

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Town of Waterboro, Maine 04087

MINUTES

2/10/81

Regular Meeting

Present: Chmn. Daniel Willett, Robert Fay, John Monteith, Dianne Holden, Jean Chick, Willis Lord.

PUBLIC HEARINGS 7:30 pm.

Discontinuance of Roads, approximately 10 citizens present.
Hearing opened by Chm. Willett.

MOUNTAIN ROAD & CROSS ROAD

Discussion held, Title 23, Maine State Statutes referred to. All abutters of the two roads present were willing for the roads to be discontinued, but wanted reassurance that they could still gain entrance to their property through the right-of-way. Selectmen will ask the Town Attorney to write a letter stating that the abutters would have this right and a copy of the letter will be sent to each abutter present, for their files.

EMERY ROAD

Mr. Earle Ahlquist, the only abutter present asked that the portion of road be closed further up than the notice had read, he wants it closed beyond his five acre parcel of land. If the Selectmen would agree to this he will send them a letter stating that he would forego any maintenance by the Town until such time as some one would be building a house on this parcel.

An article in the Warrant at Town Meeting will be presented to the citizens to have the above roads discontinued.
Hearings adjourned 8:30 pm.

Selectmen approved the "Use Application" submitted by Richard & Monica Croteau with the conditions set up by the Waterboro Planning Board.

James Hamilton

Mr. Hamilton said he had not been able to get any satisfaction on his assessment on property on Hamilton Road with the Town Assessor, Mark Caldwell and had decided to come in to talk with the Selectmen. Hamilton said he spoke with Mr. Willett on the idea of placing some of his acreage into Tree Growth, Mr. Willett at that time advised him not to do so. Mr. Willett injected at this time, that he had advised others to wait also before going to Tree Growth, because he was not sure how the new valuation would go and felt that citizens should wait a year. Hamilton said he felt he had been ill advised and if the Selectmen accepted his method he would

be presenting, that he should be allowed to file for Tree Growth on his 1980 tax assessment. That his present valuation was 4% higher because he had not filed for Tree Growth last year.

Hamilton said he had discussed his method with his Attorney and that he had conferred with the Appeals Board in Augusta, and that he could place a strip of land, the minimum of ten acres, on each side of the Hamilton Road into Tree Growth and completely wipe out the road frontage assessment. Selectman Fay asked Hamilton why he didn't put all his land into Tree Growth. Hamilton said that years ago his family put all their properties in to a Trust, and that there are several Grandchildren that will want to build on the property, even though the land will still be held under the Trust and will not be sold to them.

Willett asked Hamilton to present the Plan and Hamilton said he didn't want to until the Selectmen agreed to go along with him, that he didn't want to have to draw up several plans before the Selectmen would agree to accept one, not wanting to go to the expense of Attorney fees, etc.

Selectman Fay said he didn't know that this was acceptable under the Tree Growth Law, but would have Mark Caldwell confer with the Town's Attorney Roger Elliott and also call the State. After getting a report from Caldwell, Hamilton will be asked to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the matter further.

Road Commissioner: Mr. Lord said that he had spent a day with George Lane of Cornish, a Contractor in rubbish removal, going around Town reviewing roads, counting house, businesses, etc. Also he discussed with Mr. Lane the Schools in Waterboro about their methods of waste removal. Lord, asked that Mr. Doane the Bus. Mgr. of SAD#57 be called and given Mr. Lane's phone number.

Lord asked that the Selectmen send a letter to the Contractor for snow removal of the South end of Town concerning the McLucas Rd., Sunny Brook Farm Rd., in by Delano's property and Bob Fay's Lane, assuring him that the roads are on his Contract Map.

Letters: Roger Elliott, Re; Discontinuance of Town Ways, copies to be sent to the abutters.

D. Foglio: Re: Plowing of roads in the South end of Town.
James Carll; Re. an Addendum to Lease Agreement of the Waterborough Historical Society, to read as follows:
"The property location shall be the responsibility of the Historical Society to maintain and landscape."

Approved by:

 