

Selectmen's Minutes, Monday, Sept. 20, 1982

Present: Katherine M. Ring, chairman, Leslie MacNeil, John J. Jones, Betty Shaw, and Sherry from the Messinger.

Selectmen met at 7:30 and started to sign checks Building permit for Katheryn & James Cole, and one for Mr. Joyce which had the approval of the B.O.A.

Letters to the elderly were signed by the selectmen as well as a letter to Mr. Jones and Mr. Watterson. Mr. Jones and Mr. Watterson's letters were the result of a complaint from the B.O.A.

Brian Brown, police chief was in to go over his department duties for the past week. He will check with Mr. L in regard to not having paid for the bad check submitted to the town. A purchase of a new typewriter for the police dept. which was approved a few weeks ago was purchased for \$264.

George Cole, Road agent was in to turn over a report of his department. George found that the repair to the driveway on Main St. needing correction since the road was widdened would cost the town about \$400. Permission from the property owner will be needed should it become necessary for the road crew to go onto her property to correct the problem.

K. Ring asked if George got in touch with Mr. Albright who wanted George to do some repairs and he was will-ing to pay for the repairs. He didn't want to have the flooding caused each spring again this coming year if he could help it.

K. Ring asked if Les spoke to John Morina in regard to the North Branch Fire station. John thinks the pipes are plugged.

Lloyd Henderson, attorney for the town met with the selectmen to once again go over the responsibilities of the selectmen in regard to the library. Many hours were spent into looking up the old records of the town, tracing the library from its start. It was found that some papers gave the trustees more power than the law does today.

Mr. Pleasant talked to the selectmen about the bill from L. Henderson and felt that the library should not have to pay any part of the bill. He was under the understanding that all committees had the use of the attorney's services without cost. He has never had to allow for legal expenses before. Bill came about in trying to clear up the problem the library is having with a tax payer in the town. Mr. Charlie Grabowski ^{and was present} who had an appointment with the selectmen after Mr. Pleasant could see no reason the town should have to pay any part of the bill. As a tax payer, he voiced his objection. He was reminded that the selectmen were speaking to Mr. Pleasant and although he had a right to be present should not interrupt. Mr. Grabowski felt he had every right to cut in and voice his opinion. Lloyd thought the selectmen should pay half of the bill and the library the other half. Selectmen were not in agreement but in the end agreed to pay one half of the bill. Mr. Pleasant was not in agreement but also ended by agreeing to pay the other half of the bill.

Mr. Grabowski wanted to know just what the bill was for and was told in part it was for the meeting that the selectmen, library trustees and Mr. Grabowski were asked to meet with Lloyd and try to straighten out the problem between Mr. Grabowski and the library trustees. Mr. G. did not attend the meeting and saw no reason he should have. He did read the minutes of the meeting and could get no information from the minutes. Mr. G. stressed that he is a tax payer and has every right to the use of the town buildings., one of which is the library. State law provides for trustees of the library to have control over the library. Since the trustees believe that Mr. G. put a sticker in one of the books and asked him for damages, and he said they have not proved to him that he did put the sticker in the book, he will not pay for it and the trustees have banned him from the use of the library. He said he is not the only one who had the book in his hands. "Isabelle Nichols also had the book". There was a lot of talking and interruptions throughout the selectmen's meeting with Mr. Pleasant. Once the selectmen and Mr. P. came to an agreement, secretary was asked to make a copy of the bill and Mr. P. left.

Lloyd told the selectmen no decision was in as far as the Public Service request for abatements.

Selectmen signed for an extension with the dept. of Revenue Administration just in case the final figures do not come back from the computer people on time for the filing of valuation forms.

Mr. Grabowski asked if selectmen were aware he had an appointment. All were understanding that he had one but misunderstanding that he had said all he wanted while Mr. Pleasant was present. He said he had not, and the selectmen put aside papers they were going over to hear Mr. G. out. He once again asked what the selectmen had done to re-instate his rights to the library and was told once again that it is between the library trustees and himself and that the selectmen can do nothing for him. He gave each selectman a copy of the New Hampshire Constitution and told them that if they do not see that he is allowed the use of the library, he would be in next week to ask for the resignation of all three selectmen. Mr. G. had stressed throughout the evening that the selectmen were to represent the Town and that he is the Town. They were not doing their duty for him as he saw things.

Selectmen read the Town Treasurers' Report and it was accepted as read.

