

Selectmen's Minutes, Monday, December 21, 1981

Present: Paul Mercier, Chairman, Katherine Ring, Leslie MacNeil and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Selectmen signed checks, abatements and intent to cuts.

Charles Rabideau and Aiden Ring were in to ask for a check for sitting at the North Branch Fire Station after the tornado. Since the office had never received a formal notice of hours or amt. expected no check was issued. K. Ring said she had left the amount of hours on the selectmens desk back in July or late June, but no one had seen it. Since this is an insurance claim, the secretary gave Charlie a letter head paper to fill out with the three men's names and hours plus the amount to be paid. Charlie said it was the adjuster who said the stations should be kept under watch until he arrived and therefore payment was expected from the insurance company for hours on guard and at the amount of pay they would have received from their jobs.

Beth and Jim Schaefer and another couple came down from Loverns Mill to question just what can be done to make the bridge to their property safe for trucks to deliver to them, since no truck will go over the bridge having been posted passenger cars only. They have been told to write up; a warrant petition to go into the town report and the town people would have to vote on the spending of monies to repair the bridge. They see this as a job that the town crew could do given the funds to do the job with.

Budget Committee met to go over the budgets. Another meeting will be scheduled later on to make some decisions as to what will be needed in the coming budget.

Two appointment did not show up.

It was decided that the town hall will be closed all day Christmas Eve as well as Christmas day. Also the Selectmen will not meet on Monday, December 28, 1981. They will come in sometime during the day to sign checks.

Town Office Budget for 1982 (Rough)

Salary and Tax Collector Fees.	\$13,500
E. Shaw	\$12,544.
this reflects a 10% increase over 1981 salary.	
S. Martel fees about	1,000.
resident and tax sale fees not included in regular tax collector fee of \$2000.	
Office supplies, tax forms, Granite State	1,300.
Utilities , Phone, Gas, Electric	1,000.
Misc. equipment, advertisement, Printing Town Report	3,800.
office machine contracts	
Postage, tax bills out 2x next year, inventories	
misc. postage	1,100.
Dues, meetings, deed recordings (State Treas.)	3,000.
	\$23,700.00

This reflects an increase of \$5,700.00 over last year for the office. \$1,000. of which was paid by the Sewer & Water for Secretary service. As of the end of October the office expenses have come to \$19,625.93 with all of November and December yet to be added.

Since the tax collector will be doing more work ( collecting taxes twice a year not once and also collecting the sewer and water bills, her fee as tax collector, I assume will become a warrant item to be increased.

The Treasurer is also doing more book work.

Town Hall and Other Buildings

As of the end of October this budget has spent \$18, 193.86 while the budget was set at 13,000. As we all know the filling of the oil tank in April for \$10,123.43 was the cause of the overspending on this line.

Due to the cut back from the State in all areas of welfare, Town poor, O.A.A. it will be hard to come up with a figure for this line item.