

Selectmens Minutes, Monday, March 15, 1982

Present, Katherine Ring, Chairman, Leslie MacNeil, and the new selectman, John Jones, Secretary Betty Shaw.

The meeting got underway at 7:30 with the signing of checks, pole licenses for Public Service, building permits etc.

Brian Brown was in to discuss his pay raise and the policy that has been in effect for him since he started two and a half years ago. His raise becomes effective after the town meeting if the people pass his budget. A check to cover retroactive pay raise from January 1 of the year is also issued to him. The selectmen had not spoken to him since he gave in his budget proposal back in December nor had the budget committee spoken to him about his proposed raise, and Brian felt that was the time to talk over any difference that may be present so that when the budget goes to the people everyone is in understanding of the budget and have come to a mutual agreement. The selectmen approved the past policy, but will discuss next years pay increase when the time comes.

Jim Dennison and John Jones were sworn in as Planning Board members. The secretary stressed the importance of the selectman appointed to the board being present at the planning board meetings. This presence will help a great deal to sort out land transferrs when they come into the office when their has been a sub-division.

It was also sugested that the selectmen take turns on the different committees. (turn over the committee they were on the previous year) to another selectmen and in this way by the time the selectman is chairman they would have a taste of everything that comes into the selectman's office. Duties also to transfer. Les thought it a good idea but nothing was decided at this time.

Lloyd came in and the selectmen talked over the Special Town Meetin to be held on May 10th. Jim Dennison had set this date in order to get everything cleared up for the construction of the elderly housing.

Public Service has asked for an abatement on the grounds that the tax was not on 53% of the value of the property. Lloyd will look into the matter. The property has not been reassessed since 1974.