

- 5.2 Purchase orders were reviewed and approved.
- 5.3 Chairman Rebholz moved to approve the minutes from June 28, 1994. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor.
- 5.4 The board appointed Chairman Rebholz as their representative to the Capital Planning Committee.
- 5.5 The board reviewed the letter from Lee LoPilato regarding Squannacook Meadows issues. Selectman Wood explained the letter could best be answered by Zoning Board and Conservation. Chairman Rebholz explained the legal process was moving along and is being adhered to. Discussion on this matter continued and it was explained that an injunction could only be sought once a case has been filed in court.
- 2.1 The Selectmen met with the members of the Board of Health, John Lord and Richard Williams, at 7:31 P.M. to appoint a new member to the Board of Health. Mr. Williams explained that both members of the Board of Health reviewed the applications and met with the individuals before this evening. He moved to appoint Linda Tarantino to the Board of Health. Seconded by Selectmen Chairman Rebholz. Mr. Williams explained both candidates backgrounds. Selectman Darling asked Ms. Tarantino if she would be living back in town shortly. She explained she would be. The joint board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Tarantino to the Board of Health until the next Town Election or Special Election, whichever is first. Mr. Williams announced the Board of Health would hold a meeting on Wednesday, July 27, 1994, at Hawthorne Brook Middle School, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the trash issue.
- 5.6 The board had no comment regarding the NOTICE to ABUTTERS referencing 1 Old Turnpike Road.
- 5.7 Chairman Rebholz moved to sign the corrected letter for the closing of Brookline Street for the Townsend Congregational Church Fall Fair. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor. Selectman Wood suggested bringing this notice up at the meeting prior to the actual fair date.
- 5.8 Executive Secretary Report.
 - A) The Selectmen were informed of the lightning that struck Memorial Hall and damage done to fire alarm system in the Hall and Library and to the computer system. The board was also informed that the insurance agent had been notified and if we go over \$1000.00 in damage then a claim will be filed.
 - B) The Executive Secretary informed the Selectmen that the Highway Department agreed to rebuild the earth ramps at Kids Kountry on Old Turnpike Road.
 - C) The Executive Secretary gave the board a letter for them to sign regarding the Assessors lack of Department of Revenue courses. The letter is for DOR and requests a waiver, temporarily, for our Board of Assessors. Chairman Rebholz moved to sign the letter. Seconded by Selectman Darling. All in favor.
 - D) The Selectmen were given a letter regarding Payday being Thursdays and that no one could get their pay any earlier than Thursday. Chairman Rebholz moved to sign the letter. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor.

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E) The board was informed of the letter from a number of people on Fitchburg Road concerned about traffic on this road. Selectman Wood suggested to have a State Engineer come out regarding this matter to meet with these people.

F) The board was informed of the missing person reward notice we received and that it would be distributed.

G) The memo from the Police Chief regarding the use of recreational vehicles was read.

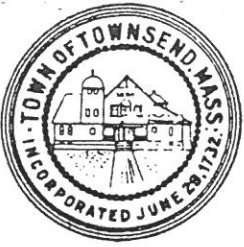
H) The board was updated on the West Meadow Road Bridge issue.

I) Selectman Darling read the letter he received from the Town of Ayer thanking him for his participation in their 4th of July parade. He showed everyone the ribbon he received and suggested the town provide a ribbon in the future.

Chairman Rebholz moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Darling. All in favor.

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July 26, 1994

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Selectmen Meeting Agenda
MEMORIAL HALL
7:00 P.M.
July 12, 1994



I. Preliminaries:

- 1.1 Meeting Called to Order
- 1.2 Roll Call
- 1.3 Agenda - Additions/Deletions

II. Appointments:

- 2.1 7:30 P.M. Joint meeting with the Board of Health RE: Appointment to Board.

III. New Business:

- 3.1 Move to approve Ambulance Write-Offs dated 6/21/94 submitted by the Amubulance Department in the amount of \$1,393.34.
- 3.2 Review Chapter 61, Right of First Refusal, for 90 Lunenburg Road, residence of Brown.
- 3.3 Review/comment ZBA Referral for Hess/2 Turnpike Road.
- 3.4 Review/comment PLANNING BOARD Referral for Sterilite Corp., Scales Lane.

IV. Appointment/Hire of Personnel:

- 4.1 Move to appoint the following to the Computer Committee for the term July 12, 1994 to June 30, 1995:

James Rourke	David A. Vanderwerf
Richard H. Choate	Amy Collins
George E. Grant	
- 4.2 Move to appoint the following to the West Townsend Reading Room Committee for the terms as noted:

Marilyn E. (Bettye) Johnson	7/12/94 to 6/30/97
Gladys E. Wright	7/12/94 to 6/30/96
Josephine A. Darling	7/12/94 to 6/30/95

V. Work Session:

- 5.1 Approve Payroll Warrant 2P and Bills Payable Warrants 54B & 2B.
- 5.2 Review purchase orders.
- 5.3 Move to approve the minutes from June 28, 1994.
- 5.4 Choose a Selectman representative to the Capital Planning Committee.
- 5.5 Review and/or discuss letter from Lee LoPilato RE: Squannacook Meadows Issue.
- 5.6 Review and/or discuss NOTICE to ABUTTERS RE: 1 Old Turnpike Road.
- 5.7 Sign corrected letter RE: Townsend Congregational Church Fall Fair.
- 5.8 Executive Secretary Report.

