

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, January 16, 1984

Selectmen's meeting started at 7:30 with a Pledge of Allegiance.
Present: John J. Jones, chairman, Katherine Ring. LesMacNeil arrived late.

Dispensed with the reading of last weeks minutes.

Mr. Howard Humphrey Jr. spoke to the selectmen about the check list . He said it is now a law to have the voter checklist on computer. It was agreed to continue with Granite State Data. Mr. Humphrey will see that the needed information goes to Granite State. There is also a question as to the added work on the supervisors. Extra money will have to be added to the budget for the supervisors and also to have the check list typed to go to Granite State.

Selectmen called an executive session to speak to Brian Brown on a personnel matter.

Resumed meeting. Brian spoke of Mr. Lamont being willing to act as animal control officer. He works for Deering . No contract, but on call. He gets \$10 a pick up and the kennel that he brings the animals to, Spring Valley Farm, gets \$4.00 a day. Both these costs are payable by the owner of the animal should they come to claim the animal. If they do not claim the animal there is no pick up charge to the Town. The kennel also has an adoption of animals which has worked out well. In the event the animal is not claimed by the owner, the animal is offered up for adoption, in which case the \$4.00 fee a day plus the pick up fee is charged to the new owners. Brian sees this as a no lose deal for the Town. A question came up as to the liability to the Town while transporting an animal. This will be checked out with the Insurance Co.

Brian and Chris are about finished with the cases in Bennington.

A call is to be placed to the State checking to see if the Selectmen have to do anything with the information received from them on the Pay scales.

J. Jones has checked out the chimney and can find no 4' one on the Town Hall. Paul Mercier had said he would see that a cap was installed on it. Nothing has been done to date. John will check with Bruce Kierstead to see what he knows about the chimney.

State Highway men willing to make copies of the Zoning maps if the Selectmen are willing to let the originals out of the office. All Selectmen agreed.

Greg Goff in to speak of the work still needed on the Old Fire Station. He is willing to do the remainder of thw work but if the selectmen want him out of the station he will leave the work unfinished. There is no rush therefore the selectmen said he can continue. They appreciate all the work he has done to date on the station. John is going to go over to look at the new door Greg installed on the lower level

Paymaster contract to be signed and returned with check next week as all selectmen agree with figures.

Trustee of Trust Funds to be called to check on the amount in the Trust Funds. Call Joe Keating Insurance with figures in order to secure bonding for the Trust Fund.

Paul Dunlap property in question since the sub-division left the plot with a shortage of front footage. John wants the permit when it is applied for to go to the B.O.A. for a variance. Les sees no problem with it since the planning board passed the sub-division. Les and Kit will approve of a building permit on this property. John will abstain from a vote. Shortage should have been caught at the time of the sub-division. Planning Board will be cautioned to be more careful.

The Fish and Game Warden had been called in regard to Mr. Solomon's property. If they do not return the call as has been promised, K. Ring will call them during the week for an answer on the beaver problem. John nor Les see the problem as being caused by the beaver. If the Town did not vote on making the Road a class V1, can the Town not maintain it for a period of five years and then it automatically becomes a class V1. There is a RSA stating after five years not being maintained, it becomes a class V1 yet another RSA leaves it in doubt. Lloyd and the fish and game will be consulted to determine just what can be done. The Solomon property is listed as having two feet on Road frontage. Lot value at \$2,000 whereas most lots are valued at \$5,000, back property is valued at only \$120 an acre. Class V1 Road may have been taken into account when the assessment was put on the property. No decision made as to what will or what should be done on this.

Secretary is to call the Board of taxation to see why letter from them states that Mr. Trosi did not appeal to the Town in writing within the required time. A copy of report sent to the Board shows the appeal was filed on time. This has brought up another question as to appeals being turned down in the past. It has been the understanding of the office that an appeal must be in within four months of the tax bills. This is to be checked out with the Board of tax appeals.

John called Mr. LeFlam in regard to State coverage on Bridges. He was told that although the State would cover about half of the cost of Town Bridges, it would cost the Town more than if they paid for a bridge outright. The restrictions and requirements when the State pays a share raises the cost to the Towns so much that going it alone makes it cheaper. He will check further and get back to John.

K. Ring will check with Lloyd to see what is being done with warrant items.

Meeting adjourned at 10PM

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