

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING - May 22, 1989

Selectmen Thomas Mansfield and Arthur Johnston opened the meeting at 7:00 pm, Selectman Dodge would arrive late for the meeting, Sandra Gndron took minutes.

Road Agent Murray was in for general discussion regarding road issues. A meeting had been held which included two of the Selectmen, the Road Agent and David Aibel at Mr. Aibel's residence on Briar Hill Road concerning a fence which Mr. Aibel had installed on what appeared to be the Town Right of Way. It was agreed that the fence indeed was on Town property and Mr. Aibel would remove the fence and any flowers that he wished to salvage. The subdivision of Wilfred Klardie was discussed with regard to the road improvements Mr. Klardie would be doing. (see minutes of 5-15-89 for more details) Lee's understanding when he gave Mr. Klardie information as to what would be required from him to satisfy the subdivision regulations was that Mr. Klardie would be using a Class VI road as a driveway. Since the Selectmen realized that there was confusion regarding the proposed road improvements for this subdivision, it was suggested by the Board that Lee contact Mr. Klardie to review the situation and further suggest that Mr. Klardie contact the Planning Board Office to make sure everyone agrees with what needs to be done.

Nancy Surette, River Road, was in to state that on May 22, 1989 a portion of a dead tree on Town Land fell across the wires going to her home and ripped then from the building. She claimed that this was the third incident of a similar nature and suggested that it was time for the Town to cut away the dead trees that might be in danger of inflicting further damage to her property. The Selectmen asked Lee Murray to investigate, and to determine if the trees were on the Town Property.

Marc Monbouquette, Clark Hill Road, was in to complain that he had not been allowed to pass on a Class VI road located adjacent to the property of Joseph and Deborah Conrad on Thornton Road. Marc claims that he tried to explain to the Conrad's that a Class VI road was owned by the Town and open to the public and that they were obligated to move the vehicle which was parked on the road and prevented his passage. Words were exchanged between Marc and the Conrad's with Marc maintaining that he remained polite at all times. Marc also indicated that there were other Class VI roads in town where he has had trouble when trying to pass. The Selectmen agreed that a Class VI road is open to the public but cautioned Marc that he must also take responsibility for the use of the roadway. Marc agreed with this it was the principal that the public should be allowed to pass that was at issue. It was decided by the Board that the Conrad's would be invited to the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss the situation.

At 8:10 pm the Selectmen met with representatives from the Historical Society Jay Marden, Bill Mulligan, Charles and Rena Davis and Roland Sallada to discuss the use of the former Town Office by the society. A list of tentative questions that the society had had been presented to Sandra Gendron and various items on this list were discussed. They had also presented a plan whereby they might do some renovation to the interior of the building, but would maintain the area of the former Selectmen's Office as an enclosed room for the conference room that the Selectmen wanted to have the option to use. There was a lengthy discussion on the alarm systems, both fire and buglary, the fact that they were fairly antiquated. It was agreed the Selectman Johnston would look over both systems and make them as workable as possible. Roland Sallada would like to see some thought given to the proposal that the Historical Society present a budget for inclusion as a line-item in the Town Budget. If the Selectmen would entertain such a proposal; it would, in Roland's opinion, give the society some flexibility in their decisions regarding the use of the building and would allow the society to operate in a more business-like manner. DRA would have to be contacted to make sure this would be a legitimate line-item to be included in the budget. Everyone agreed that it has always been the intent that the Historical Society would have use of that building and further Town Counsel would be contacted to draw up a legal agreement for same. Selectmen supported the idea that the cannon would stay and this will be noted in the agreement. The society requested that when the roof is re-done the weathervane be replaced. Selectmen Mansfield suggested that monies needed for any remodeling might be requested at the 1990 Town Meeting. It was decided by the group that the Selectmen administer the scheduling for the conference room and the decorating in that room be limited to the walls allowing for the maximum number of chairs to be used for any meetings taking place. The Selectmen were in

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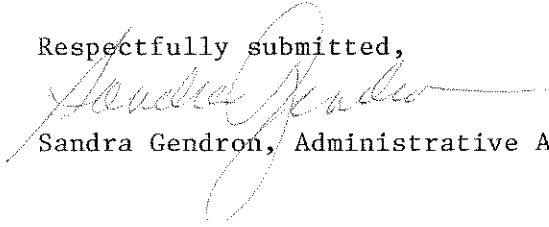
agreement that a sign could be hung on the outside of the building with reference to the society.

As a result of the interviews conducted last week with regard to the openings on the Conservation Commission, Selectman Johnston moved, the motion was duly seconded and the Selectmen all voted to appoint Mary Carol Schaffrath to become a regular member of the Conservation Commission, and Michael Weed would become an alternate member. A letter of thanks would be sent to Jim Smith for showing interest in becoming a member.

Betsy Moore Whitman, Cochran Hill Road, was in to discuss the condition of her road on which her home sits only six feet from the side of. She was extremely distraught about the letter sent to her from the Office of the Selectmen basically supporting the contention that the amount of sand spread during the winter months would be dictated by the weather conditions and the amount determined to be necessary could not be lessened directly in front of her house. It was Betsy's contention that an undue amount of sand is spread in front of her home every winter and it is a major project and potentially an added expense to her to have this sand removed in the spring. She feels that the Town should be responsible for the removal of the sand and that it is unreasonable for the Selectmen to feel otherwise. The Selectmen requested that Betsy make a formal request of them as to just what she expected and she stated that she would request that the Road Agent review the road conditions directly in front of her house and make adjustments as to the distribution of sand during the winter months in this location. The Selectmen will discuss the situation with the Road Agent.

Checks were signed and mail was reviewed with the meeting being adjourned at 11:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant