

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, February 6, 1989

Present: Rachel C. Reinstein, Chairman, Edwin F. Rowehl, Madeleine Henley, Administrator Assistant, Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Gary Johnson and Art Stenberg were present.

Lloyd Henderson met to discuss payment of his bills. Rachel explained that there is no way to judge how much time he is billing for. Lloyd explained that many times when he was here for the selectmen's meeting which may have lasted for three hours, he would charge for about an hour. Ed Rowehl reviewed his bills and finds it hard to understand the reason for such a long delay in the billing. Selectmen can not justify the bills. Davis property was never finalized. Lloyd believes the bills were for work done and not completed. Bill Suydan, although not present, had spoken to Madeleine to let her know that he finds the delay in billing difficult to understand. All bills were for work after Lloyd went off retainer. All this work reflects work not billed before since early 1987. Total of bills is \$1,696. All Planning Board work has been completed and paid for. Only bills for general selectmen information remain unpaid. Edwin Rowehl asked if this is the final bill. Yes although he will not charge for work done to forward the work uncompleted to Phil Runyon for completion. Edwin Rowehl believes there is no choice but to pay the bills. Rachel and Edwin approved paying the bills which total \$1,696 with the understanding this is the final bill.

Intent to Cut for James Shea property was signed.

Madeleine spoke to Lloyd about the Hyland property. It was the understanding that once the Planning Board made a decision, then the building will be taken down. Phil Runyon was surprised that the building has not been removed.

Next Wednesday, Feb. 15th will be the budget hearing.

Art Stenberg permit #8893, Inspection report on Dan Grant's property shows the building has been moved by less than one foot but well within the required distance. Madeleine called the mortgage bank since she found Dan was requesting another variance since Don Mellen was not in agreement with the approval from the Town. Selectmen have told Dan Grant that the Selectmen agree with the findings from Art Stenberg. Art checked the property twice to be sure Dan was in compliance.

Mr. Breault has an apartment in the garage and now would like to have a retail shop on the the first floor of the garage. Although he has made room for parking Rachel pointed out that it is illegal to back out onto the highway. It appears there is room for cars to park in the rear, but he had designated parking in the fron. #89003.

Edwin Rowehl has seen some construction going on in town, and question if some of them have permits. A permit issued to Vaynes, is now missing the sketch. Art was asked to check on the permit.

A complaint has been received about a zoning violation. Junk is being collected on a property on Concord St.

It appears a new construction has been started behind the Blair house. Art will check for a permit.

Mr. Ali Oglu spoke of when he bought the property in 1979. He did not realize that the road was not town maintained by his property. He has spent a fortune taking care of it. Although it is steep, it is not too steep. People are constantly driving up the road. It is a town road, but it is not town maintained, it is a dead end road or trail. Since he must maintain the road, he finds it difficult to not be able to stop people from driving up the road. When they do plow, they do not plow to the side of the barn. If the road crew would plow the snow off to one side or the other and not block the road completely, it would be easier for Mr. Ali Oglu to plow the road and take care of it. It was suggested that Mr. Ali Oglu speak to the road agent who is very reasonable. Perhaps a sign stating a dead end road can be placed to see if some of the traffic can be discouraged. Madeleine will call Bob to ask him to call Mr. Ali Oglu, 588-2049.

Making good progress on the Concord St. property. In the back there is a lot of land. The ROW to the town has been recorded. Mr. Ali Oglu wondered what the chance there is of having a rental property on the back lot. Since there is only 100 foot frontage, it would be best to consult with the Planning Board to see if it is worth proceeding with. All new electrical, and heating. When the construction on the present building is completed, it will be restored to its former condition.

Mr. Hennessey wished to know what has happened on the Holt property since his last meeting. Madeleine pointed out the last time she spoke to the State, a copy was sent to Mr. Hennessey. The State can not justify the expense of a thorough investigation they would require someone who actually saw items being covered over on the property. The State water supply reported they found no sign of there having been a septic system, but would follow up with this. The new proposed septic which was to be put in the place of a supposed rebuild system will not be approved by the State since they found no evidence of there having been a septic. There is still junk on the property. It appears the property is regressing. Selectmen have tried every avenue they can to correct the problem. Rachel agreed it is time to go after the owners to see if something can be done at this time. Mr. Holt has never attended any of the meetings to discuss the problem. Since the trailer was not approved, the septic is no longer a concern. This still leaves the problem of junk on the property and possible cars and other items being covered up on the property. Items which could in the future be a hazard to others' health.

Mr. Hennessey would like to know how Mr. Holt feels about this.

Madeleine has pointed out that several properties in the town do not meet with the approval of their neighbors. The town ordinance will have to be checked to see if there is a violation, if so, it may be possible to send Chris out. If someone can prove there is toxic waste disposed of on the property, they will not step in. Mr. Hennessey believes the selectmen should send a letter stating the property is still in violation. There is two vehicles plus part of a van, a tractor, and a convertible on the property. Edwin Rowehl pointed out the tractor has been on the property

so long, it is now classed as junk. It is an enviromental problem not a people problem. Mr. Hennessey suggested the selectmen request Mr. Holt meet with them to discuss the problem. The condition of the Holt property lowers the value of Mr. Hennessey's property.

Art Stenberg will be sent up with a camera, selectmen will then make a decision as to the follow up.

Budgets were reviewed.

Dick Watterson will be taken care of the landfill for this year. Bob Varnum is free to go out and see where fill is available in the landfill.

Jim LaMonth would like a letter stating that Bob Varnum will make any adjustments necessary to correct the errosion problem at Mr. LaMonth's property in the spring.

The bid was received for fire and burglar alarms for all the town buildings. The bid came to \$17,000. Madeleine suggested having a warrant to see if the town is in agreement with having this protection. Other bids would be required if the town agreed to go along with having an alarm system put in.

Landfill was discussed. A fee schedule was considered. An annual fee of \$10.00 a household plus a charge of \$250 per vehicles for commercial haulers. This is to be for one year until scales are purchased, afterwhich the amount will be per weight. Each household will be allowed no more than two stickers. The money from the stickers will be used for the purchase of the scales.

Rachel Reinstein and Edwin Rowehl voted to approve the above fee schedule. New stickers will be available by Town Meeting.

A meeting will be scheduled with Jeff Crocker.

Selectmen are suppose to have written guidelines for welfare. Madeleine will get this completed after town meeting. Jane Hill will be contacted for input. A meeting with Jane will be scheduled for the week after town meeting.

Petitions were reviewed. Mr. Foley submitted a warramt to have the town accept Beaver Dam Road. Ed Rowehl is not pleased with the road. He sees errosion in some areas of the road. To lay out the road, if it requires a public hearing, Mr. Foley will pay the cost. Mr. Runyon sees no reason for this as it is not laying out a road, rather acceptance of the road. Mr. Rowehl does not want the selectmen to sponsor this warrant. He beleives Mr. Foley should acquire the required signatures for a petition.

Warrant Article to be written up for summer maintained and class VI roads. Registered letters will be sent to abbutors.

Retirement buy back was discussed. Selectmen agreed to check the cost.

Warrant article request, that Antrim join a compact for a joint reassessment. Several warrant articles will be out for the school formula.

Chris Joseph was in to report there is a plumbing leak over his office. Most of the heaters are leaking.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Voting will not be possible in the Town Hall this year. Selectmen have agreed to hold voting at the fire station. Madeleine will contact Mike Beauchamp and Bob Flanders.

Selectmen will schedule no appointments for the 27th of Feb. as there will be a meeting in the town hall to go over the school funding.

Meeting adjourned 10:50

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