

October 23, 2003

Present: First Selectman Elaine Luckey, Selectmen Nick Solley and Harry Wyant.
Visitors: Polly Roberts, Dick Sears, Valerie Friedman

Call to order: Elaine Luckey called the meeting to order at 4:32p.m.

Minutes: Motion: To accept the minutes of the October 9th Board of Selectmen's meeting and the October 16th Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen by Elaine Luckey, seconded by Harry Wyant and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Polly Roberts: Ms. Roberts asked if there was any work from Land Tech Engineers re: South Street Driveway application submitted by Gunnery. Elaine Luckey explained that Mr. Oley of Land Tech had understood that the driveway would be gravel but has since learned from Curt Smith it would be asphalt. That information would alter his opinion and therefore he was doing over the report. Once the report is received, Elaine said she would get it to Gunnery first and then to the neighbors requesting to see it. The traffic counter on South Street has been installed and records the number of vehicles and what speed they are travelling at. Study will be done for one week. Equipment will then be returned to Goshen where the information will be calculated. Once the report is received it will be given to Ms. Roberts as she requested. Ms. Roberts also submitted a copy of a letter to the editor from South Street residents.

Valerie Friedman: Ms. Friedman asked if the selectmen had received information from the Federation of Connecticut Taxpayers Organization re: binding arbitration resolution. Elaine explained that Jack Field was working on re-writing the resolution as we are a regional school district and therefore the wording would differ somewhat from that written for a municipality. Once completed, it would be signed by the Selectmen from the three towns in our region as well as the Board of Education.

OLD BUSINESS:

-Sheila Anson - copier request: Sheila explained she had presented her request to the Board of Selectmen several months ago, had gone to the Board of Finance this past Monday and was advised to come back to the Board of Selectmen. The use of the copier has increased greatly not only by Town Hall employees but also by title searchers, attorneys, etc. She proposes to move the copier presently on the lower level of the Town Hall to the vault and purchase a new copier - placement of which is to be determined. Sheila explained she takes in approximately \$7000 - \$8000 a year in copy fees.

Motion: To purchase the Minolta copier Sheila has researched for \$4858 (not to exceed \$5000) by Harry Wyant, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

-Fence at Beach: Elaine met with Doug Humes and Jimmy LaPan of the DOT at the beach the other day to discuss where the Town is proposing to put the fence and they brought the Deed of Condemnation for the piece of property being discussed. Elaine has called the fence company for an estimate of cost.

-Campbell property on Plumb Hill: Elaine and Roger Cannavaro met at the Campbell's property to review the area with the erosion problem. Roger will speak with the Campbell's directly about the plan to alleviate the problem and will get written permission from the Campbell's to let the Town on their property to do the necessary work.

NEW BUSINESS:

-Offer by State to purchase land on Bee Brook Road: Elaine has received a letter from the State of CT

DOT re: a parcel of land on Bee Brook Road approximately 18,828 square feet in size, notifying the Town of its intention to sell. After discussion it was decided the Town would have no use for this property and therefore is not interested. Elaine will notify the DOT of this and suggest they contact the abutting property owners (Floyd Williams and Joe Bennett).

-Agreement with Dixie Reinhardt driveway: Elaine explained that she, Kathy Gollow and David Miles were working on an agreement with Ms. Reinhardt which would specify who would be doing the maintenance of the driveway (she or Town) what specs needed to be met for construction, etc. If that portion of Tinker Hill Rd were discontinued in the future the agreement would then be negated.

-Amending Transfer Station Disposal Fees: The cost to the Town for removal of appliances has increased greatly and as a result the Town is losing money. Harry Wyant will look into other companies that do removing of appliances to check their costs. In the meantime the Selectmen have the right (by ordinance) to periodically amend the fees charged.

Motion: To charge the following for the disposal of appliances: Dehumidifiers - \$20; air conditioners and refrigerators - \$40; and commercial refrigerators - \$50 by Harry Wyant, seconded by Nick Solley and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:20p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Anne Greene
Selectmen's Secretary