

Monday, March 19, 1984, Selectmen's Meeting

Present: John J. Jones, chairman, Katherine M. Ring, and Rachel Reinstein.

Selectmen met and called the meeting to order with the Pledge to Our Flag at 7:30.

Clark Craig Jr, Road Agent met with the selectmen and talked about his pay and plans for the Highway dept. Selectmen requested a week to talk over his pay with Lloyd as they were not sure how a new Road Agent should be paid since he has not worked on the Road other than plowing. They did not see his pay being the same as an experienced Road Agent. Selectmen spoke to Lloyd and all three selectmen agreed to start him with a salary of \$16,000 and a 5% increase in six months. He will be on a six month probation.

Clark also spoke to the selectmen about the sander, it blew a clutch this morning and it will cost about \$200 for a replacement. The body of the truck is pretty well rusted out and may not pass inspection. He did agree that he could do without the sander at this time of year. Keats' of Keene is sending down a loader to try out for two weeks. This will give Clark a chance to see if the loader is in good repair. Selectmen told Clark that while he uses his own equipment to do road work, he will be paid for the use of the equipment but not for him to operated the equipment since he is on salary. There is now an opening on the road crew and several applications have come into the Town office. At present he sees no problem working with the two men now on the crew and will choose another man at another time.

Brian Brown, police chief gave his weekly report. He will be advertizing for another officer although he also has had several applications. He plans to interview the second week of April. He will notify all applicants of interviews. Due to the schedule the polcie are on, one of the probation requirements will be a residency in the Town. Brian will not move the police office until they are sure if the drug store is going in since both the police department and the proposed drug store want the same space. Preference will be given to the drug store. After speaking to the workmen's comp. auditor, it was agreed to protect our police officers while doing outside duties for the college, telephone company, power company etc. Town will be paid for their services and they would work for the Town when traffic officers are needed by the outside Company and when the school is in need of an officer due to functions held at the college. Brian will speak to Lloyd as to the best way to handle this. As it stands now, officer is not covered while doing outside duty for College or direction traffice for outside Company. ie. Telephone or Public Service. Brian will also need the services of a special officer while training his new officer.

Selectmen have accepted Jane Hill's resignation as Supervisor of the check list.

Steve Schacht's building permit must go to the Planning Board since the building is to go on a class V1 Road.

John Morina and Leslie MacNeil were in to talk to the Selectmen about the proposed bridge at the White Birch Point Crossing of Gregg Lake. Although John and Leslie see the bridge as costing more than the \$6,000 allowed at Town Meeting, John said they are willing to do it for that amount of money in order that his new company Northeast Engineering

Corp., Inc. can get a model Bridge folder to show other Towns what work they do. John said his company would make a larger bridge building to State Specs. K. Ring is concerned that if the bridge is over ten feet, the State would have a say in the future of the bridge. John proposed that they make the bridge with cement walls and a cement cap. A boxed bridge is what they propose not a culvert. Should the selectmen choose to go with the culverts in place of the cement bridge, he thinks the road would have to be raised about eight feet to make sure the culvert bridge is large enough for the flow of water in the event of a flood. If flashboard failed there would be a problem with the road and bridge being under water. John Morina said his company stamp would be on the bridge and they would stand back of any work they do on same. (Boxed, reinforced concrete would be pinned into the ledge) - The sooner the job is undertaken the better. It will take a week and a half to cure the concrete. Bridge would be out for at least three weeks. A foot bridge would have to be installed over the dam for property owners to get to their property. There is no room to put a temporary bridge while work is going on. Once summer people start coming in it would be a difficult job to do, actually impossible. K. Ring will check with Steve Harriman to see what he thinks of a boxed bridge. Selectmen can see more construction being done at White Birch Point since land is being sold off. The present bridge will not hold many more heavy trucks going over it.

Information was requested from Lloyd as to bids etc. Bids do not have to be solicited, The estimate from Clough & Cleary is for information and was not a firm figure. Specs would be required in order to put out for bid and this would cut into the allotted money. Residents of White Birch Point would have to be contacted by registered letters to let them know when the work is to be started and when it is expected to be finished. All other property owners will also have to be notified.

Howard Humphrey Jr. spoke to the Selectmen to have a check made out for his work on updating the check list. Check was issued. It was decided at this time by all selectmen that outside work is to be paid at the rate of \$5.00 an hour for typing.

Appointment to be made with United Appraisals to meet with the selectmen to talk over the assessing of the Town. April 4th.

Due to the conflict in the office of Town Treasurer and Auditor, Alice M. Flanders had been told she can not audit the books from 1983. Lloyd saw no problem as long as she does not include the 1984 books. What should have happened was that since the books were not finished, she should not have been sworn in as Treasurer until after the books were complete. Since the Town did agree to allow extra time to finish them, and Lloyd saw no problem, Selectmen recalled their previous decision and have agreed to have Alice finish the books. Agreed to complete within two weeks.

Selectmen have agreed to call up and request Tim Denison, Bob Lester, Paul Mercier, Hugh Giffin be on a computer committee. They have also called and asked that Dr. Webber check to see if a teacher of computers agreed to work on the committee. They have also accepted the offer from James Shaw for his services since he is presently in the field and up to date on all aspects of the computer.

Lloyd is to draw up a lease for the new tenant for the fire house.

Lock on the safe is to be fixed, and a change is to be made on the new Town Clerks office.

Banks to be called and date set for TAN of \$400,000.

Meeting adjourned 11:30

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