

Aug. 14, 1967

Minutes - Carlisle Planning Board

Present were: H. B. Hosmer
R. W. Mc Allister
P. J. Swanson
F. W. Smith
T. O. Herndon

Since the Secretary, R. Warren, was unable to attend, Mr. Hosmer recommended that notes be taken by T. Herndon. There followed a brief discussion of the development off of Concord Street owned by Mr. Finigan. It was noted that he had not come before the Board again with his proposal for possible modifications to the drainage at the top of the hill.

Mr. Hosmer then brought up the subject of projects now underway or to be undertaken by the Board. The Board decided that T. Herndon should start keeping a running record of such affairs, for future reference. The following projects were discussed.

1. **Abandonment of Town Ways no longer in use.** It was pointed out that such roads could be built along and that the Town would have to put such ways into repair at considerable expense. Mr. Hosmer's memo of May 22 was reviewed, and he stated that he had written to the Selectmen asking that they consider starting proceedings for such abandonment. The question of what roads to abandon was tentatively answered by the proposal that all roads not to be abandoned be listed, and any roads not on that list be abandoned. Mr. Hosmer will write the Selectmen again on this subject.
2. **Ownership of roadways --** should new roads be deeded to the Town or not? Mr. Hosmer stated that some neighboring towns have been having such roads deeded to the town, but the exact reason for such action was unclear. No further action was taken on this topic.
3. **Numbering of private dwellings.** It was agreed previously that new developments should be numbered, as a start. An investigation of Concord's progress in this regard, and discussion with Carlisle's Postmaster by Mr. Macone indicated that a full numbering of a town may be desirable, but it is also a very difficult and uncertain

task. The Board again decided to approach the job only in new developments.

4. The By-Pass around Carlisle Center. It was mentioned that Mr. Macone had a tentative plan drawn by a state engineer, based on traffic counts carried out by the State and Town. Hopefully this plan will be available to the Board in the near future so that work can proceed in this area.
5. Width of Town roads. Mr. Hosmer suggested consideration of holding a hearing later in the year. Prior to that hearing, he proposed that he prepare an outline of the relevant aspects involved, possibly for distribution to the voters, to inform them of the Board's findings and general thinking on this subject. After some discussion, it was decided that perhaps the By-Pass matter could be worked into such a hearing, in addition to the road width topic.
6. Land acquisition possibilities. The question of whether or not the Board should concern itself with possible land acquisition projects by the Town was discussed. A copy of Lincoln's proposals in this direction was circulated, and it was decided that a meeting of the Board, the Selectmen and the Conservation Commission might be in order. However, prior to such a meeting the Board should work out some general approach which it feels are appropriate and also query the Conservation Commission as to their opinion and desires in this area. The report of the Town of Lincoln is to be circulated, T. Herndon is to generate an outline of a proposal which he thinks might cover the subject, and the matter will be discussed again at the next Board Meeting.

During the meeting, Mr. DiVincent called asking when he might obtain a release on his Bingham Road subdivision. He said that the Town Highway Surveyor, Mr. E. J. Clark, had been monitoring the construction of the development, and all that was left to do was seeding of the embankments. The Board felt that if he received Mr. Clark's approval, seeded the embankments, and posted a small bond or security of some few hundred dollars it would then release the property.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry O. Herndon