

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

February 3, 1987

SNOWPLOWING:

PRESENT: Sel Robert Fay, Sel Dennis Abbott, Chrm Andrew C Woodsome, Jr
Wendell Currier, Dwayne and Dana Woodsome, Allan Roberts,
Fred Fay

Chrm Woodsome, Jr asked Wendell Currier to begin the dicussion.

Mr Currier feels that the roads are not being properly plowed. The storm before the last one he could not get to Deering Ridge Road from Route 202, he had to turn around and go the other way. He made it as far as the Edith Hughey Road and got stuck, his son also got stuck. He realized that there was not all that much snow, but there was an awful lot of slush, the slush had built up and it was not scraped.

He had 8½ inches of snow on his road before a plow ever went by. Once the plow did come, it turned around in his driveway and knocked down his mailbox. Mr Currier does not want the plow using his driveway to turn, the designated turn around is 4/10 of a mile down his road at the Hollis Line.

Contractor Dwayne Woodsome was up on his road one day, Mr Currier flagged Dwayne down and climbed up on to the running board of the plow to speak to him. Mr Currier wanted to ask Dwayne not to use his driveway to turn around. Dwayne told Mr Currier that it was aganist the law to throw snow from his driveway out into the road or across the street. Dwayne than started his truck and drove off. Mr Currier feels that he had to "jump for his life" in order not to get run over.

Mr Currier filed a complaint with 2 Selectmen; the first said he would register the complaint and the second said he would see what he could do.

During the senext storm, plowing was done sometime during the night. The second time the plow went by the blade was lifted up for 64 feet past his house. He feels this was a mean and nasty trick and feels the reason it was done was because of his complaint.

Allan Roberts, plow person for Dwayne Woodsome, asked Mr Currier why they could not continue ausing in his driveway? Allan said that when he plowed for Robert Abbott they always used his driveway to turn around. The problem is that the proposed turn around is not a good one, the trucks set stuck and receive damage everytime they use it. Dwayne is sure to open up all the road where homes are, so people can get out. But, he plows down to the turnaround after all the main arteries on his route have access out. The reason he waits until the end of the storm to go to the turn around is for fear of getting his truck stuck and leaving many people without plowed roads.

Dwayne Woodsome told Mr Currier that there was not 8½ inches of snow on the road before the plow went by -- and the trucks went out 3 times. The reason, Dwayne said he told Allan to lift the blade was because they just have to back over the road and re do it after he cleans out his driveway, and throws the snow across the street. Allan suggested asking Mr Parker (he lives across from Mr Currier) if they could turn in his yard. Mr Currier said that he had already spoken to Mr Parker and he does not want the plow turning in his yard.

Sel Fay stopped the meeting for a minute and said, that the reason this meeting was put together was to try to resolve something. He thought the problem was that the plow left a mess after they turned in his driveway and if the plow cleaned up after itself they could continue to use it. Mr Currier said that no matter what--he does not want the plow using his yard.

Dwayne told Mr Currier that Hollis plows the part of Route 202 on to Deering's Ridge. Hollis plows up to the second mailbox and they turn at Kay Bean's house. Sometimes Waterboro does scrape it up if it hasn't been done, but Hollis is responsible for it.

Sel Abbott said that he travelled for years with Dave Sanborn to work and they traveled the Edith Hughey Road. Sel Abbott said that the unpaved portion of the road was never plowed as soon as the paved part. Sel Abbott said he has lived on Deering's Ridge for 10 years and the roads look as good as ever, if not better.

Mr Currier said he felt this meeting was not going to solve anything and that it was ridiculous, and he was leaving. Mr Currier left.

Allan Roberts said that he does not want to turn in the designated turn around and will and can turn the truck in the middle of the road. Dwayne agreed that he does not want his trucks damaged and that if he can do it, to turn the truck in the road.

Dwayne said it is against the State law to throw snow out into the road, but Mr Currier continues to do it making a mess for the plow to clean up.

Fred Fay said that no matter what the plow should not be lifted in front of Mr Currier's house.

Sel Abbott said he would like to be able to help Mr Currier but what can be done.

Allan Roberts asked if it would be possible to have "cluster boxes" put in at the developments. People put there mail and paper boxes so far out into the road that it is almost impossible for the plow not to hit them. Dwayne said that the banks are so high that it is impossible to even see most of the boxes.

Dwayne told Sel Fay that he does not feel the letters he has written have done any good. Sel Fay said that he will stop sending Dwayne copies. Sel Fay said that he will not stop responding to complaints but, will stop sending Dwayne copies.

Chrm Woodsome, Jr said that the most important thing is to get the snow back and leave the roads open. People do not realize that the town has a right of way on roads -- and if they need to use that right of way, its there for them to use. Most of the mailboxes in town are in the right of way.

Fred Fay mentioned that he has been using a lot of salt to clear off the roads. Chrm Woodsome, Jr. said that that was a good idea using the salt and trying to savethe sand.

3 YEAR TAX LISTING:

The Board of Selectmen are going to run an article at Town Meeting trying to repeal the vote that required the Town to publish this booklet every three years.

LAKE SHERBOURNE DAM:

A note will be sent to the Dam president and a copy of the Maine National Guard report saying that they will not assist them in repairing the Dam. LSD will be asked to come to the next Selectmen's mtg, to discuss their article for the 1987 Town Meeting.

Recycling Committee David Buck:

A call will be sent to MMA asking them if there is anylegislation concerning Solid Waste in the works.

DOUG FOGLIO, SR:

Doug stopped in to discuss the folowing with the Board;

(1) The area of his route without a turnaround is shoveled by hand as agreed. Doug has not submitted a bill for that shoveling yet, but he does want to be assured that the Board remembered the agreement because Fred Fay knew nothing about it.

(2) A lady is angry because she planted new little shrubs near the turn around and thinks that the plow has killed them. Doug siad they were trying to clean up the turn around and does not think he is responsible for her shrubs.

(3) Doug also asked the Board to put an article in the newspaper telling people that it is illegal for them to throw snow out into the road.

PASTOR WANK:

Pastor Wank represents Potters House Christian Church, most of its members are form Waterboro. They have been having their meetings in someones home, approx. 5-25 people normally attend. Mr Wank would like to use the Town Hall on Sundays to hold their meetings. The Board has agreed to let the Pastor use the Hall for a period of one month. He will meet with the Board March 17, 1987.

APPROVED:

