

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, Jan. 14, 1985

Selectmen met at 7:30

Present: Katherine M. Ring, chairman, Rachel C. Reinstein and John J. Jones.

Meeting called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Charlie Grabowski asked to be appointed to the Library Trustees. When an opening had arisen in the past, a member was appointed in August to fill out the time until Town Meeting. Mr. Grabowski sees this as an advantage when election time comes around. Since there is only two meetings until Town Elections, John Jones would like to ask Lloyd Henderson if the position can be left open until elections. There will be three openings on the Trustees this year and it was suggested that Mr. Grabowski run for one of them. Rachel Reinstein and Katherine Ring agree to wait for advice, and perhaps leave the opening until election. John Jones reminded Mr. Grabowski about his need for a building permit. It will have to be made out in the name of the owner of the property.

Clark Craig Jr. road agent has received another application for the position on the Road Crew. John Jones asked if it were possible to get along for the remainder of time until Town Meeting with one man short. In the event of another Road Agent being elected it would leave room for him to hire someone of his choice. Clark said he does plan to run and he does have some help from Wayno if we have a storm. Since there has not been a lot of snow to plow, K. Ring asked what the crew have been doing. Oiling, repairing trucks in free time. Clark agreed if he doesn't receive a suitable applicant, he would consider a part time position or fill ins until Town Meeting.

Chase Tree Service had called to set a time for Tuesday to cut trees in Town. Since there was not time to notify owners of the property where the trees will be coming down, a call was placed to Chase Tree Service and a new date and time will have to be set. It is not sure if the owners of the property have a choice in the Town taking down trees in the ROW without their approval. John will talk to Lloyd about this. John and Clark will also go around to see the owners to see if they have an objection. One property owner with a tree on the Towns' ROW which is being considered for removal since it is half dead and limbs are falling objected to the removal of the tree.

K. Ring asked that Clark check and get in writing prices for a back-hoe for the Highway Dept. Clark said since they have put a new motor in the small truck, they can check into a back-hoe to go on the back of the truck. He had been given a price last year of \$3,000 for this piece of equipment. This will have to be a warrant item, and a cost would have to be included. It is really the only piece of equipment the Highway needs at this time. If they had one it would be put to a lot of use.

Selectmen talked with Clark on the conditions of the roads in Town. It was questioned if it would be best to plan to do some work on another road in Town or to continue and finish West St. To complete a road would be nice, but the other roads would not have any major work on them for years. It was decided that although West St. and Gregg Lake have not been completed, it would be best to do some work on Smith Road. Some work is planned for Elm Ave, such as two culverts and some patch work for the year. The worst of West St. has been done and the first part of Gregg Lake Road. The remainder of the lake road which is in need of repair would be a major job since it is along the shore-line. It was agreed to try to do Smith Road. Clark said it would also be about a half mile to take care of the worst of the road.

Clark mentioned he had not added the cost of a salt shed in his budget. K. Ring saw this as a minor expense. His budget is just for the operation of the Highway Dept. and did not cover Road improvement. Selectmen will set up a time to go over his budget with him.

John asked if anyone had a problem with his making copies of the letters from Jim Dennison in regard to changes on the Zoning Regulations for June Francis. It is understood this is public information. Copies will be made when Mrs. Francis comes in.

John asked who or what number should be called to reach the dog officer. Some discussion came about over this as no one was sure short of calling dispatch or Brian. John sees this as time consuming for someone who has an injured animal. K. Ring will check with Brian to see what number should be called.

Bruce Kierstead is to be called to repair a broken step on the rear of the Town Hall.

A call to Bennington to find out what the amount was for Alton^{al} Construction for the landfill. K. Ring remembers the amount as being \$22,000. The figures look more like \$30,200. The third quarter of the landfill bill for 1984 was paid in January 1985. The budgeted portion will be carried as a liability on the financial statement, the remainder of the bill for fence and other charges will have to be budgeted in the 1985 year.

Firemen want to work and complete the upstairs of the fire station. They put about \$1,500 of their own money into insullation and when they found out a few years ago they could not rent the hall for functions and put the money earned for the rental into their own accounts, they did not complete the finishing of the upstairs. K. Ring explained the building is a Town Building all repairs should be paid by the Town and any money earned from the rental of the Town Buildings should go into the Town accounts. No work should be done on any Town Buildings without the permission of the Selectmen or the Town. Since the Selectmen are responsible for the buildings, permission would have to come from them.

Mr. Jennison asked if the Boy Scouts can use the upper Town Hall for meetings the third Sunday of each month, starting with March 17th. No problem. They would have to pick up and return a key to the office as well as remind secretary of the meeting dates so that two groups will not be scheduled for the same evenings.

Dot Lang came in to go over the VNA request for the new year^{er}. It is higher than last year since they are making more calls than formally. She also requested their report go into the Town Report as it saved a lot of questions at Town Meeting when the tax payers could see what the VNA had done for the year.

Mr. Grabowski asked why K. Ring objected to the fire men washing cars at the fire station. She did not object just asked since the question had been put to her about the vehicles being out of the station.

It is possible to put a warrant into the Town Report to renovate the fire station hall and rent it out. More information will have to be gathered since there is a question of access to the handicapped as well as bathroom facilities.

Minutes of last weeks meeting accepted.

K. Ring, J. Jones, R. Reinstein agreed to meet in the morning to go over and see what else they can find on the Hillsboro, Antrim Town line. Mr. Gragowski asked what time they would be in and they figured about 10:00.

Meeting adjourned 10:00

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