

Selectmen's Meeting, October 16, 1989

7:30 Meeting called to order. Present: Selectmen Ed Rowehl, Rachel Reinstein, and Bill Suydam; aa Madeleine Henley

7:40 Egon Ali Oglu joins the meeting at this time. He is upset about the changes occurring on Dave Cutter's property on Main Street, especially the cutting down of trees, with the permission of the Chairman of the Planning Board. He feels that there have been grave mistakes made by the Planning Board and thinks that members of the Planning Board should volunteer to resign. He feels that another problem is the change in the grade of the property. Bill says there was no mention of resignations by any people attending the Planning Board meeting. Bill also says that he has only heard from 2 citizens. Egon says that regardless, he feels that the Chairman overstepped her authority, and that the entire development proposal is a mistake. Bill says that he shares the concerns of people who are worried about the project. There was some discussion of the trees, and if their removal was shown on the plans. Egon feels that any circumstances that are altered should be shown on the plan. There was some discussion about the chronology of the tree cutting. Bill says that even if the Selectmen agreed with Egon, the Planning Board is a separate entity, the Selectmen cannot tell them what to do; they can only appoint the best people they can find, and hope for good results. There was some discussion of adding aesthetic concerns to zoning ordinances. Some discussion ensued about the Planning Board's ability to leverage additional work from Cutter. There was some discussion about the Planning Board Chairman's intention of delaying major site-plan decisions until the following meeting.

After much discussion of options and alternatives, Bill asks Egon at what level he is willing to assist in creating guidelines for aesthetic considerations to be included in the zoning ordinances and the site plan review reg.s Egon says he will work on an amendment to the ordinance. He will also think about being available as an unpaid adviser to the Planning Board on selected plans. And he will accept a seat as alternate on the Board if offered.

9:00 Egon left the meeting at this time.

Checks were signed.

Discussion ensued about appointing Egon to the Planning Board. Rachel moves to appoint him as alternate, Bill seconds, Ed thirds. Madeleine will ask him to come in to be sworn in. Bill will continue to take Ed's seat on the Planning Board, and will be talking to Judy.

Discussion ensued about approving minutes of meetings on the night of the meeting. This can be done now that we are keeping minutes on the PC. We will try it, starting next week when both Madeleine and Betty are present.

Discussion of School Building Committee meeting. The next one will be Nov 8. Madeleine will tell Art to bill ProCon for his inspections.

An intent to cut was signed.

Discussion of the car impoundment proposal. Chris should show how it will pay for itself, and also, the measurements seem wrong. Will we end up with a bunch of wrecked cars.

Discussion of the sidewalks estimate. The Selectmen agree to include a warrant article this year for sidewalk repair.

Discussion ensued of Bob Varnum's plans for a new building at the barn.

Rachel reports her conversation with Mike Beauchamp.

Discussion of Town Hall ensued. Doug will be let go as of the end of the month, and Craig Sprague will be hired.

Discussion of the S&W requests. The issues are: the town as a whole pays for half the debt retirement for the installation of the system; the road agent will have to pay overtime (usually) for clearing the snow while the S&W dept can do it at their leisure; the hydrants need further study; if the S&W does not have to pay water bills, why should any other town dept.

Review of the minutes of October 10: page one, change first line to just submitted comprehensive report two weeks ago, doesn't have a month's worth of stats. Ed moves to accept minutes as corrected, Rachel seconds, so voted.

11:00 Rachel moves to adjourn, Bill seconds, so voted.