

June 29, 1972

Board of Selectmen Meeting

The Board of Selectmen met at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall.

Bills were paid.

The Board of Selectmen signed an agreement with the State Dept. of Transportation, for the expenditure of town aid funds. This was witnessed by Marjorie Hatch, Town Clerk.

Mr. Kerschner made a motion to hold the hearing for the proposed charter on July 10, 1972. This was passed with a vote for 3-for, 0-against.

A motion was made and passed to have a legal notice put in the newspapers for a hearing at the Julian Thayer Auditorium at 8:00 P.M., July 10, 1972. The vote was 3-for, 0-against.

The Board of Selectmen scheduled a meeting with the Road Committee, Dave Mylchreest, Town Engineer, and the Planning and Zoning Commission for our next Board Meeting July 13, 1972, at 8:00 P.M. This meeting will cover Road Specifications and Summer Road Work.

A blade for the tractor has been purchased from the Mid-State Tractor Co., for \$285.00, this will be for the grading of Town Roads.

On painting the Town Hall: Reed Hayes said we would need to get an estimate on paint costs, and also get estimates for the best quality paint. Ron Markham will be in charge to recruit a "paint crew". A motion was made and passed, vote being 3-for, 0-against to have the Town Hall professionally prepared before painting. This would include scraping, caulking, etc.

The Assistant Health Officer's position is still vacant. Joseph Suchanek, Assistant Health Officer, said he would stay on and assist until the Board could establish this position. Reed Hayes will notify Dr. Chace regarding this resignation.

The Selectmen wrote up several resolutions on improved and unimproved roads, they are as follows:

Be it RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen hereby takes notice of Section 13a-83 of the Connecticut General Statutes which provides that "the proper authorities of any city or borough and the selectmen of any town, unless otherwise provided in its charter, may assess, or cause to be assessed, the benefits accruing to any person by the layout, grading or alteration of any highway there upon giving written notice to the parties to be benefited of the time and place of meeting therefor, and order such benefits to be paid by the parties assessed, respectively, to the town, city or borough, as the case may be, within such time as they appoint. Such benefits may be collected in the same manner as town taxes are collected." (1963, P.A. 226, 83.)

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Finally, the Board hereby RESOLVES its intention to enact the provisions of said statute, and to lay such assessments, should new housing construction, or other development along unimproved roads require road improvement in order to insure public safety or improve living conditions, or be done in response to a public clamor from the residents of such road or roads faster than the expenditure of state funds would allow.

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A vote was taken for all resolutions, being 3-for, 0-against.

On Gypsy Moth Spraying: Reed Hayes said the program has been completed, except for a few.

The forming of a pay scale committee was tabled until the next Selectmen's meeting. Reed Hayes suggested keeping in mind, getting someone on this committee with expertise.

A letter was read from the Environmental Dept., asking for the appointment of a member to the waste committee. It was agreed to contact a member from the Interlocal Agreement Advisory Board for this.

It was agreed by the Board to have the Selectman's Clerk send a copy of the minutes to the two Selectmen in the future.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15.

Kyoko Frazier
Clerk

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