

BELLINGHAM PLANNING BOARD  
TOWN HALL - PLANNING BOARD ROOM  
BELLINGHAM, MASS.

Meeting of May 2, 1968.

Members present: Gerard L. Daigle  
Michele S. Parisi  
Timothy Hannigan

The meeting was called to order by Gerard Daigle who was Acting Chairman in the absence of Francis Prior. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read by the clerk on a motion of Parisi and (2) by Hannigan.

Benjamin Ferigno was present at the meeting and said he wished to withdraw the request for release of lots on the extension of Little Tree Lane. Daigle specified that Ferigno submit the withdrawal in writing.

Philip B. Herr, Consultant, attended the meeting and a discussion was held on the Englehardt School Needs Report as was presented to the townspeople. Parisi said he didn't agree with the figures as presented by the firm and feels that a more practical building program could be planned, taking the towns tax rate into consideration.

Herr stated that it was the responsibility of the various town boards to make certain that the taxpayers clearly understand the implications of such a school building program as presented by the Englehardt Engineers.

Herr suggested that the town officials study the fiscal demands as related to financial resources to help in arriving at a projected financial program which the town could afford.

Robert Chase was in attendance and reported that his committee has a tentative date with the Town Accountant to review financial figures for the previous five years to form a better understanding of the town's required spending.

Other matters before the board were the Town Counsel's interpretation of the By-Law which in his opinion states that the Capital Improvements Committee is to act on everything which is a physical betterment. Chase disagreed and said this was not the intent of the By-Law, in which case the Cap. Improvements Comm. would be another Finance Comm.

The question of where the realm of transfers lies was also in question. Ambler said many areas should be clarified and amended.

Recommendations as to methods of procedures for presenting warrants was taken under discussion. Parisi noted that the Cap. Imp. Comm. have discussed the creation of a form with sequences which are to be followed and Selectmen could make judgement as to which board is to be consulted, making it easier for the petitioners.

George Wheeler discussed the complicated procedures now involved for the acceptance of streets and board members

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were all in agreement that steps should be taken to correct this. Town Counsel said proper descriptions should be required using metes and bounds and property rights should be signed off by the street abutments.

Philip Herr suggested that Joint Meetings be planned with the Selectmen to resolve questions on the Cap. Improve. By-Laws and make clarifications.

In other business Herr noted that Multiple Dwelling Study and Flood Plain Study be a part of the years Planning Board agenda. Daigle reported high water markings in various sections of the town where streets were washed out and greatest flooding occurred and said he had no information as to who had made these markings on trees and bridge abutments. Herr said he would attempt to locate their origin and report to the board.

An unpaid bill for Philip Herr which was approved at the Town Meeting was resigned and to be delivered to Town Accont. for payment.

There being no further business before the board meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED AS READ:

*Francis Prior*  
*Michael S. Paris*  
*Herold L. Dyer*

Respectfully submitted,

*Joan M. Giard*  
Joan M. Giard, Clerk