Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, November 26, 1984

Present: John J. Jones, Chairman, Katherine M. Ring and Rachel C. Reinstein. Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Clark Craig Jr, Road Agent gave his weekly report. Whitcomb will return on Tuesday to do the paving on the parking lot at the North Branch Fire Station.

Trees are still in need of care before the winter sets in. Since the Public Service and Telephone Co. have no money in their budgets to cover any of the trees, Clark suggested having trees removed which do not involve the power lines and do the trees which do involve the power lines next year when the Companies can pay their share. There are too many trees which need to be taken down for the Town Budget to cover. Clark will call Chase Tree Service and find out what the cost per tree would be and see when Chase can come and take down as many as there is money budgeted for this year. The most dangerous trees are to come down first.

Old Farmstead Rd. was found to be accepted by the Town subject to summer maintenance. A call was placed to Jim Hammond, a member of the Road Crew. He confirmed the crew has, in the past, raked the road as far as the trucks could go. Clark will check out this Road in the morning and get back to the Selectmen as to just how bad it is.

Mr. Herman asked what the Selectmen will do in response to Mr.Sherman's letter on Old Farmstead Rd. A previous letter from Mr. Sherman received in 1981 had been answered and at the time the Road Agent checked out the Road and graded the road. Although the Town had accepted the Road, no heavy work has been done on this Road. It is no worse than many well traveled Roads in Town. Clark will check it out and a letter will go to Mr. Sherman telling what is to be done. Copy of letter to Mr. Herman at his request.

Mr. & Mrs. Roger Brooks were asked what they were building so close to the stone wall on their property. An old building was removed and a slightly larger one was put in its place. Back in 1974 the building was listed on their property card, without size or value since it was falling down. Removal of the building is allowed and a similar one can replace it but it can not be larger than the one which was removed. Mr. & Mrs. Roger Brooks were given a building permit application to be filled out. The Selectmen will have to deny the permit and the applicant will take it to the BOA. When asked if the building was the same size, Mr. Roger Brooks said, "no, it is slightly larger". He sees no problem with his neighbors objecting to the building so close to the line.

Mr. Matt Chauncey want to put up a sign on Rte 202 and Rt. 9 advertising his business. He has forms from the State and must go by the strictest regulations, wether they be the States or the Towns'. Since the signs are to be under six square feet, he will not need a permit from the Town. He will need permission in writing from the property owners on whose land the signs are to be placed.

Minutes of last weeks meeting accepted.

Brian Brown, Police Chief gave his weekly report.

Some minor problems. Holiday went well, with one minor accident.

A public telephone is to be hooked up on Thursday. Most of the Road signs will be in next week. Brian will get them up as soon as possible.

A copy of the notice from the State in regard to Alton Construction, Dick Wattersons, landfill operation for the Town will be taken to Mr. LeCain of Bennington since the selectmen do not know of any landfill in Antrim and have not appointed Mr. Watterson as spokesmand for the Town.

John Jones, Katherine Ring and Rachel Reinstein decided to honor Carroll Johnson by dedicating the Town Report to him. An honorable mention to Mr. Dik and Mr. Humphrey Jr. for the many years of sercice to the Town will be included.

Selectmen have decided to have Rymes deliver the oil to the tank in the rear of the Town Hall and include whatever is needed to prevent the freezing of the line.

Mr. Watterson has been asked to wrap the pipe. Library, bills are to be paid as used. They become due

A call is to be placed to Hinsdale to get information on the computer they are using. This is the IBM which was voted by John Jones, Katherine M. Ring and Rachel Reinstein as the best purchase for the Town. Al Rains from the computer committee, professor at Hawthorn College has offered to help train on this computer.

A call is to be placed to Wilton requesting information on how they acquired information on the income of residents. This information will be helpful in acquiring a grant for the Town.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

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