

Monday, November 8, 1982 Selectmen's Meeting

Selectmen met at 7:30:

Present: Kathering M. Ring, Chairman, John Jones, and Leslie MacNeil.  
Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Selectmen have decided to write to Bank of N.H , P.S.B., FNBP and Bank East to see what is the best for money management for the town funds.

Last weeks minutes had been read in advance by the selectmen and were accepted without reading at this time.

Bellows Nichols to be called for the price on vehicle insurance and workers Comp. Secretary to send for a check refund from N.H.M. workers comp in place of the usual credit.

B. Brown, police chief was in to give his weekly report. Rough week! He will be sending for the new law books which will cost about \$500. These books will be for the use of the Selectmen and the Police Dept. George Cole Road Agent is working on the sanders and the plow trucks. Bob Watterson has part of the cutting done and the culverts should be adequate for the upgrading of his road. A letter is to go out from the selectmen approving of the upgrading with the condition that a proper turn around is put in. John Young will be coming in to pay \$500 to the town for his share of the Congreve road Article #23.

K Ring asked the town crew put aside 2 cord of wood for emergency use. Arrangements have been made for the plowing. A replacement vehicle is needed for the jeep. Clark Craig will be doing the village and sidewalk. Steve Platt will also be helping with the plowing. Planning Board will be asked why selectmen have been asked to put warrant article in town report to accept Watterson's road. This is usually done by the Planning Board.

L. Scheyde was in with the final bills for the Gregg Lake Dam. He spoke of the error of estimating more sledge to be removed and that although only half of the estimated amount had to be removed that Thomas Construction took longer to do the job and that he lost money on the job. Town has no responsibility to give him more money, but Mr. Scheyde had agreed to speak for the company. After the final bills were presented to the selectmen, Dayspring builders also presented a bill for consideration. They had underestimated the amount of work and the amount of the equipment and materials. After they left the selectmen discussed the problem and all agreed that the contract made with Dayspring builders is a binding contract and that no further money will be allowed either Dayspring or Thomas Construction. The final amounts will be paid to L. Scheyde and Dayspring next week along with the retainage which is held in escrow.

The job is complete and looking good!

Several members of the North Branch Fire Department were in to talk to the selectmen about the water seepage and problems with communications between the firemen and the fire chief. It was agreed that the men would all meet on a Sunday and talk over their problems and come to some decisions as to how to correct the many problems and work toward a stronger fire company. A. Ring, R. Brewer, B. Rabbideau, K. Gale, H. Goodwin, and Bethel represented the North Branch Fire Station and

R. Edmunds came in the place of the fire chief who had to work. Mr. Betthel was the spokesman for the group with Mr. Goodwin asking for some solution to the problem of the leakage. Some suggestions were made to check the cause of the leak and the firemen will get back to the selectmen of their findings. Firemen mentioned a list of things they wanted for the station, ie: refrig., door, counter top etc. They were asked to submit a list to the selectmen and they will ask for donations to either cover the cost or for the actual items. A list of the needed equipment and supplies were also asked for and the men will work on making the lists up. It was agreed that when the N.B. fire truck is in to be repaired the needed equipment will be sent up from the Clinton station. Since the tanker is getting very old the men feel it should not do cross country runs. This meant runs to Francestown and Greenfield. It was suggested that the fire crew should look into fixing up the tanker by putting on a new chassie etc.

Alarm needs attention also Told to contact Mutual Aid. It was agreed that the chief, dept chiefs and officers get together to determine where the ~~tax~~<sup>budget</sup> money goes for the fire departments.

Carter Proctor asked if his new assessment had been made. Assessor out this summer told him he would be notified of any changes. Since he did not hear, he wanted to know how it went. Down nearly \$10,000.

Secretary left at 11:00 *B. Shaw*