

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, Feb. 14, 1983

Present, Lesly MacNeil, chairman, K. Ring, J. Jones, B. Shaw, secretary. Selectmen met at 7:30, signed checks, and building permits as well as abatements for the tax collector.

Dispensed with the reading of last weeks minutes.

Selectmen spoke of the hydrants need of being cleared as soon as possible after a snow storm. Firemen will aid in clearing the snow in an emergency but the clearing is the responsibility of the water commissioners. It was agreed to have the road agent aid with a grader when the need arises.

George Cole, road agent was told to clear the snow where roads meet since it is hard to see over the piles of snow at the intersections. George gave a report on his department for the past week. He has also received another bid for the truck. The back-up of ice at the North Branch bridge was a concern the end of last week. Police, road crew as well as selectmen have kept a close watch on the situation. J. Jones asked if the highway crew is still interested in opening an IRA account? He will have an agent talk it over and explain the benefits of the account, it was agreed to meet and discuss the options after lunch on Friday.

Mr. Roger (new owner of the Jackson store) has decided to put up a new but smaller sign on his building. His original permit called for a larger sign. J. Jones looked up the zoning regulations and told Mr. Roger that as long as the sign is not larger than the one it is replacing, there should be no problem.

Selectmen spoke with the tax collector, Janice Boatright. She does not want to collect taxes at home nor does she want calls at home. She will accept all mail and post anything that comes by mail at home but no calls or taxes. She does not want to have people know where she lives. When someone needs to register his vehicle, she said that the town clerk has authorization to collect the resident tax.

Peterborough Savings Bank is to be checked out as far as giving TAN.

Dick Edmunds wants to know if there is any way to straighten out Depot street.

J. Dennison will have a copy of the road plan and it will be looked into. It was mentioned that the flags showing where the hydrants are, were not put up this year. Children pull them down, yet without them it is difficult for the hydrants to be found unless a person knows where they are.

J. Jones asked about the oil being kept in a flowing state during the winter months. A chemical can be added to the large oil tank when it is empty which would keep the oil flowing. When there is a problem with the oil

and a need to switch to the small tank in the basement of the town hall, can Mr. Rockwell be called and not J. Rymes. The cost for Rymes to come out is about twice what Mr. Rockwell has charged in the past.? J. Jones will call Rymes to see if oil can go through the small tank and the need to switch tanks be eliminated.

Contra dance fee will be set at the Town Meeting.

Mr. Grabowski, was present throughout the selectmen's meeting, and at the time of his scheduled appointment said the appointment was to be cancelled.

An abatement will be needed for Mr. R. Fleming since a letter from Mr. Henderson, town council states he is eligible for the elderly exemption.

Revenue Sharing funds to go into a money market to earn as much interest as possible.

600 Town Reports are to be ordered for this year.

Personel Policy does not need to go into the Town Report. Bob Flanders and Lloyd Henderson both felt that the town people were in agreement that the job of the selectmen was to come up with a policy and no need for a vote of the people.

Lloyd Henderson and the selectmen went over the warrant items to put them in the order in which they wish them to appear. At this time the selectmen spoke of the raise that was requested by the new tax collector. Since no amount had been set by Janice at the time of her request, the selectmen decided to go with a request of \$300. They will also put in a request for an additional \$200 for each selectman. Mr. Grabowski asked what was being paid to the tax collector and the selectmen and voiced his ideas on the subject.

Secretary left at 11:00 pm with the selectmen & town council (Mr. Grabowski remained) still going over the warrant items.

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Budget hearing, Monday, March 7 at regular Selectmens Meeting