

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, December 27, 1982

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

Selectmen met at 7:30 signed checks, deposit cards for bank, receipt for Farmers Home administrative.

Matthew Rabbideau met with the selectmen to thank them for their help on his Eagle Scout project. He left a copy of his report for the selectmen and the police dept.

Mr. & Mrs. Schafer had several questions for the selectmen. How long are buildings permits good for? Told two years. Assessment of property, how is it arrived at? Les MacNeil went over their property card and tried to explain how the figures are arrived at. Found that the size of a porch was in error. Why are properties of similar value assessed at different amounts? Selectmen spoke of having a warrant item in the town report to do a total assessment of town since there are many such questions. The bridge by their road has not been upgraded and sign limiting weight to passenger cars has prevented delivery of appliances as no one wants to risk going over bridge. In order to upgrade a bridge, it must be a warrant item and since the selectmen are not planning on a warrant item for this item, it is up to the Schafers to submit one. The selectmen did speak of changing the load limit since some new supports had been installed and the bridge is used by many heavy vehicles. No decision has been made. Mr. & Mrs. Schafer did fill out an abatement form.

New owner of Jackson's store came in and asked to have town parking lot cleared since some trees are dead and branches came down over the week-end. New owner of A. Gordon's property came in and asked about the same property asking the town to remove the dead tree. It has been found that the tree is on the Gordon property. In the past the town blacktopped the parking lot and as a courtesy to the tenants of the Gordon's included ten feet of their property.

George Cole, road agent had road crew place large rocks on the bridge by Gregg Lake Dam. They will serve as a barrier in place of fence. Selectmen asked how George felt about plowing Antrim Village. There will be a possible problem on Aiken St. as to where to put the snow. Rails have been put up on Antrim Village property which will prevent pushing the snow back. Being private property the town is not responsible for the parking lot. John Jones spoke of his concern for the residence should an emergency come up and the parking lot is not cleared. George will have to figure where he can put snow from Aiken St. and thinks one pass through the Village may make it easier for his crew. Unsure just what the liability of the town would be if the road crew took over the responsibility for the plowing of the Village. Brian Brown, police chief said in the event of an emergency he would call out the road crew as would the fire chief. K. Ring, and Les MacNeil voted to have a letter sent to Antrim Village informing them of their responsibility for the clearing of snow from their property. John Jones withheld his vote pending the outcome from the first snow storm.

Brian Brown, Police Chief gave a run down of his departments duties for the past month. So far County dispatch is going well.

Selectmen discussed the rental of the town hall to the peace coalition. K Ring, Les MacNeil voted to allow the use of the town hall for the contra dance, John Jones voted no. Jane Chase and Don Watt will be told of decision at meeting Monday, Jan. 3 when they have another appointment with the selectmen.

Selectmen will put in a warrant article in regard to use and charge for use of the town hall.

Selectmen asked Jan Boatright if the PA system at the college has been improved as they are thinking of the town meeting and problems of the past with the system.

Selectmen asked that a letter go to Hillsboro to check into alternatives for the back-up system needed for the solid waste. K.Ring questioned if Antrim has the right to contact Hillsboro since the present site is owned by Bennington. Les and John see no reason not to put out feelers.

Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

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