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Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, October 4 1982

The selectmen met at 7:30 pm. Present were: Katherine Ring, Chairman, Leslie MacNeil. John Jones, Dave Grossman of the Messinger and Betty Shaw secretary.

Selectmen signed checks, inventory of valuation, statement of appropriation, and after checking with Mr. Thomas Jr. as to his set backs, a building permit to square off existing building by adding a porch.

Brian Brown was in to report to selectmen that Mr. Mallory has moved and is not planning to return to Antrim. Selectmen asked secretary to send the school a letter to this effect.

Mr. Lee Marshall spoke to the selectmen in regard to Bernice Robb's loss of the elderly exemption. Elderly exemption was dropped since her property is an asset of at least \$50,000. John and Les explained that since there was an excess of abuse on the elderly exemption, it has become necessary to enforce the statue. Someone always has to come at the cut off and there has to be a decision where the cut off is and then stick to the decision. K. Ring asked if there is any rent of the property and was told no. Mr. Marshall pays the taxes, heat, insurance, lights for Mrs. Robb. He said it is a sad situation when the elderly can't receive an exemption on the property they live in. (Mr. Marshall and family live with Mrs. Robb.)

George Cole, road agent spoke to the selectmen about the concern and condition over the town trucks. The selectmen were aware of the problem of plowing with the trucks always breaking down. George will submit a warrant item requestion purchase of a one ton truck. Selectmen advised him to draw up specks for a truck and check into prices to be included in the warrant article. George wants to up-grade the roads in town the coming year and not just patch up the holes. He will put a figure in the budget to cover repairs but also will decide just what he will be able to do with TRA money. He would like to start a road improvement project by re-doing a portion of road a year. It is costing more to keep the roads patched than it would to cover a portion a year. Town people would be able to see where the money is going and in the long run would cost less.

Tree by Dr. Chandler's has been taken down. Public Service has not responded to G. Cole's call and if they don't within the week, the selectmen's office will call to see if they will pay for the removal of the tree or share the cost with the town.

George said he had no time to cut back the shrub on the road this year as he had to do so much to correct the sewer problems. He can only be in one place at a time. K. Ring mentioned the tree that is growing in her culvert. G. Cole had forgotten about it, and assured her it would be taken care of. He was told that a tree growing out of the basement, *town Hall* will also have to be taken out and one on Depot St. by the Hebert property will have to come down.

Mr. Fleming spoke to the selectmen about his elderly exemption being dropped.

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(A few ~~months~~ ^{weeks} 8/16/82 ago, Mr. Fleming had told secretary that he had filed a will form, but that it was in New York) He did not give any information to the selectmen and therefore had his exemption cancelled. He said his form was in New York and would send it, then he said he had not filed last year. Asked if he owned property in New York and Florida as well as Antrim, he replied not in Florida just New York. Since N.Y. does not have inventories he was asked to forward a copy of the tax bill from N.Y. He said he had bank accounts and a small amount of stocks, but did not come anywhere near assets of \$50,000. He added at this time that he did not own property in New York, but rented the property. He told selectmen he will send them a list of his assets, his car being one valued at about \$2,000.

Greg Goff gave a notice to the selectmen to be mailed to the Transcript and the Messenger for completion of work to the old fire station. He was asked who he expected to have move into the station. He replied the police dept. and he had several people inquire about the other space that will be available. He saw no problem in renting it. There is a mis-understanding as to the Police department moving in. B. Brown had said at the town meeting that he had not requested the space. Greg understands that the town voted that the repairs could be made with the intention that the police would occupy part of the building. Should this be the case, B. Brown will have to go over his budget figures to include, heat, electric, sewer and any other bills that moving into separate quarters will entail. Greg asked if 8pm on Nov. 1 to open bids was alright with the selectmen. All agreed.

Twila Tenney acting as treasurer for the library asked that a sum of money be added to the selectmen's budget for the library in 1983. It was decided that this request should be a warrant item. Lloyd Henderson, town council assured the selectmen that requesting the money did not change the statue of the library trustees and the selectmen as to their responsibility. The Town meeting will be an ideal time for the selectmen to tell the town where they stand as far as the library and the town paying bills for the library. is concerned. It will be up to the town people to vote on this issue.

10:05pm secretary left.

Betty Shaw

Brian Brown - Mallory has moved and will not be returning to Ostrini (Mr. Daulhouse)

Mr. Marshall - Bernice Rott

Because of excess of abuse on the elderly exemption, it had become necessary to enforce the statute. (Les MacNeil)

It's a sad situation - Mr. M.

J. Jones said someone has to come at the cut off and there has to be a decision when the cut off is.

But Cole - ~~ad~~

Les told But that selectmen have talked about the problem of plowing. Limit time for the contracting out for snow plow.

B.C. will map out routes for the snow removal.

The trucks have gotten old and there is no question as to the need for another truck. Will have to write a warrant out requesting a one ton truck if that is what is decided the road agent needs the most to do his job. Going out for bid - the international was the cheapest yet it has cost more in the long run. Told to come up with specs & get fellows out as to what he will need. Must be out of town report excellent item for the use of revenue sharing.

T.R.A. into tax roads - Had thought of asking to start a road improvement - so much road way taken care of each year. Roads are in poor condition and it is costing more to keep them up than it would to rebuild them. He would like to have the town see how it looks to have it done properly.

Culvert on Joyce home is too high. While it was out in he was there and gave directions.

Tree by Chandlers is down. Public Service has not gotten back but he will go after them again to see

No time or money to cut back on roadway this year.

Tree in culvert - & one coming at out of basement needing to come out.

Tree on Depot St will need to come down (Rebert property)

Mr. Fleming will mail income information.

Gregg Goff. - Transcript & Messenger - Box MM
(Maurice Cutler - will show station)

Nov. 1 @ 8:00 P.M. - to open bids.

Library Trustees will have to meet - Treasurer & Mr. Pleasant.
week Monday - Will be a warrant item.

Request for money - to be a separate warrant article.

If this is ongoing - does this change their amount of control.

It's up to the town people to vote on this. Selectmen can take the side they shouldn't have to come to the town for money.