

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, October 16, 1984

Present: John J. Jones, Katherine M. Ring, and Rachel C. Reinstein. Selectmen met at 7:30 and called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Weekly checks were signed as well as a building permit for Howard Humphrey Jr.

Intent to cut for Scott Heminger was signed but put on hold until the Dept. of Revenue answers some question that this cut has raised with the Selectmen. Should a cut for this amount of lumber on this size of property be granted. Concern over lumber being striped on land in the Town.

Minutes of last weeks meeting were accepted as written.

Brian Brown, Police chief gave his weekly report. Selectmen discussed the need for stop signs in Town. Brian was to check out to see where the greatest need was for the signs before a decision is made as to the placement. West St., Grove and No. Branch are all in need of signs. Brian would like to see a sign at the iron bridge which is used by students from the College. (Road to the airport).

The signs will cost between \$15 and \$20 each.

Brian now has the desks which are needed for his office. He has also picked up the insullation and will start on the partitions in his office.

Brian also asked if the officers can have a phone installed in their home to have a direct line to the P.D. Will the Town be willing to pay for the cost out of their budget? Installation will be \$35 per phone and about \$1.50 a month for the extentions to each home. Both officers have phones that they can use at no added expense.

Scott will start schoon next Saturday and Sunday for sixteen hours. This will have to do until he can get in the Academy.

Clark Craig, road agent gave his report. He will be short a man for several weeks. Joe Smith left work last Friday and had to be brought to the hospital where it was found he needed an operation. Clark does not know at this time just how long he will be out of work and unable to do his job.

Clark has not checked on signs nor had the Street signs made yet. He was reminded to do so.

The written agreement from Whitcomb has not as yet been received by Clark. It should be in this week as he has asked for it.

A. Ring still believes the large boulder will have to be blasted to prevent water from going in his basement on Elm Ave. Clark will check it out once again.

John Jones received a call from the Messenger about the Old Stone Bridge. Vandals are damaging the bridge and removing rocks.

This bridge belongs to Public Service and the Town has no say over it.

K. Ring reminded Clark to see to the cleaning of the culverts.

West St. is still in need of some work before the paving is done.

The Holt Hill project has been completed. There is a question as to the culverts having been installed to prevent the flow of water on the Dubey property.

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The duplicate bill from Rymes is in error.

Dot Penny and Dick Pleasant was in to discuss any monies received due to the recycling. To date the money has gone to the Town of Bennington. It is a small amount about \$60 but they wish to have the money go to the proper place. To date, there has been no credit on the landfill bill. It is possible the credit will be given on the final bill from the Town of Bennington. The break down of the credit is also in question. Since the Town of Antrim pays for 60% of the cost of the landfill, and the Town of Frances-town is not contributing to the recycling, the credit to the Town should be more like 70%. Dot and Dick would rather see the money as income in place of a credit. It would be an incentive to the Town people when it shows in the Town Report. They will check with the Bennington Selectmen to see if it would be possible to have cash in place of the credit. It is possible the agreement reads it must be a credit. There was also a question if a place could be set up for the people who do not go to the landfill to participate in the recycling. There is no place which would suite the purpose.. Those interested in contributing to the recycling, can ask their neighbors to collect their recyclable items. Mr. Pleasant asked if the Town is responsible for the monument in front of the Library? Landscaping is needed around the monument. Neither the Library, nor the Town see it as their project. It may be the project of the Legion although P. Lang does not see it as such. Mr. Pleasant will check the date on the monument to see if it can be checked back.

John and Mr. Pleasant have been reading the application for a block grant to cover some of the expense of the needed work to make the Town buildings accessible to the handicapped. It is a large undertaking and will take some time to read over. Dave Atkins from S.W. Region may be willing to come in to talk to all concerned. The grant is for a feasibility study.

Any repairs to the Antrim, Bennington Bridge would have to be a warrant item. K. Ring and R. Reinstein are in favor of having the bridge sold for salvage. John sees this as a warrant item also. Once the bridge is taken down there is little chance of another bridge ever going up. At the present time it is not in use, but in the future, it may become necessary to upgrade the bridge. More and more building going on in the two Towns will perhaps make the bridge a needed item. No decision was made at this time. K. Ring will call and set up a time to meet with the Bennington Selectmen to look over the bridge. Tuesday the 23rd in the morning would be the best time for the Antrim Selectmen to meet, if this is not a good time, K. Ring will check for Monday the 22nd.

Selectmen understood they had made it clear to the White Birch Point Association, that the Road is class V to the turn around and class VI for the remainder of the Road. Clark did go up and fill in the holes and smoothed the Road since the association came in to speak to the Selectmen. There is no intention to upgrade or pave the road at this time. The Bridge will be paved when all the other paving is done the end of the month. The portion which is class V will be plowed as usual. A letter to this effect is to be mailed to the Association.

A call to Bart Mayer to find out what other Towns of similar size

as Antrim are doing for a Deputy Town Clerk.

Selectmen have agreed to have secretary check out all the gas bills to see just how far back the Town has been charged for the gas tax.

K. Ring said Mr. Lester is willing to talk to the Selectmen about computers and software for the Town. He is in the business.

R. Reinstein was at the S.W. Region meeting on computers. They intend to have on line service with Towns renting the hardware for the time needed. This was not seen as a good solution. It would also be possible to buy the software and hook into their main computer. This would be the same set up as Granite State. R. Reinstein will get after them to acquire some figures to compare with Granite State.

Will also need up to date figures from Granite State.

A letter to the Town of Hillsboro in regard to the boundry is to go out this week. All three selectmen understand they will be taking a stand. It is possible it will end in court to make a decision as to just whose property is in which Town. A copy of the letter to the Town of Hillsboro is to go to all the property owners involved.

Selectmen have decided to put a stop payment on a check issued this evening to Alton Construction Co. until they have had time to talk to the Park Department about the work completed and work yet to be done on the dredging.

Meeting adjourned 10:45

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