

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall on Wednesday, July 2, 1953 at 2:00 P.M.

Present:

Joseph V. Kelly, Supervisor

Austin H. Warner,
Frank J. Yousik,
Charles W. Gatz, Justices of the Peace

Edward W. Connors, Town Attorney and Myron C. Young, Supt. of Highways were also present.

Minutes of a meeting of the Town Board held on June 18, 1953 were read and on motion and vote were duly adopted.

A communication was read from Everette G. Daters stating that a portion of what is known as Old River Road in the Town of Riverhead, specifically located between the northerly end of the Forge Dam and the L.I.R.R. tracks has had signs erected claiming the road to be private property and warning the public against trespassing. A partial barrier has also been placed across the road. I have examined some of the town's records and have been unable to find any notice of abandonment of this road. Further, I personally know that the road has been used by the public for not less than twenty years and as far as I am able to learn has never been closed since it's opening in 1897. Although the Town has performed little, if any, maintenance in recent years, the road has been passable for modern automobiles and has been regularly used. In addition to the aforementioned signs there are also signs on property located to the south of this road warning against "Hunting, Fishing and Trespassing". The Town of Riverhead has a deed showing that it has an undivided one-half interest in this property. In view of the foregoing he respectfully requested the Town Board to investigate the alleged closing of the portion of "Old River Road" and determine if said closing is legal and if not, cause the signs and barrier to be removed at once and further that the Town Board investigate the placing of "No Trespassing" signs on property in which the Town owns one-half interest and cause them to be removed if illegally placed thereon. The matter was referred to the Town Attorney.

The following resolution passed unanimously by the Town of Riverhead Planning Board at its meeting held June 23, 1953 was submitted to the Town Board for its consideration:

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead had referred to this Board for consideration the acceptance of "Meadow Lane" and "Further Lane" (each 50 feet in width) which extend easterly from Sunrise Avenue at Aquebogue, New York, about 700 feet with a turn-around of a radius of 50 feet, and are parallel lanes 300 feet distant from each other and cross the property of Friese and Wazlo, who are offering to dedicate these lanes as public highways, and

WHEREAS, the members of this Board have inspected the proposed highways and have studied maps in considering the location of these highways with relation to the existing highway system, and have further considered the acceptance in relation to general requirements for good planning of highways, namely that block lengths should not exceed 1200 feet, and have

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considered the possible use of adjacent lands, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that there are houses on the corners of these proposed highways and a completed house on "Meadow Lane" and another house under construction on "Meadow Lane", that the assessed value on the tax rolls will be greater than the rate of \$15,000 per mile, and

WHEREAS, the Board has been informed that the roads as presently oiled have been graded and constructed in accordance with the directions of the Supt. of Highways of the Town of Riverhead, and

WHEREAS, this Board has learned that there is a possibility of another system of streets for the development of homes on the parcel of land adjacent easterly to Friese and Wazlo property, and

WHEREAS, this Board does deem proper and fitting the use of culs-de-sac where the use of adjacent land would be of lesser restrictions for home use, or industrial or business use, and

WHEREAS, this Board has no definite assurance of the proposed use of adjacent property, the Board feels that the proposed layout is satisfactory from the information now available, but further, feels that if the adjacent property were developed in the same manner and with the same restrictions that the northerly lane, Meadow Lane, should be extended easterly to provide for block lengths in accordance with good planning, and

WHEREAS, this Board feels that the dedication of the strip of land 50 feet in width easterly from the terminus of Meadow Lane to the easterly line of Friese and Wazlo should be dedicated with a reservation that the Lane could be extended over this strip only if the adjacent property had been developed and used for residential purposes with restrictions equal or greater than the restrictions now in effect on the Friese and Wazlo property, and further feels that if a dedication which is qualified is not legal, that Friese and Wazlo should furnish a covenant restricting themselves from erecting any buildings on this strip, that the Town might more easily condemn this strip for highway purposes, if at a later date it seems advisable to provide a cross street. The resolution was ordered placed on file.

Mr. J. Wilson Stout addressed the Board stating that Friese and Wazlo would like the Town Board to accept the aforesaid proposed highways as submitted by them for protection of their very fine development.

Mr. Albert Warner addressed the Board stating that he opposes a buffer strip where the road in question can be at sometime connected to a main highway, for the reason that it stops progress, and further that a public highway is for the use of everybody and not just a few.

Mr. Robert Tennenberg addressed the Board stating that he has a house under construction on the proposed Meadow Lane and he would like the Board to accept the said road as a public highway as submitted by Friese and Wazlo.

Mr. David Squires addressed the Board stating that his home is located on the corner of Sunrise Ave. and the proposed Meadow Lane and it is his desire that the Town Board accept the said road as submitted by Friese and Wazlo.

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On motion and vote the matter of the proposed dedication of Meadow Lane and Further Lane was tabled for the time being for study.

Mr. Albert Warner called the Board's attention to a situation at the corner of Osborn Avenue and Court Street, stating that a new rooming house has been established on the corner across from ⁴⁴and evidently it is operated with no attendant on the premises, consequently there are noises and confusion nearly all night long. He asked the Board for some relief in the matter. It was referred to the Police Committee and Chief of Police.

The Town Clerk submitted proof of publication and an affidavit of posting the notice of the adoption of Town of Riverhead Ordinance No. 16 pursuant to law. The proof of publication and affidavit of posting of said Ordinance was ordered placed on file.

On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that Donald Wolins be and he hereby is appointed Life Guard for the Town of Riverhead, subject to the rules and regulations of the Suffolk County Civil Service Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Board, salary fixed at the rate of \$40.00 per week. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board present.

A communication was read from The F. A. Bartlett Tree Expert Co. stating that upon request the Bartlett Co. inspected two trees in front of the Lutheran Church Parsonage in Riverhead and found that the large elm is a potential danger to the public and church. The smaller of the two is dead and is dangerous. They strongly recommended the removal of both. The matter was referred to the Highway Committee and the Supt. of Highways.

On motion made by Justice Gatz and seconded by Justice Yousik it was Resolved that the Town of Riverhead lease from the Wading River Realty Co. beach front privileges in front of their property adjacent to Sound Road for the sum equal to one-half of their yearly taxes on that particular property. The resolution was adopted by the unanimous vote of the Board present.

The Police Report for the month of June, 1952 was submitted to the Board and on motion and vote was accepted and ordered placed on file.

The Town Board then convened as a Board of Audit and examined all town bills to date the totals of which were as follows: General Town Fund-\$2088.85, Highway Machinery Fund-\$137.92.

There being no further business on motion and vote the meeting adjourned to meet on Wednesday, July 16, 1952 at 2:00 P.M.

Harry J. Kratoville
Harry J. Kratoville, Town Clerk.