

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
July 8, 1996

Selectmen Present: Paula Clemente, Peter Moore and Carol Smith. Also present were Phil Dwight and at various times Bob Varnum, Brian Brown and Debra Thornblad (The Villager).

Bob Varnum reviewed the decisions concerning the road improvement program and what roads were scheduled for this summer. He pointed out the need to coordinate with the Water & Sewer Department with regard to some of the in-town streets, such as High and Elm. He hoped that these could be scheduled for next year.

The situation concerning traffic flow at the town library was discussed and Phil was asked to draft a letter to the abuter reviewing the Town's proposed solution. Phil was asked to review the paving estimate for the new driveway with ~~Bob~~ and the decision would be made at the next meeting.

The possibility of turning 2nd NH Turnpike back to gravel was reviewed. Paula agreed to talk to a sampling of property owners to get their opinions.

Peter expressed the need of security for the vehicles at the Town Barn and Paula asked Bob to review procedures for the maintenance of vehicles.

Brian Brown reported the new cruiser had been delivered and marking and the transfer of equipment are scheduled. It is hoped it will be in service by July 15, 1996. The old cruiser is to be advertised for sale. A minimum bid of \$7500.00 was established. It was also agreed to advertise the old town truck at the same time at a minimum bid of \$1,000.00.

A discussion ensued about the large boat(s) on Gregg Lake. Brian indicated he had spoken to some of the owners about the noise created and had been assured that the problem would not be repeated. Phil was asked to research the Town's options to regulate the use of the lake and/or launch area based on state and Federal restrictions.

Finally, Brian indicated he was reviewing the Town Ordinances and would report back to the Board soon.

An intent to cut was signed regarding Whittemore.

A Veteran exemption was approved (for 1997) re Patten.

A letter establishing a date for the completion of a property clean-up was signed.

The back tax situation was discussed with the owner of Lot 36, Map 1A. It was agreed that he would explore his ability to refinance in order to bring the tax situation up to date. He will discuss this with the board on July 22, 1996.

The list of property that might be tax deeded was reviewed with Marita Hammond. It will be reviewed again at the next meeting.

A brief discussion was held about the auction of tax deeded property. Phil was asked to get estimates to tear down the building and trailer on Lot 88, Map 1C.

The first half revenue and expense reports were reviewed. It was pointed out the expenses were under budget and that they probably would stay that way. The only slight deviation was in revenue projections from Motor Vehicle Registrations. These were down by about \$5,000.00 or 6%. Phil also reported that the Town had received nearly 80% of the first half tax billing.

Peter passed out a report from Keith Dubois relative to needed repairs to the Aiken Building. This will be reviewed and a decision made at the next meeting.

Paula reported the Beach Program was going very well and that 135 children had enrolled for swimming lessons.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Phil Dwight.