

Selectmen's Meeting, Jan. 28, 1991

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Donald Phelps, Betty Shaw,
Secretary/Bookkeeper.

Harry Page, Lloyd Henderson, Douglas L Ley, Donald Van Roosen,
and Thomas Ford met to discuss the assessment on the Minutemen
Council property.

The old record of the property formerly listed as lot 049 had the
incorrect lake frontage as well as total acres. When the assessor
went out to check the assessment, he did not follow the same
formula as on the other lake property.

An adjustment consistent with other lake front properties was
agreed upon by all present. The members of the Minuteman Council
agreed to accept the change on the lakefront property and agreed
to forget the factor used to reduce the value.

A straight reduction on frontage resulted in a tax abatement of
\$12,927.54.

Don moved to correct the Camp Sachem property presently known as
lot 1572 (former 049). Changing the assessment for 1990 to
reflect the correct frontage, and be calculated the same as other
lake front property. The tax abatement which would result
would amount to \$12927.54.

Ed second the motion. All in favor. So moved.

Assessment adjusted was made to reflect the correction on the
lake front property. The new assessment of \$241,700 was placed
on the land and building.

Mary Allen and Pat Webber re Mill Pond. Awarded \$16,250 grant
for the Mill Pond. There are two phases to this project. When
first applied, the tank was still there as well as the major
clean up. Since they can not use money already spent to offset
the grant Mary is looking into donations and time to cover the
town's share of the matching funds. Phase 1 is about finished.
Phase II is the dredging and trucking which will come to about
\$25,000. Mary gave some of the options for use of the dredged
material. A cash donation of \$2,000 was received today. A
warrant article will be drafted in order to qualify for the grant
of \$16,250.

Dot Penny, Steve Crowell, Landfill Committee, Discussed the
details on the landfill. The recycling building will be on the
Bennington warrant. The closure cost will hit us in 1993.
Committee should have a warrant article to place funds in the
capital reserve account for the closure. Bonding may be a
cheaper way to go for the closure. This will have to be looked
into.

A discussion as to having a warrant article for closure or
recycling building and closure costs were discussed. The amount
of money is unknown. Peter Beblowski, joined the meeting at this

time. One suggestion was to place \$1 a thousand on the tax rate to go into the reserve fund. No decisions were made at this time.

Ralph Brooks, Police Chief, discussed the elimination of the funds for a special from his budget. When the budget committee met with the selectmen and proposed cutting out the specials, it appeared the selectmen were going to add the funds back into the line item. When Ralph returned on Tuesday following the meeting he found they did not do so. There are several times when he had planned to use the special.

In September he has a chance to send Gary to academy for 10 weeks. The academy would pay more than the cost of specials required to replace Gary while he is away. Ralph had originally asked for \$6000 for the special. By reworking schedules, he has reduced the request to \$3200.

A decision will be made next week.

Police work went well this week. Ralph spent time checking vacant houses on the lakes. Gary has spoken to the school regarding the gym.

Since Bill was unable to come to the meeting Ed called him to discuss a personnel matter.

Abatements were reviewed. Mr. Traxler's request was denied. If Mr. Traxler's deed shows the number of acres, and he does not own the land over which the PS goes a change could be made. Don moved denied the abatement. Second Ed. All in favor, so moved.

Barbara Elia's request for abatement due to incomplete inventory, (date of birth was not completed.) Ed moved to deny the request, Don second. All in favor, so moved.

Mr. & Mrs. Dunlap requested abatement of inventory penalty. Since the date of birth was added to the inventory form in December, Don moved to deny the request. Second Ed. all in favor, so moved.

Mr. Prochilo's assessment reviewed. Don moved to deny the request. Second Ed. All in favor, so moved.

Ed moved to deny Hawthorne College request. Second Don. All in favor, so moved.

Merritt Peasley's assessment was reviewed. Assessor will be asked to explain the reason for the grade factor. The assessment for the new garage was not picked up in April. No decision will be made until the assessment is added for the garage and the grade factor is accounted for.

The Henning property had an error as to the amount of property. This resulted in a reduction in value of \$3,800.

The McGlory property had an error as to the amount of property. This resulted in a reduction in value of \$7,500.

Don moved to abate the taxes on the over assessment on the Henning and McGlory property and adjust the record to show actual acres and value. Second Ed. All in favor, so moved.

Mr. Winslow requested relocating Smith Road. A warrant will have to go in the Town Report to relocate Smith Road. Bob Varnum, Road Agent, will figure the cost to relocate the road as requested by Mr. Winslow. Mr. Winslow will have to pay the difference between what the improvements to the existing road will cost and relocating the road.

Fourteen qualifications for the Emergency Action plan were received. Eleven came in on time, three were late. Ed moved they had to be in on time or be disqualified. Don second. All in favor, so moved. Secretary was asked to write the three firms which were late to notify them they were not selected due to being late and selectmen stuck to the time set.

Don approved the minutes of Jan. 21

Don moved to approve the minutes of Jan. 14th as corrected. Second Ed. All in favor, so moved.

Meeting adjourned 11:00

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