

SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 1974

Joint meeting with Selectmen at St. Stephen's Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Planning Board members present: Gannett, Junkins, Willett, Sanford
and Goodwin; Selectmen present: Chmn. King, Woodsome and Monteith.

Visitors present: Mr. Edward Beach, Mr. Geo. Kirk, Mr. Wesley Bullard,
and Mr. Richard W. Skinner, all State Officials, present at the
behest of the Planning Board to discuss matters relative to the
public bathing beach and boat launching ramp off Rte. 5 on Little
Ossipee Lake.

This meeting was in consequence of the dissatisfaction, locally,
with the management of the facility, particularly with the boats and
water-skiing upon the bathing area, over-night camping, lack of
sanitary facilities and overcrowding in general.

Town Officials, believing that some or all of these problems could
be alleviated by local control, questioned whether or not the Town
could acquire possession of the facility. Mr. Kirk explained that
it probably could not, since it was purchased with Federal money
and, if it could, it would require approval from Washington--a
lengthy and involved process; further, that, if it were purchased,
it would be a "first" in Mr. Kirk's experience. He said, however,
that the Town could lease it for a twenty-five year term at a rate
of one dollar per year--the lease terminable by either party. The
Town would then assume full responsibility for the operation and
maintenance. The only limitation being that the Town could restrict
admission only on a practical capacity basis but not on a resident/
non-resident basis.

Further questioning brought out the fact that the Department could
not prevent vandalism and has no money to improve conditions at
the area. Policing of the area and regulation of the boating and
skiing activity, even under State management, would have to be a
Town responsibility.

The matter of a separate and remote boat launching facility was
suggested. Mr. Skinner readily indicated that this could be done
and could well be a good solution to part of the problem. If it
were to be attempted by the Town the cost would be borne: 25% by
the Town, 25% by the State and 50% by the Federal Government. On
the other hand, if another beach were to be developed the cost
would be borne: 50% Federal and 50% Town.

The State men were very sympathetic and helpful toward the Town's
concerns and offered to provide whatever assistance they could to
alleviate the unsatisfactory situation.

It was agreed that the Planning Board would draft a proposal for
the leasing of the facility and present it to the Selectmen for action.
This concluded discussion on this matter, and the State people
departed.

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The matter of a Code Enforcement Officer was brought up by Chmn. Gannett who pointed to the requirement of the State-imposed Shore Line Zoning Moratorium that the Town appoint such an official and enforce the restrictions of the Moratorium. Other needs for one were also enumerated. The Selectmen agreed to attend to the matter.

Chmn. Gannett directed a note to be made to contact Mr. Lawes of the S.R.C.C. relative to maps of Wateboro showing the boundaries of the Corridor.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank R. Goodwin
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