

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, February 11, 1985

Selectmen met at 7:30 and held a Revenue Sharing Meeting.

Present: Katherine M. Ring, Rachel C. Reinstein, John Jones, Board of Selectmen.

Also Present: Ed Rowell, Dave Penny, Dick Pleasants, Carol Webber, James Dennison, Clark Craig, Pat. Webber. Reporter from the Messenger was present.

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Selectmen moved to the Little Town Hall due to the number attending the hearing.

Katherine M. Ring, Chairman of the Board read the list of articles which the Selectmen thought to use the Revenue Sharing money for.

First on the list was the police cruiser for \$12,000.

A truck and tanker for Fire House II, \$20,000 to come from the capital reserve fund \$10,000 from Revenue Sharing and the balance of \$17,000 to come from taxes.

A back-hoe would cost \$11,000 for the Highway Dept. Money to come from the capital reserve fund.

The Town Hall is in need of a new furnace. Present one is 44 years old and the insurance company is concerned about the condition of it. \$9,000 to come from Revenue Sharing the balance \$7,500 from the capital reserve fund which was set up last year.

Selectmen were asked how much was in Revenue Sharing. A good chance this will be the last year for Revenue Sharing and all are cautious to spend the money for the best use of the Town.

\$17,000 is the unexpended balance in the fund. \$35,000 will be received during the year 1985. Propose to take \$31,000 out of Revenue Sharing this year leaving a balance to be used within the next two years.

Dave Penny asked if there were any money available for the Library. Could Revenue Sharing offset the expense of the new proposed parking lot? ROW is a major problem. Without the ROW, there can not be an article in the Warrant this year for the parking lot. Dave was asked if the Jennison's driveway could be used for a possible ROW. This would be checked into. Selectmen reminded Dave they were looking into a block grant to aid not only the Town Building but the Library. (Make the buildings accessible to the handicapped.)

Bob Flanders arrived and asked that the proposals be re-read since he was late.

K. Ring re-read the proposals. Mr. Flanders spoke of the condition of property in Town and it being hard to say anything when the Town owns a building in need or repair. The old fire station has a tower in need of paint and or repairs or removal. K. Ring reminded Mr. Flanders that private enterprise was to have taken care of the tower but the offer has been withdrawn. Mr. Flanders reminded selectmen the repairs on the Town buildings is the job of the selectmen.

Mr. Flanders asked if the money voted last year from R.S. was all spent and was it within the granted amounts. Yes to both.

Mr. Flanders assumed each department requested the equipment which the selectmen were requesting funds for. Selectmen agreed two weeks ago the road agent changed from his request for a back-hoe to a new truck. Selectmen saw no reason for this as they had been assured the back-hoe was a needed piece of equipment. Town rents a back-hoe and would use it more if owned. A discussion over the cost of rentals for back-hoe and large truck took place.

Selectmen agreed to look into the wishes of the Town before making a final decision on the warrant articles for Revenue Sharing. They have set up a fund for Fire and Highway equipment as well as for Town Buildings, and now intend to start one for a police cruiser so when there is no longer any Revenue Sharing, the money will be there for the new cruiser which is replaced every three years.

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All were thanked for intir interest and attendance.

Selectmen retired to their office to go over the usual business.

Clark Craig was asked if he had anything to discuss wtih the Selectmen. Nothing. Selectmen mentioned their concern over the condition of West St. and asked that Clark keep on top of it. There is a noticable change due to the break in the water line. Sewer and Water Dept. will pay for the repairs, but until Spring, the road can not be repaired properly. Clark is to see taht fill is put in where needed until proper time to make the needed repairs.

Clark mentioned he was out winging back snow over the week-end. 202 is a State Highway which is a concern to John Jones since they do not chip a trence in front of the Town Hall to help the flow of water when the ice melts. People have to step over water to get into the Town Building and the Post Office.

Clark was asked to chip the ice to help the flow. Clark is to notify Mr. Thompson of a problem with visability on the approach to the State Highway in some areas.

Selectmen worked on stamping the inventories.

Selectmen signed checks and a building permit for Mary Allen. K. Grabowski's permit was denied. No septic and two residences on one property.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

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