Selectmen told radio reporter Fritz that a question had come into the office as to what the selectmen were going to do with the windfall of \$98,000 + tax dollars received from the College. Les told Fritz how the money had been put into a CD until the end of December at which time it would be cashed in to help pay the Tax Anticipation Note which the selectmen borrowed at the early part of the year. Part of the money borrowed was the College taxes as well as all other taxes due within the year. The money is not surplus money and the selectmen cannot spend it as though it were found money.

Secretary left at this point. Selectmen went over minor questions and brought one another up with what had taken place within the past week.

Brian Brown - Mr. Muffy never paid for bad checks
typewriter \$264-

Geo. Cole - Wood cut has been requested by B. Beers.
Will check to see who owns the land. If owner does not
want the wood can be given to town people if the
town does not need it.

Carson's drain way - would be roughly a days labor - Crew
can stay on this side of property owners property -

Geo. can see no proper way to correct problem without going on
(^{to} that top 200 material 160 labor - 2 or 3 hrs. & doing up abt 20

abt. \$400) property - If he must go on property,
he should get a letter releasing the town and giving permission.
Talked about Mr. Albright wanting G.C. to do repairs & he would pay.

L. Henderson & selectmen looked into responsibility of selectmen
to oversee the trustees of the library.

R. asked if Leo spoke to Morira about N. B. J. Morira thinks
it is plugged.

→ Will give more power to Library Trustees than the law does
today.

Mr. Pleasants - This is the 2nd time in 9 yrs. that the library had
a bill for legal services. Library does not make provision for
legal expense. Mr. Grabowski asked to see the bill, then he passed
it over to the messenger to read. He took notes on what the bill
was for.

Mr. D was asked to attend the meeting, Mr. D chose not to attend the meeting. L. H. bill was in part for that meeting. Rights & Privilege have been loaned to Mr. D. - He feels he is a taxpayer and has the right to the use of the town building. State law provides for trustees of libraries to have control over the library. They are convinced that Mr. D. put a sticker into a book and that is the reason he can not use the library. He said he did not put the sticker in the book. If there was no sticker in the book when it was taken out, how do they know he put it in. He said he was not the only one who had his hands on the book. J. Nichols also had the book so someone else may have put it in. Are "we" going to pay for the meeting that he attended.

Mr. Pleasant doesn't think the library should have to pay the bill. He believes the bill should be paid but not by the library. When a Committee stops in to see Lloyd, if it's a 20 min visit and does not require going into files he does not charge, but all Committees have a fee for legal. The library was under the misunderstanding that any legal advice should not be billed to them. In the future they will allow for the expense. As it stands now they have no slab which allows for legal. He is not sure he agrees that the library should be responsible for. Town has just so much coverage for legal but doesn't have so much that it can pick up for all legal.

C. H. asked if the library had their own funds they should pay their own bills. Les had to remind them that the discussion is between the selectmen & Mr. Pleasant.

Les sees the bill as being a library - Les and John agree.

Lloyd sees the bill as being one that should be shared. Since the selectmen had not met with the lib. trustees. It could be one that

O.G. said he sees no reason to go 50/50. d. encourage the meeting - there was a sincere concern for the liberty and the reason for the meeting. C.H. keep interrupting that this is a public meeting and he has a right to be here and speak out.

C.H. gave a copy of the constitution & asked that they read art 8. If they don't by C.H. looked over will, K. did not want it to go through copy machine since it was old paper & not sure just how the heat would affect it. next week will ask that the selectmen resign.

No decision about Public Service - Lloyd spoke to other lawyers & he thinks towns will do better than what has been projected by dept. of Per. Admin. Doesn't see that tax board will hit the small towns.

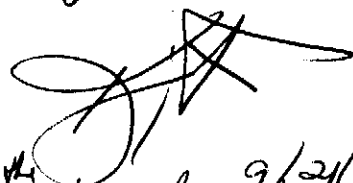
Selectmen accepted Town Treasurer's Report.

98,000 - went into C.D. - until end of year
will be used to pay T.A.W. - Part of which
is College taxes.

Fuse in Town off blew causing a search for fuse boxes.
Selectmen will look into having the wires checked.

Betty - Call Lyons & tell
him to do work on furnace -
(the Combustion Chamber)

all agree on this



Jim will do the repairs ^{the} this week or by ^{9/21/82} Saturday of this week at
the latest.

Heat is needed through out the building since it is cold and
damp. Complaints from tenants have come in.