

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, October 2, 1989

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Rachel Reinstein, William Suydam, Madeleine Henley, AA, Maureen Gamblin, News Director for WRCI radio station, (478-3123), Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Maureen Gamblin gave the selectmen information on the new radio station to be located in Hillsboro. She will work to keep the public informed on local news and events.

Selectmen reviewed some issues with Maureen which may be newsworthy such as the Town's interest in changing the school funding formula, closing of the town hall on Monday, Oct. 9 due to the holiday and the rescheduling of the Selectmen's meeting to Tues. the 10th.

Sunday there will be an information show on the air to explain the program. At present there is a staff of five full time and seven part time workers.

There will be an open house on Oct. 14th from noon to five.

October 11 at 7:30 there will be a meeting regarding the speed on Gregg Lake as well as a meeting to keep the public informed of the ongoing progress of the construction the Antrim School.

Bill MacCulloch, Ben Pratt and Eric Tenney, Sewer and Water Commissioners met with the selectmen to discuss if the Town will swap off plowing in place of sewer and water for the Town buildings. The road agent is not happy with any increase in his work load with no additional help for his staff. No one knows what the cost of the plowing would be. Although the maintenance of the sewer and water department may be the responsibility of the users, the upkeep of the hydrants is not, yet they have been maintaining them. Mr. MacCulloch mentioned the town as a whole uses the town hall and the library which are serviced by the Sewer & Water. Ben mentioned it is practical for the town to plow the roads since the Sewer & Water Department is not in the business of plowing while the town highway is. Since the sewer and water does not have the funds nor the equipment to do the work an exchange of service was suggested. Sewer & Water to town buildings which are used by the town and the plowing done by the Town highway department. Eric said they do not expect Bob to do more than plow a path during a storm, and return the next day to complete it. At present the highway goes within five hundred feet of the station and to do the extra few hundred feet at the time of the storm should be no problem to the department. If the storms get too far ahead of the road crew, Eric said the S&W will hire someone to do some of the work. Selectmen will talk to Bob Varnum, the road agent, again and perhaps he will want to talk to the commissioners. Eric mentioned the S&W would have to replace the plow truck, and they don't feel they can afford the expenditure. Selectmen will meet with Bob next week and discuss this issue with Bob.

One other item was the fire hydrants. Mr. MacCulloch believes the Town should be doing something about the hydrants. They usually purchase the hydrants, and pay a service fee for the maintenance of the hydrants. The water department has no use for the most of the hydrants, as the water department needs only two hydrants while there are fifty in town. They are a burden to the water department. The town owns the sewer system and the water system. A charge of \$50 a hydrant can be charged to the town. The vast majority of fires during the winter use the hydrants to acquire water. If the hydrants aren't maintained, and there is a fire which can not be brought under control due to a faulty hydrant, the town can be sued.

Ben conceded the water department will continue to be stuck digging out the hydrants, but the water department should not bear the entire expense.

Mr. Daulhaus met to discuss several issues. On Oct. 10 there will be a ground breaking at the school at 1 o'clock. Second issue was an article in the paper regarding the use of the gym for voting in March. Mr. Daulhaus is concerned over the traffic and school being in session as well as the construction. Mr. Daulhaus asked that the selectmen check out the progress of the construction to see if there would be enough parking etc. It would be nice to have the kids see the voting in real life as they do have mock voting by the school council. The third issue being with the construction Mr. Daulhaus would like some traffic control for about a half hour each day to see to the safety of the children. If the town can not afford the cost, it is possible the school can contribute to the cost. From 3:00 to 3:30 is the main concern. The cost of a special duty officer will have to be checked out.

Dick Atkerson, Hazmat coordinator, met with Grace Walker, from Emergency Management and reviewed how to file the evacuation plan for the town. Dick was pleased to find he just has to fill in blanks and Grace will see to the typing. Mr. Atkerson reported the Town was in good shape since it does have a plan.

Egon ali-Aglu and the selectmen discussed the Town Hall Building.

After some discussion, Rachel voted to purchase the copy machine Madeleine had looked into. Second Edwin Rowehl, so moved.

All three Selectmen voted to have Mike Beauchamp charge for the fire department's expenses for the fire which went out of control at Breezy Point.

Selectmen may consider asking the Historical Society to maintain the cemeteries by seeing to the cutting of grass.

The Selectmen will think about what topics they wish to attend at the Municipal Association annual conference.

Rachel moved to accept the minutes as corrected. (corrections

being, Chris Joseph gave his monthly report, not weekly and the highway was graveling, not groveling, and to state it was a chain saw which had to be replaced). Second Edwin Rowehl, Bill Suydam. So moved.

The Selectmen discussed appointing Egon Ali-Oglu as an alternate member of the Planning Board. All three selectmen voted in favor of the ~~appointment~~. ASKING MR ALI-OGLU TO SERVE.

Meeting adjourned 11:55

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