

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

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Present were Roland Sallada, Thomas Mansfield, Oliver Andrews and Betty Hooper.

Audrey and Douglas Engel submitted a building permit.

The following drive-way permits were approved: William Voorhees, L. Caterino & C. Johanson.

The building application of Dr. Brooks was denied and referred to the Board of Adjustment.

The Selectmen left for about an hour to inspect the proposed driveway on the Cizek subdivision.

Dr. Brooks, Health Officer, came in regarding a complaint concerning a drainage problem of sewage.

At this point a group of citizens arrived en masse and the doctor's problem was postponed. Citizens present were:

Mr. & Mrs. Leon Daniels, Mr. & Mrs. James Ryan, Roy Lowell, Polly Yost, Homer Lodge, Harry Smith, Howard Prince and James O'Rourke.

They came in to discuss the conversion of the fire house to town offices. They objected to the addition (which was added to the fire station in 1949 to accommodate a large fire truck) and to its tin roof. They were assured that this would be replaced with asphalt shingles.

They also felt that the Selectmen did not handle the bids correctly. They thought if the bids were too high, the Selectmen should have not continued with the work, but instead, postponed the project until the next town meeting. Their feeling was that the Selectmen are performing illegally in refusing

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all bids and acting as their own contractor.

Pauline Yost questioned who had the right to tear down town buildings. She referred to the previous school Agricultural building near the new fire house, which was torn down and sold to the highest bidder, (Ray Bailey). The Selectmen could not answer her question.

This group did not feel that the contractor, William Forest, who was engaged by the Selectmen for this project, was reliable. They questioned whether he was a bona fide building contractor. They were assured that he was, being owner of Forest Builders.

The group also felt that the Selectmen have been acting irresponsibly on many matters lately. Mrs. Yost gave one example of having to take care of the stray dog problem by a vigilante tactic, a self-appointed group having seen to the destruction of 37 dogs with the assistance of the Manchester Police.

Turning to another subject, there was much complaint about no representation on town committees or boards from citizens living in the center of town. Mr. Sallada asked for volunteers as alternates to the Board of Adjustment, being as nominations are open. There was no response.

At the departure of the before-mentioned group, the Selectmen turned to affairs at hand.

Roland Sallada moved that Ella Daniels and Dr. Samuel Brooks be nominated to serve as alternates to the Planning Board. The motion carried.

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Fire Chief Kenneth Barss arrived and asked about the Daniels fence case. Mr. Sallada's personal opinion was to accept the offer of 16-foot right of way. Mr. Barss felt in accepting this, the fire department would be admitting defeat. Tom Mansfield felt the firemen should meet with legal counsel and also the Selectmen for discussion.

A meeting was scheduled for Monday July 18 at 8:00 pm in the Selectmen's Office with Atty. Stephen Spielman.