

REVENUE SHARING HEARING

Monday, January 23, 1984, 7:30pm. Started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: John J. Jones, chairman, Katherine M. Ring, Mary Allen Bill McAuliffe and George Cole Jr.

John Jones mentioned that although there is about \$45,000 presently in the Revenue Sharing Account, the Town must appropriate at least \$25,000 this year.

Some suggestions were for a computer for the Town Hall to be used for tax billing, and all record keeping. Mr. McAuliffe was in favor of the computer seeing the many advantages and being aware of the increased paper load in the office. A request for \$10,000 will be made for the computer.

White Birch Point Bridge is in bad shape and will have to be repaired. If the money does not come from Revenue Sharing it will have to be a budget item. It was agreed to ask for \$5,000 from Revenue Sharing.

The parking lot at the Fire Station is in need of black topping. It was agreed to request \$9,000 for this purpose from Revenue Sharing.

Highway Dept. would like a loader. They are running from \$48,000 up to over \$66,000. Some money is in the capital reserve for equipment for the Highway dept. Mr. McAuliffe asked if there is a real need for a loader. George sees many times that the Town has to hire the equipment, and many times when he could have put it to good use and freed up manpower to do other work. He does feel strongly that there is a need for one. No decision was made on the amount or the way the Town should have the request put them.

The Town Hall is in need of either extensive repairs to the oil burner or a new burner as well as wiring. John would like to see a capital reserve fund started for the needed repairs. No decision made.

No other suggestions were forthcoming. Selectmen's meetins began. Mr. McAuliffe asked why he can not get cable to his home on Elm Ave. He had asked the cable company and told them there were several properties which would like cable on Elm. A copy of the contract was made for him to read. It states that there must be 75 homes with a possible 40 hook-ups per mile or the company will not run lines

George Cole was asked if he plans to run for road agent. He said yes.

Selectmen questioned George on the condition of the small loader which the Town owns. It was purchased ten years ago and is doing more than it was designed to do. K. Ring asked what ever happened to Jim Wilson who used to be hired to mow the side of the Roads. George explained he became too busy to do the Town Roads.

John mentioned a hole on West St. only to find the Road Crew had taken care of it today as well as a ditch that needed fill. No. Main St. by Bob Flanders has a hole that will need filled. K. Ring requested that more salt be put on High St. Bellows Nichols is to be called again for information on liability coverage.

George will check with his crew to see about up-grading the BC/BS coverage.

A check on how many building permits are issued each year so as to come up with a fee schedule or pay for a building inspector. A letter to go to J. Rymes requesting a time to come in to talk to the selectmen.

Two fires in Town this week-end. A. Mulhall and the Randall property on High St.

Selectmen went over the abatement application to see what if anything should be done. It was agreed to drop the assessment back to the 78 figure and write a letter explaining that the total assessment will take care of the differences in the value of different properties in Town.

The Selectmen spoke to Lloyd Henderson about the possibility of having the assessment done this year. It was agreed to place a call to United Appraisals and get a figure to have the work done. Goal being that all assessments will be finished by April 1 of 1985. If the State does the work it will not start until 85 to be completed in 86. Too many properties are showing much lower figures than the saleable price causing many abatement requests.

Lloyd will look into the application from Public Service requesting an abatement.

No decision was made on weapons for the P.D. Since Les was not in a decision has been put off until all three selectmen can vote on the issue.

A letter is to go out to Mr. Solomon explaining that the Game Warden is looking into the problem and selectmen will look into the feasibility of up-grading Salmon Brook Road.

Selectmen went over the warrant items with Lloyd and it was decided to make the probation officer a line item for \$1,500.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm

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