

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, April 2, 1990

Present: William Suydam, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Donald Phelps, Art Stenberg, Zoning Officer, Bob Varnum, Road Agent, Madeleine Henley, AA & Betty Shaw, Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Meeting called to order 7:35

The selectmen approved the voucher in place of signing checks, after checking the invoices to verify correct payments. It was decided that only one signature, the treasurer will be required on all checks along with the signed voucher.

Maryann Morey's term on the ZBA has expired and since she was in agreement, Don moved to reappoint her as a member of the ZBA. Second, Ed Rowehl, so moved. Bill Suydam then swore her in as a member of the ZBA.

Bob Varnum, road agent gave his report. The new truck has been ordered.

Bob is looking into not only at the cost for a new heating system for the barn but alternates to the present heating system. He reviewed the cost factor and availability of parts on other systems as well as some concerns he has over some of the new heating systems.

Bill Suydam asked how Bob will be able to keep within his reduced budget. Since it depends on mother nature it will be difficult given severe weather conditions. He has started to cut back on some supplies but will not cut back on equipment nor repairs. He has got to keep the equipment in good repair. He asked if the international can be put up for bids. The old dump body which went out for bid last year was never picked up and therefore advisable to put it up for bid again this year.

A half ton 74 pickup can also go out for bid since it is in need of repairs and would cost more for the the highway department to keep in running condition than it is worth to the department. The selectmen agreed to have all vehicles which are no longer used for the purpose they were purchased disposed of and not just left around town property.

Bob reported the highway department does cut the bushes by the beach every few years. Children pick berries behind the bushes and have a habit of jumping out from behind the bushes. This is a safety factor which is a concern as well as the bushes growing into the road.

The old rescue vehicle was also discussed and selectmen believe it should also go out for bids. The insurance budget was decreased and since there is no need for the extra vehicle, it would be best to dispose of it.

The park department has asked if the road crew will truck the soil from the school. Bob is in agreement, with the

understanding that the road crew would be trucking it on the week-end which would be time and a half. His department is too busy during the week to truck the fill. He questions if the fill is worth the money it would cost to move. The park and rec dept. members were informed the selectmen had notified the school to leave some soil at the tennis court, sell the rest and split the funds with the town. Pat Webber believes the park dept. could use all the soil there is at the school, and would like to see another ball park down by the sewer and water department. The selectmen are concerned over the cost to move the soil. Bob has checked out the soil and found it not very good fill. The school have already moved the top soil which they had no right to since the land and soil belong to the Park Dept. Pat Webber asked if the selectmen would back the park dept. and ask that Pro Con to move the soil for the park department. Pro Con had agreed to move the soil while they had their trucks at the site and about the time the park dept. let them know where to move it, the trucks were gone. Bill Suydam asked the members of the park department consider what they would like to do about the soil and get back to the selectmen within the next two weeks.

Gene Woodworth will pick up a copy of the beach ordinance tomorrow and drop off a copy at Sims' Press.

Art Stenberg reviewed his monthly report with the selectmen.

Mr. Foose and Connie Rakowsky, from Hawthorne College met to discuss the issue of the back taxes owed by the College. (Marita Hammond, tax collector joined the meeting.) Mr. Foose has been approaching all major creditors with a formal request to accept less than the total obligation in order to provide at least a partial payment to every creditor.

The prospective buyer will be in next week to discuss what he would like to do with the property. Although they are not challenging the assessment figures, they would like the abatement to be granted for another year. Some form of zero coupon bond or annuity would reduce the amount of cash required at closing if the selectmen were in agreement.

The selectmen will have to review the above information and get back to Mr. F. as soon as possible with questions etc.

Brian Hennessey spoke of his concerns over the Holt property. He asked what the selectmen felt over the clearing etc. of the property. Ed, Art Stenberg and attorneys, Bart Mayer and John Cronin met with A. Holt and made a list of ~~a list of~~ what was required to clean up the property. Mr. Hennessey spoke of his concern over the possible lack of surveillance. Bill Suydam pointed out the zoning officer has been keeping tract of the clean up.

Mr. Hennessey voiced his appreciation to the board for their continued efforts in cleaning up the problem.

Bill Suydam moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel, second Ed & Don, so moved.

The regular meeting resumed. No information from the executive session.

The selectmen signed deeds for two properties from Harry Page. Part of lot 2171 & 72.

Ed moved to go into Executive session to continue with personnel, second, Bill and Ed. So moved.

The regular selectmen's meeting resumed. No information from the executive session.

Selectmen signed the town beach ordinance after noting the beach will be closed from 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM.

Don requested scheduling a time to walk Meeting House Hill Rd. to decide what is to be done with the road.

Meeting adjourned 12:00

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