

Public Hearing, Monday, April 29, 1991

Re: Relocation of Smith Road

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman BOS, Donald Phelps, Phil Dwight, Selectmen. Mr. & Mrs. Winslow, Mr. Andy Lane, Mr. Humphrey Sr., Mr. Humphrey Jr., Bob Varnum, Road Agent and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Selectmen explained a portion of Smith Road (from Miltmore Road to end of rebuilt section below the Alabama Farm), is scheduled for rebuilding this year at a cost of \$30,000 to the Town. Mr. Winslow requested eliminating the sharp turn in the road. He and his brother have offered to donate the difference in cost (\$38,000) as well as the 2000' of ROW required to relocate the road. Total cost of reconstruction will be \$68,000.

Bob Varnum explained the present location is on top of ledge making it impossible to widen the road and drainage is a problem. The new location will allow for safer traffic flow and proper drainage.

Mr. Humphrey Sr. Voiced his concern over problem roads in the Village. Summer St. the cars are driving on sidewalks etc. Mr. Humphrey asked what money has been spent on road work in the center of town. Bob explained when the sewer lines were placed throughout the Village, all roads were repaired at that time. He is aware of the repairs needed in Town but a five year road improvement project was set up a few years ago and it is still on schedule. The five year plan was set up to take care of the worse roads first.

Since this concern had no bearing on Smith Road, selectmen asked that they return to the discussion on Smith Road. Mr. Lane asked if the road will be paved. The cost of paving is included in the cost.

Mr. Humphrey Jr. looked over the plans for the relocation. Selectmen voiced their support of the plans.

With no further questions, the meeting concluded at 7:45.

Meeting of the BOS was called to order at 7:50.

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Donald Phelps, Philip Dwight, Bob Varnum, Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Bob explained that Summer St. was not in the original road improvement plans. In order to properly take care of Summer St. the cost will be about \$85,000. The road was not on the improvement plans as the road agent is trying to work around the Mill Pond, Sewer & Water and other departments. He does not want

to improve the road until all major work is completed by the school, Mill Pond Committee and the sewer & water lines are corrected.

Phil moved to enter into a contract with Smith Harriman for the construction of Smith Road. Starting at the base of Miltmore Road, proceeding through the Winslow property in back of the tennis courts, to a point about 100' beyond the end of the recently rebuilt section. Cost of such action \$68,000. Such road to be built to town specifications and subject to approval of the Road Agent.

2nd Donald Phelps. All in favor. So moved.

Phil moved the Town gratefully accept the donation of land and \$38,000 from Edward and Richard Winslow to help in the relocation of Smith Road. An accurate survey and deed formally conveying the ROW to the town will be drawn up after completion of Smith Road. 2nd Donald Phelps. all in favor. So moved.

Bob informed the selectmen he has turned White Birch Point Road back to gravel and will spread another load of gravel on the road when it settles.

The road crew has been turning Gregg Lake Road, from the boat landing to Cuddihy Road, back to gravel. He has received a complaint from a resident over some of the broken asphalt going into the lake. The road crew works hard to prevent this from happening but some will slip past the board and fall into the lake. The second load of gravel will pull it together. There are three or four more sections that still need to be ripped up. In the past three days, at least 50 people have requested he turn the remainder of the road from Holt Hill Rd. back to grave. Bob requested the selectmen make a decision as to the continuance of working on this road with the knowledge that a complaint has been voiced. Phil moved to continue to do what is necessary to upgrade the road. 2nd Don. All in favor. So moved.

The New Stress bridge has been ordered for Liberty Farm Rd. It will take about five weeks before it is started. Bob will notify all property owners when to expect the bridge to be closed. He will also see to a fire truck being left on the other side of the bridge in the event of an emergency.

The road crew will remove the old bridge. The engineers from the Stat DOT found no problems with the abutments. The new bridge will be anchored, guard rails will be erected. Phil move to accept the proposal from New Stress. 2nd Don. All in favor. So moved.

Peter Moore asked if the town will help to bring sand into the new playground. A donation of sand from Peterborough will have to be moved to the new location. 250 yards of sand will take a lot of time and man hours to move. Bob is willing to help if it

has reached their financial goal. May 17 and 18 has been set aside for the construction of the new playground. they hope to have 130 volunteers to build behind the Elementary school. All liability will be under Learning Structure until the job is complete. Phil moved to waive any required building permits and authorized Bob to do what he can afford to do using town equipment and without unduly straining the town budget. and El. All in favor. So moved.

Mike Beauchamp, Fire Chief, and Bob Bethel met to give a report on the activities of the fire department. Personnel issues were discussed.

Barry Frosch joined the meeting at 8:55.

Ed voiced Mr. Hardwicks concern over the fire alarm. What purpose does the alarm serve now that all firemen have monitors. Barry explained there are time when you don't have the monitor with you. Also when the tone wakes you at night, you are confused and listen for the alarm to be sure it was a fire call which had awakened you.

Phil asked the fire chief to see what can be done to reduce the noise without jeopardizing anyone. Barry suggested reducing the number of times the alarm sounds.

The Antrim Fire Association will be worked on.

Any construction on the college will have to be considered new construction since the buildings have not been used in over two years.

Don moved to accept the minutes as corrected. 2nd Phil. So moved.

Phil volunteered to be a member of the scholarship committee.

Phil checked out the scout hall. It is in poor condition. The door needs replacement or repair, window is broken, the area needs to be cleaned up.

Phil reminded the board that Harry Page requested being a member of the ZBA.

Gregg Goff will not be available to be on the Rte 9 advisory task force. Ed Rowehl volunteered to be on the committee.

Selectmen reviewed the cemetery bids. Peter Lamb \$/900, MRB \$2,850, C. Craig Jr. \$2,050. Phil moved to accept the bid from Peter Lamb. 2nd Don. All in favor. So moved.