

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, June 4, 1984

Present: John J. Jones, chairman, Katherine M. Ring and Rachel C. Reinstein. Selectmen called the meeting to order at 7:30 with the Pledge to Our Flag. Chris Joseph gave the weekly report for the police department since Brian was ill. The cruiser was in a minor accident. While Freeman was driving out of the parking lot in front of the new quarters, a truck pulled in and the cruiser hit it. Small dent to the chrome on the cruiser but more damage to the truck. Two estimates were given to the selectmen to be forwarded to the insurance co. Since they were not clear, a call will be made requesting clearer copies. Chris had checked out the Lunderville park during the storm last week and found they had lost power but no other problems. With the many detours due to the storm, there was no traffic problems reported.

Selectmen talked over the storm damage to the Town. Four bridges in Town had to be closed due to wash outs or water flow over the bridge itself. Until the water recedes, it will be hard to check out for any structural damage. The two farms in Town were under water. A report will be delivered to the State by tomorrow by K. Ring.

H. Gerbert asked if the selectmen had made any decision as to her using another trailer with her present one, the new one to be used as an addition for living space. John Jones said they had not had time to speak to Lloyd about this and he did want his opinion.

Permits for Brian Burford, David Weymouth and Thaddeus Kulpinski were approved.

Clark Craig Jr. gave his report on the Road Crew. Summer St. is still closed. Clark went to open the bridge and found the truck wheels sank in. Some of the soil washed out and repairs will be needed. Wayne Elliott owns a piece of land which is closed to gates and bars. A tree has been felled over the Road closing it off. No one can close the Road, the police Dept is to be asked to go up and tell Mr. Elliott to remove the tree.

It was decided that Jim Hammond will receive a merit promotion and 5% raise at this time and when his regular raise is due he will receive another raise of 3.5%. Once probation period of new men is over, they will receive a raise to \$5.95. Jim will go to \$6.83 now and \$7.07 in August.

Clark Craig purchased a large dump truck. Selectmen had agreed last year that rental of Road Agents truck to be paid at the rate of \$18.50 an hour less the cost of the Town driver. Clark had submitted a bill for \$18.00 an hour with the cost of the driver's pay already out of the figure. He had called around and found that other Towns paid \$25.00 an hour for the rental of a large dump truck. Selectmen asked why the Town equipment was parked and his equipment used. He said due to the storm, the larger truck did the work of hauling sand in less time than it would have taken had he used the Town vehicle. Lloyd Henderson said the Road Agent can make decisions as to what truck to use but had to be aware of his budget while doing so. Selectmen said the Town vehicles are to be used except in an emergency or when there is need of another vehicle. Selectmen discussed what amount would be paid for the use of the Road Agents large dump truck. When he took office he had told the selectmen there would be no problem with his truck rentals since he only owned the one small truck and he had agreed with the above figure of \$18.50 less driver. Selectmen agreed to pay him \$15.00 an hour for the rental of the truck plus pay for the gas used while doing Town roads. This was agreed upon by all selectmen and Clark Craig. Clark does plan to use his two trucks to plow. He may have to hire someone to run the one while he runs the other.

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It was agreed to pay Rymes for the rental of his truck at \$15.00 an hour. John told Clark there is a large hole on Pleasant St. and the sewer cover on High St. is raised, Lloyd said the Sewer & Water Dept. is aware of the problem.

The selectmen asked Clark to look into what would be involved in opening up a road from Liberty Farm over to Stacy Hill Rd. During the storm both bridges were out and the people had to use an old road to get out to Town. Selectmen believe it would be a good idea to have this old road opened in case of another emergency. When a dozer is being used in other parts of Town Clark will see if he can open up a lane on the old road.

meeting adjourned 10:40

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