

Three Selectmen and secretary present.

The Selectmen met at 7:15 with members of the Conservation Commission. Those attending were: Martha Brooks, Betsy Dodge, David Woodbury, Donald Chapman, Ray Wheeler and Donald Grosso.

Mrs. Brooks reported that the members of the Commission had covered all town properties and they would make a study of these holdings and advise which properties could be sold. Mr. Wheeler displayed a map of all properties and their location which he had prepared. He said that he knows of about three properties which the town owns but there are no records from the State assessor as to description or acreage. He asked who owned the property off of Depot St. where the salt shed is. Sel. Mansfield feels it is State property. Mrs. Brooks felt that the Selectmen should have a special interest in wetland and should soon have an ordinance for the protection of wetland. Her hope is to have the Selectmen start setting up a long range plan for these wetlands, especially land along the river.

Sel. Olson asked the reason for a town ordinance when we have a State Ordinance. Don Chapman replied that the state does not ^{have} the time to inspect and would recommend that the town adopt the State Ordinance for proper coverage.

Sel. Olson then ~~asked~~ asked how wetland is designated. Don Chapman answered by growth and soil type. ~~W~~

Sel. Olson then asked if the proposed Ordinance would ~~cover~~ include town land and private land. The answer was "yes". Sel. Olson expressed the opinion that this Ordinance would encroach on property owners. Betsy Dodge remarked that this would be no different than restricting the type of home to build or how many ^{unregistered} cars allowed to be parked on their property

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Don Chapman strengthened his argument by stating how this would deter developers from building on filled land. Sel. Olson said he, himself, feels we are getting too restrictive to the land owner and will lose our small town atmosphere. Don Chapman explained that he once wrote an Ordinance using as guidelines, ordinances from eleven towns and condensing it, but the end result seemed too restrictive in the opinion of the Commission and it was scrapped. Mrs. Brooks said the Commission would like to start working with only one or two "prime" areas. She referred to the fill that Andy Belanger had done on his property along the river. She felt that he no doubt thought he was doing nothing wrong. He did not understand a permit was needed for this project. Sel. Caldwell asked if the suggested ordinance be just to reenforce the State Ordinance. Answer: yes.

At this time Sel. Olson respectfully requested that the Commission abide by the wishes of the Governor and reduce ~~their~~ appropriation by 4%. Mrs. Brooks agreed they would do their best.

The Calvin Robinson property was brought up. Ray Wheeler said this property is constantly being vandalized, therefore the Commission would certainly recommend the town sell this at auction, as soon as possible.

Thomas Mohan came in for a building permit. Granted.

His road was discussed. He is on a Class VI road which means the town owns the road but does not maintain it. He will pay for telephone poles.

Wayne Robinson came in to discuss the rent of the Town Hall which was raised for auctions from \$60 to \$300. Sel. Mansfield explained this was done because ^{of} the abuse to the hall and the high cost of maintenance. Mr. Robinson asked if it would be possible for the Selectmen to reconsider. Sel. Mansfield said he would be willing to go to the Town Hall Committee for further discussion. The other Selectmen agreed.

George St. John(Jr.) came in to inquire about a trailer permit.

Adjourned at 11:00 pm