

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, Sept. 11, 1989

Present: Edwin F. Rowehl, Chairman, Rachel Reinstein, Bill Suydam, Madeleine Henley, AA, Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Art Stenberg gave his monthly report. Selectmen agreed to have Art continue contacting those property owners who may not be in compliance with the zoning regulations.

Art had a meeting with School officials at which time he was asked to have a weight limit sign placed on the Summer St. Bridge. This would require the trucks which will be hauling heavy material for the school construction to use West St.

Bill Suydam requested the owners of a trailer which has been on a property, (located on Gregg Lake Rd.), more than twenty-one days be notified to remove the trailer.

Art will also check to see if a stone wall which was moved on Gregg Lake has been replaced.

The condition of Hawthorne College was discussed. (The BOCA regulations allow for the building inspector to shut a building down when it is vacant. All buildings must be made safe and secure). Some of the buildings were found open and a manhole cover is missing. A letter will be sent to the owners informing them of the need to secure the property and to see it is in safe condition.

The Trustees of Hawthorne College are working to keep the College out of bankruptcy. They are trying to find a buyer for the property. (The issue of empty buildings which may be a hazard to the public, called to mind several buildings which would fall under the same requirements).

Dave Ross met to discuss his possible appointment to the Planning Board as an alternate member. Mr. Ross had reviewed the posted zoning regulations before the March election. He would like to see the Town grow in an orderly fashion. Ed Rowehl explained the weekly meetings of the Planning Board. Rachel suggested Mr. Ross be given a copy of the zoning and sub-division regulations and Master Plan to review to see if he would still be interested. Mr. Ross will be in again in two weeks at which time the Selectmen will make a decision as to his possible appointment.

Selectmen discussed fire department procedures regarding burn permits.

Maintenance and custodial care of the town hall was discussed.

Minutes of last weeks meeting were accepted after some minor corrections.

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In two places the word employees is to be replaced with employers.

Dick Withington and not Bill Withington.

Selectmen discussed the reasons to continue with the four day week. Full time employees put in at least 40 hours a week in the four days. All three selectmen agreed to continue since the staff is able to accomplish more by having the extra hour each day. Fridays the staff found little time to do work with the many calls asking for the Town Clerk and Tax Collector who is not in on Friday. The secretary to the zoning officer will not be in on Fridays either which would add to the confusion.

The Selectmen agreed to continue with the extended hours and closing on Friday.

Madeleine Henley asked if the Selectmen would consider having the Selectmen's meeting earlier. They agreed to think about a change in the meeting hours.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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