

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING - March 27, 1989

The weekly Selectmen's Meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston present. Sandra Gendron Administrative Assistant took minutes.

Michael Pimenta was invited in when Lee Murray Road Agent arrived to discuss a complaint he had with regard to road drainage pouring onto his property and his feeling that somehow the Town was responsible and could correct the problem with grading, etc. It was decided that the Selectmen would personally view the situation; however, they had serious questions as to the house being constructed below the level of the road. Lee Murray also pointed out that he had made suggestions to Mr. Pimenta when he had applied for a second driveway permit, that in the opinion of the Road Agent would have helped the problem and were not heeded by Mr. Pimenta. (The Selectmen met on site Tuesday, March 28, 1989 at 7:30 am and a letter was subsequently sent to Mr. Pimenta with the decision that his problem was not the responsibility of the Town.)

Further discussions with Lee Murray regarding loading and unloading of heavy track machinery on Town Roads, could fines be implemented if undue damage was caused. The Selectmen agreed that this was a problem and it warranted looking into, fines certainly were a possibility. Lee would also like an ordinance on the books regarding "no parking" on Town roads during a storm. A highway department truck had been involved in an accident which might not have happened if the car had not been left on the side of the road during inclement weather. Willard questioned if this might not already be covered by a State Law. Lee would like to see the Town have some kind of an ordinance regarding the covering of loads going to the Transfer Station. The problem of flying debris is obvious especially on Old Coach Road; he pointed out that other Towns had such ordinances.

Discussion turned to the Joe English Road project the money for completion of said project having been voted down at the recent Town Meeting. It was agreed that the Town did not want to continue work on this road at this time and that the block grant monies would be spent on the stripping of Bedford Road and continued work on Old Coach Road. Everyone felt a meeting with the Road Committee was in order, Lee would like to propose using some of the block grant monies to at least finish removing the ledge on Joe English Road.

Finally Lee would like to hire another employee. He suggested interviewing Mike Johnston, who had already worked for the department. It was agreed that the position should be advertised and Lee would go over the wording with Linda.

Lee was given permission to go ahead with the crushing of gravel from Skip Gomes.

Selectmen Johnston received a phone call of complaint from Robert Whitman, Cochran Hill Road regarding the amount of sand used on the road in front of his house. A letter was composed and sent stating the Selectmen's opinion that the safety of the public was their responsibility and that weather and road conditions would dictate the treatment and amount thereof used by the Road Crew.

Interviews began with three potential candidates for the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Bruce Fillmore was the first interview. He had been interviewed last year to serve on the Planning Board and had not been appointed. He expressed interest in helping with the ZBA and would accept a one-year appointment, but his first interest was in the Planning Board. He was asked if in his line of work as an engineer especially dealing with the design of septic systems, did he feel there might be a conflict of interest. He stated that if the need arose he would be glad to step down in a final vote. If there were a choice to