

Selectmen's Minutes, Monday, Jan. 9, 1984

Meeting called to order at 7:30 by chairman John Jones with the Pledge to Our Flag.

Present: John J. Jones, Katherine M. Ring and Leslie B. MacNeil. Checks were signed, intent to cut for Robert Hanson, abatement for Protection of N.H. Forests.

Waived reading of last weeks meeting.

George Cole, Jr. spoke to the selectmen about the amount of sand needed this year. John had questioned the bill received. George hopes that he will have enough sand to last the winter. Sand is free but the hauling is not, nor is the salt mixed into it free. George usually used his own bulldozer at \$16. an hour while Alton Const. charges \$35 and hour. George's dozer is out of commission. George had the sand moved when he got the chance to have it done. He does not want to be without it. Frozen train lines in N.M. made it hard to get salt when ordered.

John mention a pot hole on West St., George had his crew fill it today.

Signs for falling ice are down stairs and George will have to see they are put out.

The ditch was cleaned out at the Steel Pond Hydro site taking care of the problem at the Elm Ave. Bridge.

The manhold cover on High St. has dropped and concern that the Rd. will chip away. It is believed that the Roads have risen and will drop back again in the warm weather. In the intrim, the Road crew will fill the holes caused with the lowered manhold covers.

K. Ring asked if George will be running again for Road Agent. He thinks so, although he will be moving in the Spring. John asked how he would feel about working for someone else in the event another Road Agent is elected, and may need to learn the ropes. George saw no problem with this.

The Town people have not wanted the Road Agent position to be an appointed one in the past so they may not want to elect someone they know will be leaving soon after.

Bob Flanders brought in a petition to be put in the Town Report to have the Old Fire Station turned into a Police Department. Charlie Grabowski, after reading the petition, question if it is legal since Bob did not sign it himself. John said he will ask Lloyd.

Brian Brown, police chief said he will be going back to the monthly reports that he used to give the selectmen. He does not like the way he has done it the past few months.

A question on a bill from Henniker Glass was directed to Brian. A window broken at the Hillsboro P.D. by an Antrim prisoner has been billed to Antrim. Brian said the prisoner will have to pay for it or his lawyer. He will get back on that.

Brian spoke of the petition to use the Old Fire Station. He does not feel justified in moving over to the new offices. He said if he found the present location unsatisfactory, he would have requested the Town find him new quarters. It is rare when he has so many people around that his present office is not adequate, and at those times they

laugh about it. Brian believes he gives proper service where he is. Brian did report that there were no fatal accidents in the Town of Antrim in the year 1983, that is the first year since 1977.

Paul Dunlap was in to question if he could get a building permit on his new property. There is a 203 ft. frontage and the required amount is 210 ft. The Planning Board had approved the sub-division which left this lot short seven foot of frontage. Selectmen will check with Lloyd to see what is required.

Kit believes since the sub-division was allowed, the Selectmen will have to go along with it. John and Les will have to talk to Lloyd before they venture an opinion.

Off duty pistols requested by the police department will also be checked out to see what if any additional liability is incurred by the Town. Proper rules would have to be set down as to who could carry the guns, Brian feels the specials should not carry them just the full time officers. Shield must be carried at all times. A lot would have to be decided before or at the the time permission is granted if this is the decision of the selectmen. As of this time no decision has been made.

Lloyd Henderson, Town Counsel said since the Planning Board did not catch the shortage on Mr. Dunlaps frontage, he can see no way the selectmen can turn down the building permit. It may have to go to the BOA. This will have to be decided by the Selectmen. Warrant article does not have to be signed by the person who presents it to the Selectmen.

Since the Selectmen have already advertised the rental of the Old Fire Station, the petition that Mr. Flanders presented to the selectmen does not hold them back from renting the property at this time should renters become available.

It was decided by the three selectmen to charge \$300 a month for the smaller office space and \$325 for the larger one. This will include heat, water and sewer as well as electric. Should someone want to rent both sides, they can rent for \$300 and pay all utilities.

Another complaint came in about the Ann Conley property. When will it be cleaned up? Lloyd said his office is following up on this property and doing what can be done legally to clean up the property. Lloyd said that it is not required that the by laws be printed in the Town Report for the Historical Commission.

Selectmen and Lloyd went over the Revenue Sharing and talked about what they would like to see the money used for. Some suggestions were a computer, a loader for the Highway department, White Birch Point Bridge, a capital reserve for the renovations needed on the Town Hall, ie. furnace, wiring

Scheduled meeting for the Revenue Sharing is on Jan. 23 or storm date Jan. 30 at 7:30.

Clough & Cleary is to be called to get estimates on the White Birch Pt. Bridge.

meeting adjourned 11:25

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