

DENNIS LACROIX: Dennis came in to see about the Town widening the West Shore Road to his house. One thing he has to do is be sure of the status of the West Shore Road. Some of it is owned by the land owners. Chm. Fay will get with the Road Review Committee to discuss this with them.

FISCAL YEAR CHANGE: The Board of Selectmen invited, Dianne Holden, Arthur Smith in to discuss the fiscal year change. Chm. Fay asked what their views were on the fiscal year change. Sel. Abbott stated one definite advantage would be double tax billing, he feels that the voters were not baffled, the voters knew what they were voting on. Chm. Fay stated that some people don't care about when Town Meeting will be and others do. Dwayne Morin stated that tax bills can't be sent without a commitment. Dianne's reasons were there would be no TAN money, there would be a different time frame, audit, town reports, town meeting. Will be working with the year before for the audit. Chm. Fay also has concerns over the attendance at between a March and June town meeting. Sel. Abbott stated that he was impressed by the adverse variety of people attending the last Special Town Meeting. Arthur stated that he has selfish reasons not to change the fiscal year because he doesn't want to work in the summer. Sel. Monteith stated that there are no reasons why the Finance Committee needs to meet more than three times to go over the budget. Chm. Fay feels why more time has been put in is because the Finance Committee wants to influence the voters. Arthur stated that that is not true. They do meet individually with the budget requests and sometimes have to meet 3 or 4 times. Sel. Monteith stated that he would not fight the change, Town meeting has changed over the years, at town meeting would know what the school budget is, he doesn't feel the double tax billing will make a difference. Sel. Monteith also stated that all of the accounts are overdrawn for where we are in the year. Sel. Abbott stated that someone else needs to do the budgets due to a part time Board of Selectmen.

Dianne asked why is it the Selectmen's decision, it was voted on at last March's town meeting. Chm. Fay and Sel. Monteith stated that the vote was non-binding and Sel. Monteith also added that it was a poll vote. Sel. Abbott stated that the people have spoken. Chm. Fay stated that if he votes for the change then it will have to be with and Administrator and a council instead of a Board of Selectmen. Dianne told the Board that the town would have to vote in a charter to change the Board to a council. Sel. Monteith stated that if you want to go with an Administrator, that he will go along. Sel. Abbott stated that the Administrator would have to be approved at Annual Town Meeting. Chm. Fay stated that if we stay with a three member Board of Selectmen, will need an Administrative Assistant. Board voted and agrees to change the fiscal year and go with an Administrative Assistant. Will have to work on a six months budget and then full year budget starting July 1st.

Board signed the warrant for payment of bills and payroll.

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Robert Fay *Dianne Monteith* *J. Abbott*