

10:20 Madeleine requested an executive session.
So Moved.

Meeting called to order at 11:00

A news letter from the selectmen was discussed. Madeleine brought in an example from Boscawen.

Budgets were discussed. Some concern was expressed over possible budgets going over this year.

Meeting adjourned 11:15

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