

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 11, 1994

PRESENT: Chairman Dennis G. Abbott, John C. Monteith and Robert C. Fay.  
Also present: Selectmen's Assistant Dwayne Morin and Finance Committee member Dale Witman.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:**

DWAYNE MORIN: SAD #57 has requested a building permit to install a handicapped ramp at the new Mustang Country Store. Board voted to waive the building permit fee. Bagley Road: Received a 50 x 50 turn around easement, and Dwayne went up and walked where it would be located. Did discuss the stone wall would have to be moved and a tree that was planted would also need to be moved. A deed was prepared and the Nile's signed it. Now that the work has started, they would like the turn a round moved. A deed was prepared with the new turnaround and they have signed it. The new deed puts the turnaround before their driveway and Dwayne has already informed them that it could put more snow into their driveway. Board questions, why wouldn't the town plow by their driveway and back up to turn around. Met with the auditor and he is waiting on letters from grants and the attorneys. Sel. Fay asked why it is taken so long to complete the audit. Dwayne told Sel. Fay that he did not start until September and will be completed when the letters from the attorneys and grants are received. Has check into the cost of crushing the painted wood at the dump. Could come in and crush and haul it off for \$38.00 a ton. Chm. Abbott feels should further check it out before building a wall. Also suggests checking with Falmouth and could go some evening to look at it.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

ROAD REVIEW COMMITTEE: Present represent the Road Review Committee were: David Benton, Fred Fay, Doug Foglio, Sr., Fred Owen, Dwayne Woodsome, Glenn Bean, Sr. Glenn reported that he has made the bus turn a round on the Ross Corner Road. Chm. Abbott told Glenn to be sure that it is included on the snow plowing map. Robert Libby has repaired the damage he did to the New Dam Road with cold patch and he had stated that he would hot patch it by October 15th. The cold patch is holding up and would like not to fix it with hot patch. Chm. Abbott feels that if he should be held responsible for two years and if he breaks up then he fixes it. David Benton stated that he plows that road and it afraid that the plow will tear it up. Fred Fay feels the road needs to be built up to repair the hump in the road. Sel. Fay feels the road should be fixed now. David feels if the low places are filled with hot top and then he guarantees the work it would be okay. Board agrees that one inch of hot top on top of the fixing the low place is needed. Chm. Abbott told the committee that the Board feels that the committee should do some form of road opening ordinance, the town should be able to control how a road is opened up. The Board had asked the committee in to discuss a paving program.

Frank Scott had agreed to keep the price down if longer portions of roads were paved. Doug told the Board that the Road Review Committee has never been involved with the paving. Glenn reported that he met with Frank Scott today and looked at the Middle Road, the new section of the Middle Road, Hamilton Road and the Ross Corner Road and came up with a paving quote of \$58,000. Sel. Fay asked if there is a plan to show what roads have been paved in the past and if the town is redoing those roads. Board agrees that a plan for paving is needed. Glenn figures next years projects will take care of the rest of the paving money. Chm. Abbott would like to know why money is spent every year on the Middle Road, Ross Corner Road when the Roberts Ridge Road and Deerings Ridge Road which receive a lot more traffic are falling apart and soon will become impassable. Doug told the Board that it was never in the plan to pave Ross Corner Road this year, exactly what was done was what was submitted as a plan. Fred Owen feels since the road was ditched could wait until next spring. Doug feels that there is 8 to 10 inches of gravel under that road. Sel. Monteith feels that there is no paving program just hit and miss. Chm. Abbott told the committee that money is being spent on roads that people don't use and roads that are receiving a lot of traffic haven't had any work done in years and looks like there will only be around \$50,000. to do existing roads due to projects. Fred Fay asked if when a road project is proposed, if the paving cost should be included. Board feels that projects paving should not come out of the paving account. Doug also feels that the Selectmen need to stand up and back up the Road Review Committee projects. Chm. Abbott asked if the rest of the Middle Road should be done, and should drainage be done before paving. Fred Fay suggests spraying it for now. Chm. Abbott asked if it is possible to put 5 to 10 thousand dollars into the road before spraying it. Doug suggested that the Road Review Committee get together and review the roads and get back to the Board next week. Chm. Abbott asked if when the work is done on the Hamilton Road, will someone contact the SAD Transportation Dept. to let them know.

DOUG FOGLIO: The Board asked Doug in to discuss the East snow plow contract. Originally had an addition to the contract that he could pick up the East contract at his original bid. Doug told the Board that he is interested but the problem is the contract is good for one year only and he would have to go out and purchase a truck to do the route for one year. Will come in next week to further discuss this with the Board.

RICHMOND STEVENS: Board asked him in due to concerns of the Board over the cost of the cement wall at the transfer station. All agreed to continue for a couple of months to keep track of the totals before the decision on the wall is made.

**JOHN KUSTRON:** John brought in papers for the Board to sign that Attorney's Bourque and Clegg have drawn up for the loan for the elevator. Chm. Abbott told Mr. Kustron, that the Board will need to have the Town's Attorney review before the Board could sign it.

**BOB KONCZAL:** The Board asked Bob in to update them on the assessing. Bob reported have been updating the records, putting information into the Mass Appraisal Program. Bob asked the Board that they have a four year contract and would they like to see any changes done. Chm. Abbott feels that he needs to start at the highs and the low ends and bring them in line. Bob has talked to Mike Rogers and the state would like a 4 year plan to update the building information instead of doing it in one year. Chm. Abbott feels need to start public information that the plan is in effect for 4 years. Bob would like to visit 600 properties a year. Need to cure the land within the first year. There is a problem with adjusting different areas each year, for i.e. one area would be at 90%, rest of town would be at 70%. Sel. Fay asked why the land is so far off. Bob told the Board that the tables that have been used are 1986 and have been factored up several times. Will assign a base lot value for one house lot and rest excess land. Sel. Fay would rather see fields and not subdivisions. Bob told the Board that the land needs to be uniform. Sel. Fay asked if land values go up, will people be able to hold onto their land. Bob suggested coming in to discuss this with the Board in July and will be able at that time give what the changes will mean. Sel. Fay asked what is the procedure for abatements. Bob stated that the people have 180 days from the date of commitment to file for an abatement. He is in the office on Fridays, and if there is a problem he sits down and meets with the people. Sel. Fay asked if there are minutes or records for the Board to look at if there are questions. Chm. Abbott probably a good idea to keep a log book. Sel. Fay asked if land will be done in four years. Bob would like to do the land now and the buildings in four years so people don't get a double jolt on increases of land and buildings. Bob will give a report to the Board by Christmas.

**SIGNED:**

The Board signed the warrant for payment of bills and payroll.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The motion for adjournment was made at 9:30 p.m.

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