

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, Sept. 13, 1982

Present, Katherine Ring, Leslie MacNeil, John Jones and Betty Shaw.

*also present Dave Freeman.*

Selectmen met at 7:30 with Sally Martel. Sally wanted to have her books cleared for the auditor. Any outstanding abatements, or decisions on property taxed this past May were talked over. Arthur Merrill can not receive his credit on the property donated to the town until all figures are in on the expenses to the town to transfer property. Town voted in the March town meeting to put aside \$2,500 for the Merrill property in order to extend Buttercup Lane. Assorted tax bills duplicated or in error were deleted at this time.

Selectmen were given all warrants to be signed for Jan Boatright, the new tax collector and added warrants for Sally for the resident taxes for all that were not on their inventory but came in to pay resident taxes while Sally was tax collector.

Brian Brown, Police Chief, gave his reports on the department. He also mentioned that Bennington P.D. is sharing the Antrim P.D. radio frequency and that the college has asked if they could also use the same and then they would purchase two radios for the campus. The understanding is that the radios would be used only in the case of an emergency.

Hillsborough has offer a possibility of halving the cost of the dispatch service to the Town of Antrim. Brian has asked for figures and then he will consider continuing with Hillsboro dispatch. He is not, as yet, locked into the County dispatch, although all that he has to get ready for hook up is the figures for the telephone line.

Brian felt that requesting a budget figure at the first of October is a bit soon. Selectmen explained that the figures given at that time are subject to change. October first will give the selectmen a chance to go over all the budgets and give some in-put. This was not possible last year as they were turned in so late they had to be turned over to the budget committee and gave no time for the selectmen. The budget committee had also complained that they didn't have much time although the budgets were requested for the first of November last year.

Mr. Salmon was in at the request of the selectmen. He was told at that time that the state inspector that issued his permit admitted to the secretary of the selectmen that he was in error in allowing the ceptic system on Mr. Salmon's property. Since Mr. Salmon would not put in an application for a permit, police chief had told him to stop all work until he had the proper permit. He continued his building. After most of the work had been completed Mr. Salmon requested a permit. J. Jones believes he is not in compliance with the town rules and has asked that the B.O.A. make the final decision on this application. K. Ring and L. MacNeil were not sure, but agreed to make a decision after Mr. Salmon dropped off design of ceptic system which he had offered to do. This permit is still pending

Dr. Webber was in to express his appreciation for the added exemption of \$250,000 exemption allowed to the college on the condition that now that all outstanding taxes are paid they will remain paid up to date. Should they default, they will lose this added exemption. The exemption brings the schools exemption up to \$400,000.

Charlie Grabowski was in once again in regard to the library not allowing him access to the library. The library was deeded to the town, therefore it is a town building and he in being denied the use of the town building. All three selectmen have agreed that the problem is one with the library, and the selectmen can do nothing to help him. The selectmen explained, once again, that the library is under the trustees of the library not the selectmen. C. G. feels that the selectmen are not looking after his interest although the selectmen have seeked legal council. They have read up on anything they could find looking for an answer to Mr. G.' problem. J. Jones told C. G. at this time that it may be an issue for the courts if he can not reach an agreement with the trustees.

C.G. asked if the selectmen ever read the minutes from the meeting they had with the trustees on behalf of Mr. Grabowski. No one had, except Mr. G. and he said he could not find much of anything in the minutes. Selectmen were told at this time the the Tuttle picture~~s~~ are no longer hung in the library. As Mr. Grabowski was leaving the office he said he is not sure if he needs to go to the court to have the trustees thrown out of the selectmen.

Since there were no other appointments the selectmen discussed the amount they wanted to bond Gregg Lake Dam for and the length of time to pay off the debt. It was decided to carry \$10,000 under this years taxes and go for \$60,000 on the bond for three years. All three selectmen agreed on this plan.

A letter is to out to Robert P. Jones and Richard Watterson in regard to the letter received from the BOA. Mr. Jones was given approval for a shed to be put on his land to hold tools and told he could not have a trailer on the land. He now has a mobile home on the land even after the B.O.A. refused permission. Mr. Watterson had agreed to erect a fence to shield his tools and building materials from the road view, should he receive approval from the B.O.A. to erect his garage. He has not erect his fence as promised. Both letters are to be mailed telling owners of property they have 30 days to comply or face \$20. a day penalty. Copy of letter to go to the B.O.A. and the Planning board.

The remainder of the elderly exemptions were gone over and decisions made as to their receiving the elderly exemption or being dropped due to assets or income being too high.