Dump Transfer Station Delay as Agreed Upon

WEST SPRINGFIELD — It will be “at least June 1” before a transfer station at the town dump “could be expected to be operational,” according to a letter to selectmen from Joseph Stothert, attorney for Sherwin and Sons, Inc., the firm holding a five-year rubbish disposal contract with the town.

Not Enough Land

The letter was presented at Thursday night selectmen’s meeting.

The contract stipulated that the transfer station be completed “within three months” of the date of execution of the contract, which was Oct. 18.

Stothert has stated, and selectmen have agreed, that there is not enough land at the stipulated site for construction of the transfer station.

In order to secure sufficient land at the stipulated location, the company was to have purchased the land taken from Radio Station WSPR. Stothert’s letter states: “Regardless of the type and method of land taking, it is clear that the earliest possible beginning use thereof will be on or about April 1, continuing the letter states.

Forestry Department To Send Discarded Yule Trees to Limbo

WEST SPRINGFIELD — With Christmas and its attendant goodwill toward neighbors a fading memory, withered Christmas trees are being thrown on neighbors’ lawns, in vacant lots, and on the tree belt.

Town Engineer Wallace W. Wyman informed selectmen of the situation Thursday night. Selectmen unanimously agreed on the following solution:

“From now through Jan. 20 residents wishing to dispose of Christmas trees may bring them to the Engineering Department’s yard at 430 Westfield St. to be fed into the Forestry Department’s chipper, and trucked away.”

necessary land, or rights to use of the necessary land, from WSPR.

Selectmen are also awaiting a report from Peck as to whether there have been violations of the contract by either the town or contractor.

Railroad Hit For Blocking Two Crossings

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Selectmen Thursday night received three letters from Strathmore Paper Co., Premoid Corp., and Southworth Co. directing complaints at the New York Central Railroad.

The letters state that the two railroad track crossings on Front St., are blocked at least twice a day, frequently for five to 10 minutes at a time, and occasionally for more than half an hour at a time.

This, the letters state, constitutes a hazard, because when Front St. is blocked the three plants are cut off from fire and police protection.

The letters state that frequently the automatic gates remain closed for significant periods even when no train is present.

Selectmen directed that copies of the letters be sent to the state fire marshal, to the local chiefs of fire and police, to the New York Central Railroad’s local office, and to the town counsel.

Selectmen Chairman Richard S. Sullivan also, by vote of the board, will make personal contact with local railroad officials.

Join School Staff

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Mrs. Olivia Robinson has been given a civil service provisional appointment as vision and hearing tester in the school system, and Mrs. Ann L. Walter has been hired as a special education teacher at Main Street School, it was announced Thursday night.

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