VI. Adjournment



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MINUTES FROM MEETING HELD July 26, 1994

- 1.1 Chairman Rebholz called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.
- 1.2 Roll call taken showed all Selectmen present.
- 1.3 There were no additions or deletions to the agenda. Selectman Darling mentioned a gentleman would possibly be coming to tonight's meeting to discuss the closing of WCIS and present a petition to the board.
- 2.1 The board met with Mr. John Barrett, Parks Commissioner, at 7:05 p.m. regarding the mowing of Kids Kountry. Mr. Barrett discussed the issue of a separate committee overseeing this playground besides the Park Commissioners. He suggested having only one committee responsible for the park and that in deference to the Park Commissioners the second committee be disbanded. He explained the commissioners want to keep oversight of their employees and questioned how they would be paid. Selectman Wood explained the money was from the interest and that it could be used for this purpose. Chairman Rebholz explained the board would have to sit down with Bill May and discuss this matter. Mr. Barrett agreed to have the Park department mow it for now and keep track of the time and submitting a bill to the Selectmen. Chairman Rebholz said he could get the bill to either Tim or Beverly in our office. Selectman Darling asked if we would pay by the job or by the hour. Mr. Barrett explained it would be hourly. Chairman Rebholz said that something could be worked out. Selectman Wood explained that Mr. Stone, who donated the money for the park, did not want the money to get lost in the budget. Mr. Barrett discussed the trash at this park and said they would pick it up as well.
- 2.2 At 7:15 P.M. the board met with Niles Busler, Chairman Board of Assessors regarding Tri Town Assessing and Memorandum of Understanding. Mr. Busler explained the process that has gone on thus far and that the three boards would like to have the town attorneys look at what has been developed. Selectman Wood explained we could have town counsel look at it and make substantive remarks. Mr. Busler explained the documents in the packet. Selectman Wood asked what the cost breakdown would be. Mr. Busler explained it would be 40% each for Lunenburg and Townsend and 20% from Ashby. He went on to say that this was broken down by the percentage of parcels each town brings to the cooperative. Selectman Wood asked how soon he would like it back from counsel. Mr. Busler said as soon as possible. Chairman Rebholz asked if it would be an advertised position. Mr. Busler explained it would be. Mr. Busler gave credit to the Assessors in Ashby and Lunenburg for working as well as they have. Selectman Wood gave Mr. Busler credit as well. Mr. Busler expressed his hope that this would save the town some money.
- 3.1 Chairman Rebholz moved to approve Driveway Permit #07-94 for Michael Hallisey to be located at 262 Dudley Road, shown on the assessing map as Map 11 Block 66 Lot 0. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor.

- 3.2 The board reviewed the Planning Board referral for Sterilite Corp., Scales Lane which was carried over from the July 12, 1994 meeting. Selectman Wood commented about her concern regarding fire protection and insuring that the septic system is adequate for a building that could employ 73 people or more. She went on to say that if the increase in employees is for a machine shop then it should be looked at by the Fire Chief. This would insure protection for Sterilite, its employees, and the Town.
- 2.3 The board met at 7:30 P.M. with School Committee members and Townsend's representatives on the North Middlesex Regional School Representation ad hoc Committee to discuss the regional school representation issue. Present at this meeting were School Committee members Jim Reid, Tom Hardy, and Maureen Denig as well as Blair Arsenault and Bob Remelius who are on the School Representation Committee with Selectman Darling. Mr. Remelius opened by saying that Mr. Arsenault had put a package together explaining what has happened to this point. Mr. Arsenault then described what had happened within the meetings his committee had with the other towns (Pepperell and Ashby). He went on to discuss the Brockton case from which Pepperell's assumption that it is entitled to another seat on the school committee is based. He also explained that the State has not enforced this decision throughout the State. Chairman Rebholz explained it is his opinion that we pushed Pepperell's hand. Mr. Arsenault went on and explained the Brockton case. Selectman Darling inserted that Brockton had 80% of the students and only 20% of the vote. Chairman Rebholz explained in lieu of this information his impression was that Pepperell will not stop until they get another vote on the regional school committee. He went on to say that he for one will not give up that seat easily. Selectman Darling explained he would like this board to get official notification from Pepperell regarding its desires in this matter. Mr. Remelius explained his board wanted input from the Selectmen and School Committee members to bring back to the other two towns at their meeting in August. He explained option one would create a 17 member school board. Selectman Darling said nothing can be done in any town without the Selectmen's approval. Selectman Wood said an article has to be put on the warrant of each town for the people to vote on at town meeting. Mr. Arsenault explained the school committee has to vote to open the charter as well. Selectman Wood explained we have to support Ashby's vested interest and ours too. Chairman Rebholz said his feeling is to take a hard line and they (Pepperell) are going to have to take it and if they do then it should be a weighted vote. Selectman Darling stated we were in a poker game with Pepperell and they are bluffing. He went on to say he would like to keep negotiating up to a point and then have them move ahead with a law suit. He explained by doing this we could stall the court action. Ms. Denig clarified the options available to the town. Mr. Hardy say he feels the school committee members of Townsend want to see it stay the way it is and in fact Townsend wants another seat on the board. Mr. Reid explained Pepperell intends on controlling the district. He went on to give examples of why he believes this way. Chairman Rebholz said it was clear where Townsend stands.
- 3.3 The board had no comment on the Planning Board referral for Bernard Meunier, 440 Main Street (Assessors Map 47 Block 40 Lot 0).

