

Special Selectman's Meeting October 23, 1993

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman Slarsky at 8:12AM at the intersection of Groton and Pleasant Streets. Also present at the meeting were Selectmen Hamel and Jones, Paul Filebrown, Fire Chief, Arthur Boisseau, Police Chief, Don Ouelette, DPW Superintendent, Frank Maxant and Ken Wheeler. The purpose of the meeting was to review the intersection. Apparently, someone in the Wheeler family agreed to allow the town to build a portion of the road on Wheeler property. However, there was never any formal agreement and none of the legal documents show a transfer of the property from the Wheelers to the Town. The Wheeler property extends about 15 feet into the intersection, and Ken Wheeler wants the Town to remove the road and restore the property.

Superintendent Ouelette marked the property line in the road for our review. With the 15 feet of road removed from the intersection, Chief Filebrown felt that the road would not allow access for emergency vehicles. To demonstrate the problem, he had the ladder truck from the fire department attempt to make a left turn coming from Washington Ct. The first try required the truck to back up once before completing the turn while the second attempt was successfully completed without backing up. However, both attempts had to be made at a very slow speed and left little clearance. The consensus of the Fire Chief and others was that the turn would be much more difficult, if not impossible with snow on the roads. All present agreed that a right turn coming up from Park St would not be possible. The recommendation from Chief Filebrown is attached.

Pauline Hamel brought up the issue of parking and all agreed that on-street parking near the intersection would really make it impossible for emergency vehicles to get through.

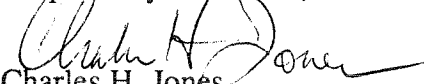
Chief Boisseau brought up the problem of school busses and it was agreed that if the 15 feet were removed from the intersection, schoolbusses would have to be re-routed.

Ken Wheeler mentioned that the property across the street on Pleasant St extended about 5 feet into the intersection.

Chairman Slarsky talked about some of the options open to us including taking the property by imminent domain.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27AM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Charles H. Jones,
Clerk

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Attachment