

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 7, 1981

Present were Selectmen Merrill and Ted Olson and Sec. Betty Hooper.

A meeting was held at 7:00 pm in conjunction with ~~the complaints of~~ the Conservation Commission regarding the activities of Mr. Richard LaBranche at the town property formerly known as the B & M Railroad bed where he willfully and without ~~other~~ authorization bull-dozed and stripped and scarred trees widening the area for approximately one-half mile for the purpose of exercising his houses, which left the area in question in a muddy and rutted condition.

Martha Brooks, chairman, reported that Mr. LaBranche had called her about a month previous asking permission to trim branches along the road-bed at which time she denied permission, but suggesting he contact the Selectmen for a final word. This he did not do, but proceeded with his project.

The members of the Conservation Commission (after viewing the road) are deeply distressed since they had planned that this area be used strictly for a nature walkway.

Sel. Todd reported that he has called Mr. LaBranche ordering him to 'cease and desist' all activities.

The Commission's next thoughts are turned to correcting the damage all ready done.

Following many suggestions and much discussion, it was decided to ask a member of the Forestry Committee to view the site and report back with recommendations. At the next meeting of the Conservation Commission, the members will take these recommendations under advisement and meet again with the Selectmen.

The Selectmen will mail a letter to Mr. LaBranche with the order to cease and desist and also recommend that he voluntarily dismiss himself from the Board of Adjustment as a member, until this matter is resolved.

Loretta Caterino came in to get permission for the Recreation Commission to conduct a car-wash from the Town Hall. Permission was denied due to the fact that there is no outside water faucet and ~~xxx~~ also being that this would pose too big a strain on the water supply.

Mr. Richard LaBranche arrived to try to explain his activities at the B & M Railroad bed. He said he had not realized he had done anything illegal and appologized to the Selectmen for not seeking their permission. He added that he has seen two pick-up trucks in the area cutting birches. The Selectmen advised he will be receiving a letter with recommendations.

Jay & Dorothy Marden came in hoping to resolve the matter of the Weadick property. The Selectmen are eager to settle this problem and promised to bring the matter before legal counsel as soon as possible.

Pistol permits issued to: Albert Levine and Norma Hurlbut.

Gravel Removal Permit issued to Clifton Wilson.

Building Permit issued to William McKay.