

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, December 20, 1982

Present, Katherine M. Ring, Chairman, Leslie MacNeil, John J. Jones, Betty Shaw, secretary.

Selectmen met at 7:30, signed checks, sign permit for Mr. Willey, Keene Gas Co.

Met with Jane Miller and Don Watt to hear about the proposed contra dance. Local people would like to use the town hall to put on a dance to help earn money for the peace group. Church and democratic groups have used the hall in the past. The dance will not be a political event. Concern over setting a precedent was expressed. Since no decision was made at this time the dance will be put off until March. Selectmen will continue to look up records to find any voice that the tax payers may have made in the past as to the use of the hall. Selectmen will meet with Jane and Don again next week.

A reward has been offered by a N.Y. fur dealer for the return of the furs stolen last week. Police Dept. is now on County dispatch. Change was made with no problems. Highway crew can continue to use the present frequency until May 85. Brian Brown, police chief will go to the school on Wednesday and speak to the children about the bike laws and use the time to stress their conduct with adults.

Bennington selectmen met with Antrim selectmen and discussed the landfill and States new rulings about towns having a back up should their landfill be closed for any reason. Many options open to the towns, all are looking for the best for own towns. Antrim, Francesstown and

Bennington can form their own district, become a district of the Conval district, a sub-district of Conval or a SouthWestern Reg. district. All options must be looked into. No one knows the cost of the different options. Time is needed to qualify for own district, and some requirement will have to be met in order to qualify. State requires four metering stations at the landfills to show water level. Bennington has over 80 acres of land for the use of landfill and can see it being all that is needed for about twenty to twenty-five years. (using at same rate as the present time) All towns must comply with State regs. by October of 1983. Questions were raised as far as Antrim, Bennington, Francesstown going in with Peterborough and forming the Conval district. Is it possible for Bennington to become a back-up for the Peterborough area and even be the main landfill for the areas? Selectmen have agreed to talk to Town councils for advise as to any warrant item going to the town people, just what the warrant should contain.

Building permit for Mr. & Mrs. Russell to be rejected and a letter informing them of a need for a variance since the property is in a residential district and a non-conforming use.

Executive session was called in order for the selectmen to speak to a committee member on a complaint from a tax payer.

Secretary asked to be paid for the two days off last week since she had been ill. L. MacNeil and K. Ring saw no problem. J. Jones did not want to break his record and will think about it.

Minutes from last weeks meeting and treasurer's report were accepted as is.

Letter from tax collector to N. H. College reminding them of the need to keep their tax bill current.

G. Cole is to speak to Mrs. Corson and a letter is to follow agreeing to have Road crew correct problem with her drive first thing in the spring. G. Cole, road agent had looked at the problem and it was larger than thought at first. Unsure of the weather holding out long enough for the crew to finish job made it necessary to put off till spring.