

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, January 30, 1984

Present: John J. Jones, chairman, Katherine M. Ring and Leslie MacNeil.  
Selectmen called the meeting to order at 7:30 with the Pledge to our flag.

Brian Brown, Police Chief spoke to the selectmen about the possible problems with the dispatch center. If Antrim remains with the County dispatch, it will now entail users fees. Since Antrim is one of the highest users of the dispatch, the cost would be considerable. Selectmen suggested that Brian contact South-west Regional and see if they can do anything to help out. Brian can see at least a \$1531 cost increase in the dispatch, and as much as \$10,400 plus trunk lines and phones. Questions as to there being a dispatch center April 1 until June 1st. County is willing to go until go till June 30 but Goffstown said the contract is up March 31. Brian will speak to Mr. Callahan and see if Antrim can join the Cheshire County dispatch.

It was agreed that Brian will speak to Jim Lamothe in regard to the dog warden. If he has to be sworn in as a special police officer, Brian would want him to attend the needed classes. There is also a workshop for dog wardens coming up and Brian would like to have Jim attend that also. He will look into the need to hire as a special or just as a dog warden. Jim had no problem with the insurance for liability . As far as the EMT courses for Brian and Chris are concerned, there is no way either of them can attend the next sessions. Until there is another officer to replace them it is hard to take any time off. Brian has spoken to Lloyd in regard to the off duty pistols. Police officers are covered on or off duty. Since they are on duty any time the need arises.

Leo Bachilas spoke about the land on Craig Road which he has owned for about five years. He would like to start building a log house on the property. About 1000' of the road would need fixed as it floods. Can't get in for about three or four months each year. He is not asking for a paved road, but the road would need gravel and possibly a culvert. Mr. Bachilas would like to get started in the Fall of this year. The selectmen will check out the problem and if they do not get back to him, requested that he call them or write as a reminder in a few months.

Greg Goff has finished the Old Fire Station and has returned the key to the selectmen. Selectmen told him how pleased they were with the work Greg did and the way the building turned out.

Greg spoke to the Selectmen about the weight limit of the bridge on High St. It will have to be increased due to the heavy loaded trucks that will be going over it. K. Ring said that Greg should speak to the State as they set the weight limit on the bridges. At present the weight limit is 50 ton and the trailers average 30 ton loaded. Trucks can go over Pleasant St. then down High St. This has been done in the past. Greg spoke for his employers in saying that in the event the bridge has to be upgraded his company will work with the Town and possible pay some of the cost, perhaps one-half of the cost.

John Lenord spoke to the Selectmen about putting up a Town directory in front of Wayno's. Wayno is willing to supply the electric. John is working for his scout badge. Selectmen agreed to let him know. It was agreed to send him a building permit to be signed by Wayno the owner of the property.

Lloyd will check into the question on the Labor Board's request for money from the Methuan account. Lloyd said there has been no official lien on the account that he knows about. It was also thought that the money had come out of the Town's EPA funds.

There was another fire in a dumpster at the College. Mr. Rabideau went to the North Branch Fire Station and along with two other men there, took hose up to the college to put out the fire. He has asked if they will be paid for the time. Since no call was placed for firemen, or to the fire department, they will not be paid. There is a

as to the procedure used in this case. Lloyd, Les and John agreed the way it was handled was not right and to pay the men would mean the selectmen were in agreement with the handling of the problem. Selectmen will not justify their actions.

The house on Main St. is being restored due to the ceiling falling down. The building inspector will keep a check on it. (K. Ring spoke to E. Chamberlain)

School busses weigh six ton and nine with the children on it. Many of the bridges which they cross are posted with a lower weight limit. It has been agreed to send a letter to the School to call their attention to this matter. The Town is obliged to see that the roads are kept in repair so that a school bus can get to within two miles of a student. Both West St. and Summer St. have six ton load limits. High St. is posted ten ton. Bus company may have to take the long way around. Selectmen questioned if George Cole has corrected the problems on the West St. bridge.

Selectmen heard from Eric Tenney that Irving LeCain see an increase in the cost of the landfill this year. No word has come to the selectmen from Bennington. John questions the solid waste district that the State will approve of as having a commission and regular meetings and the dump being covered over with clay to clear up the present problem. No meeting have been set. Once the district was formed, a change could have been underway as far as the running of the dump. Bennington need not be the one to run the dump. There is also a question as to the 60% cost to the Selectmen or rather the Town of Antrim. Lloyd was asked if the new district agreement made the town agreement with the Town of Bennington null and void? Lloyd will check into this and get some answers from Lloyd before Bennington's selectmen's meeting on Thursday.

K Ring spoke to Virginia Grant about the extra trailer on her property. She found that the trailer is to be moved by April 1. She was told when it is time to move the trailer, it will be necessary to notify the Town and check that all taxes have been paid before it is moved.

It was agreed to raise the request to use the Revenue Sharing to \$6,000 for the use of the White Birch Point Bridge. A bid came in at \$5,250.

there are many problems with the heating system in the Town Hall. John will no longer come down in the early morning nor will he be responsible for the change over from one tank to the other. It was agreed by the selectmen to call Rockwell and ask that he be responsible. He is also to be asked for a estimate on a new heating system in order to put it in the warrant.

United Appraisals will have to be called and set a date to meet with Mr. Vermillia next Monday to go over re-assessment of the Town. Some agreements to be made, and a total understanding of what the Selectmen want and cost, time limit, assessment booklets.

John questioned Lloyd about the article to go into the warrant for the library. Lloyd told him if he feel strongly about it, he should speak to the library trustees.

Although the selectmen have no control over the Sewer department, they do have the right to question the article that is being put in the warrant. It was explained that the size of the pipes and the amount of water going through them with the low demand, the water is in the pipes for extended periods of time. The pipes are in need of flushing to keep the water as clear as possible.

Southwest Regional is to be put back into the planning boards budget. The selectmen

found many areas that the Town can use their services. They will be a great help to the Town with the master plan. Bulk orders would cut the cost on many items that are purchased by the Town. It was also learned that any company they give the oil bid to is covered under liability for damage due to freeze up etc. All selectmen agree to go along with adding the dues cost to the Planning Board and J. Dennison was also in agreement.

Selectmen once again went over the warrant items with Lloyd. It was agreed to add another warrant item for outside auditors since not enough people seem interested in running for the office. They also agreed to put in a request for a second hand loader not to cost more than \$20,000.

A question came up as to who sets the hours and place for the Town Clerk to work? Lloyd was not sure if the Selectmen have a say in this or not.

New law states that there is to be a deputy tax collector and town clerk. Question as to this being just when tax collector and town clerk are not available or to work along with same. Wages were also in question. No decision as to how to go about this in order to use services to the utmost. Both tax collector and town clerk would have to appoint their own deputy. Should the same person be elected for both positions the deputy would be the same.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

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