

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 12, 1979

Present were Roland Sallada, Thomas Mansfield, Merrill Todd and Betty Hooper.

The Selectmen met with Town Counsel, David L. Nixon, Esq., to discuss the interpretation of our Gravel Removal Ordinance which the courts would construe in relation to a violation. The permit in question was the application of Milton Elliott. Mr. Elliott was issued a permit for removal of 50,000 yards which he has already removed, plus additional removal for the purpose of doing driveways and cellar holes. Mr. Nixon's response was that he interprets the law as saying that any amount of gravel may be hauled for the purpose of construction of new houses and used in the town. Therefore, he feels Mr. Elliott is acting legally. He added that if this interpretation proves to be a problem, the wording should be cleaned up at the next town meeting.

The Selectmen then asked a question in regard to the law relating to road signs: is there a grandfather clause on signs for advertising. It was brought to his attention that an amendment was passed at the 1977 town meeting placing a limit on size - no sign could be larger than 3 feet by one foot. Mr. Nixon was asked if Mr. Tom McGann had the privilege of prohibiting the placing of such signs from his property. He replied that Mr. Gann has the legal right to refuse to allow signs to be placed on his property. Roland then asked if the Selectmen had the same rights regarding town property. The answer was yes. It is the prerogative to approve or deny the placing of signs on town property irregardless of whether the sign existed prior to the passing of the Ordinance. However, the sign may remain in place only with the permission of the owner of the abutting property. The 'grandfather clause' is not binding forever. With a new owner or the same owner, if he decides against the sign, he has the right to ask that it be removed.

Leona Collins came in to discuss the specifications for the road through Riverside Drive. The residents have an estimate from Lane Construction of \$16,000 for 3 inches of hot-top. The town only requires "mix & Place". Almus Chancey, road agent, will be contacted to submit his estimate.

Mr. Barnett submitted his 5- year plan for his application for Current Use.

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Chapman and Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stanger met with the Selectmen and Police Chief, John Ballou, to continue the discussion regarding the excessive noise created in the center of town. The contention seemed to be that the police department was not doing enough to halt the noise. Roland suggested that if one had a complaint, register a written complaint with the police chief, in that way he had concrete material to present to court. Mr. Chapman claimed his ~~broken~~ bedroom window was broken. When asked if he had reported this to the police, he answered "No". He also went on to say that Mr. & Mrs. Flynn have put their house up for sale because they cannot tolerate the noise coming from the John Young apartment.

Roland asked Chief Ballou how many other complaints he had received in the past year and a half in regard to this noise and the reply was that Mr. Chapman had complained 2 or 3 times and Mr. Kanzer once.

Mr. Stanger asked Chief Ballou if gravel trucks were required to cover their load. The answer was that the State law reads they may travel a limited distance at a limited speed uncovered.

Andy Belanger submitted a building permit to add a one-person apartment to his dwelling. Permission granted.

Robert Wason brought in a revised Current Use application.

Pistol Permits were issued to Francis Donovan and John Bunting.

Mr. & Mrs. James Ryan came in to complain about the Burglar Alarm Siren blaring at 2:00 am on Saturday July 7. They felt the noise from this alarm is horrendous and they suggested some other means of alert should be considered. As far as can be determined, the alarm misfired. John Bunting and Fire Chief James Dodge were present at the time, and agreed that a different hook-up should be considered. He suggested it be connected with the Fire Dept. telephone no. 2626. The Selectmen plan to pursue this train of thought.