- 3.4 The board had no comment on the Department of Environmental Management letter regarding the sale of forest products from Willard Brook State Forest.
- 4.1 Chairman Rebholz moved to appoint David Schafer 88 Meadow Road, Townsend, Massachusetts to the Conservation Commission for the period of July 26, 1994 to June 30, 1997. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor.
- 4.2 Chairman Rebholz moved to appoint the following as Part-Time Dispatchers for the Communications Department for the term July 1, 1994 to June 30, 1995:

Jennifer Testagrossa	Tracy A. Rousseau
Cheryl Mattson	Shawn Winsor

Selectman Wood questioned if we could appoint a full-time employee to a part-time position due to the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) regulations. She suggested that counsel look at the matter. Chairman Rebholz amended his motion to appoint the individuals with one being contingent on counsel's approval. Seconded by Selectman Darling. All in favor.

- 5.1 Chairman Rebholz moved to approve payroll warrant 04P. Seconded by Selectman Wood. Two in favor (Wood and Darling) with one abstention (Rebholz). Chairman Rebholz moved to approve bills payable warrant 04B. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor.
- 5.2 Purchase orders were reviewed and approved.
- 5.3 Chairman Rebholz moved to approve the minutes from July 12, 1994. Seconded by Selectman Darling. All in favor.
- 5.4 The board reviewed the proposal to Provide Night Hours to Enhance Public Access submitted by the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary explained the reason for the proposal and that by opening on Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8, the public could access town services available at Memorial Hall and Annex buildings. He went on to say that the closing of the offices on Fridays would have minimal impact due to the fact that this is the least utilized day of the week. The Executive Secretary explained also that this request is for a temporary basis, just 7 months, with a review and final decision to be made sometime in March or April. The board agreed with the proposal and requested to see a schedule of office hours before formally approving the proposal.
- 5.5 Executive Secretary Report.

A) The Selectmen were informed that Mr. McKinnon, of Burgess Road, had erected a pen for his dogs that met the Animal Control Officer's approval.

B) The Executive Secretary informed the Selectmen of the Fitchburg Road traffic problem regarding speeding vehicles and cars passing school buses at bus stops and that Chief May and he went to view the area and found the concerns to be valid. It was also mentioned that Mr. McCormick had been contacted and will help with the issue. The Executive Secretary explained that Bill Felton would look to see if he had any signs and what could be done about the lines. Selectman Wood mentioned that having the bus stop at a driveway may help to stop traffic from passing the bus.

C) The Executive Secretary informed the board of the Northstar program through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and that they are involved with distribution of surplus military equipment. The Executive Secretary explained the State program for this material was defunct and that we have to sign up for this Northstar program. He went on to explain that he was sending town counsel a copy of the required agreement for her review.

- D) The Selectmen were informed of the Department of Energy letter explaining that Townsend would get approximately \$221.00 from the 1970 Fuel Rebate case. The Executive Secretary explained this closes a case that has been open since Chris Gaffney was here.
- E) The board was informed of the press release from the Lowell Regional Transit Authority regarding a public hearing that will be held on August 1, 1994, dealing with proposed changes in routes and fares.
- F) The board was given a copy of a letter from town counsel regarding the sale of land in Tax Title for their review. The Executive Secretary explained this may be an option the town might want to look at.
- G) The board was given the Police "Memorandum of Agreement" to sign. Chairman Rebholz moved to sign the agreement. Seconded by Selectman Wood. All in favor.
- H) The board was given the Labor Counsel Agreement to sign. Chairman Rebholz moved to sign the agreement. Seconded by Selectman Wood. Two in favor (Wood and Rebholz) with one abstention (Darling).
- I) The Selectman were informed of the Police Chief's memo regarding the purchasing new equipment for Kids Kountry.

Mr. Wright addressed the board regarding the problem with WCIS bank closing. He explained he and his wife had collected signatures on a petition and that they felt an obligation to present them to the board. Mr. Wright requested a cover letter from the Selectmen in support of the WCIS bank branch remaining open to send along with the petition to the bank. Selectman Darling explained that when 1400 people sign something then he for one is going to listen and that he for one thought the board could provide a cover letter to be sent with the petition. Chairman Rebholz agreed with Selectman Darling and said a cover letter would be written and signed by the board.

Chairman Rebholz moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Darling. Two in favor (Rebholz and Darling) with one absent (Wood).

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