

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
April 14, 1997

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.
Also present were: Ken Fales, Betsey Webber-Wright, ~~Bob~~ Bryer,
Gary Wood, Dick Atkinson, Mike Caswell, Julia
Jiminez, Kathy Burke and Barbara Nichols.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

Bob Varnum gave the Selectmen a general update of the road situation. Most gravel roads were in good condition despite the recent alternating thaws and freezes. Some paved roads, especially Old Pound and Pierce Lake have serious pot holes. He hopes these roads can be partially returned to gravel - budget permitting.

Bob reported that he had some complaints about icy conditions on the unsalted section of Old Concord Road.

The Board noted that the new Grove Street bridge looked very good. Bob indicated he hoped to complete the other two shortly.

Bob was asked to get estimates to repair/paint the roof at the Town Barn and also for new overhead doors.

Phil and Bob will get firm estimates to implement the tree removal program; also to write PSNH re the dead trees threatening power lines.

The Board signed/approved the following:
Minutes of the April 7th meeting
Yield Tax Warrant: 97-12
Land Use Tax Change - Mangieri
Current Use Applications - Cox and Trowbridge

At 6:30 Ken Fales made a presentation asking that the Selectmen lift the suspension that had been imposed by the Captain of the Rescue Squad. Much of the presentation dealt with his contention that the Captain did not have such authority or the Rescue Squad was part of the Fire Department.

The Selectmen indicated that while the legal distinction between the two organizations might be unclear the major issue concerned the incident which resulted in the suspension. They agreed to hold a hearing regarding the suspension, hopefully on April 28th, until then the suspension would remain in effect.

At 7:15 Julia Jiminez reported that the parking situation in the public lot south of the Video Store still remained a problem. The Selectmen indicated what had been done to date and indicated they would set up a policy relative to the lot.

At 7:30 Kathy Burke & Barbara Nichols spoke with the Board about hiring lifeguards. They indicated they would be interviewing the four candidates on Sunday, April ~~17th~~^{18th} and submit their recommendations as soon as possible thereafter.

There was a brief review of what was needed for the April 22nd Public Hearing on the feasibility grant.

Phil reported on Larry Ross' suggestion that the Economic Development Authority authorized by the Town at the 1996 Town Meeting could be activated and be the vehicle to accept the donation of the Goodell Property. He will check with the Town's Attorney to see if there are any legal problems with this approach.

Peter reported that Chris Crowell had resigned his job at A.R.T.S. The Board agreed to see if he would be willing to continue in a temporary fulltime position to do the other Parks & Cemetery jobs during the summer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.