

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Tuesday, February 17, 1987 was preceded by a public Revenue Sharing Hearing.

Present: John J. Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, and Rachel C. Reinstein. Lloyd Henderson, Mary Hammond, Janice Boatright, Mark Tenney, Robert Varnum and Elizabeth Shaw.

Meeting called to order at 7:34.

The last expected payment of Revenue Sharing was received in September 1986. There is a total of \$44,446.00 remaining in the account which must be allocated this year.

Loveren Mill Bridge was ordered closed to all but passenger cars by the State due to the poor condition of the bridge. Concern has increased as the road must be maintained and Town crews must go over the bridge with heavy equipment in order to maintain the road. The bridge must be improved to allow fire trucks across. Company delivery trucks do not want to risk going over the bridge.

Road Agent, Bob Varnum and the Selectmen have checked into the possible replacement of the bridge. Bob has checked out costs of steel, concrete etc. to find if his road crew could do the job as well as comparison cost from the State for a State bridge.

The cost of a State bridge would come to about \$42,500.00. The State would put in a Bailey bridge as soon as possible. The cost of the Bailey Bridge will be \$8,000.00 which is included in the \$42,500.00. This would enable the road to remain open. The bridge would be built in about four or five years.

Bob Varnum pointed out if his crew rebuilt the bridge, it would cost close to the same amount as the State bridge, close the road for at least three weeks, and still not have any guarantee the bridge would withstand the ice buildup and Spring floods common in this area.

Bob also pointed out he would like to see a bridge program set up. (Capital Reserve Fund) This fund would accumulate over the years and allow for the replacement or major repair of bridges as the need arise.

Mark Tenney asked how far apart the Liberty Farm Bridge and the Loveren Mill Bridge are from one another and if any thought had gone into having one Bridge placed between the two and discontinue the two present bridges. This had been thought of but there is a distance of one mile between the two bridges and a lot of possible building sites in this area.

Mark also asked why the remainder of the Revenue Sharing, \$1,500.00 was not included in the request for the bridge.

Although there will be \$1,500.00 Revenue Sharing money remaining if the Town appropriates the \$42,500.00, a second article requesting the remainder of the money plus the expected interest which will accrue while waiting for the bridge to be build in four or five years, to be used toward a sander for the Highway Dept.

Janice Boatright asked what a Bailey Bridge was. Selectmen explained the construction of the Bailey bridge and the benefit of having the bridge and road remain open while waiting for the bridge to be built.

Janice also asked how often Loveren Mill bridge had been condemned. This

bridge was first condemned ten years ago.

The new bridge will be placed on the same site as the present one. The State is looking into required easements. When the new bridge is constructed, a good portion of the dip will be taken out of the road which will make the approach to and from the bridge a much safer.

The cost of the new bridge will be about \$350,000, Town cost 10%, plus the cost of the Bailey bridge.

The second request for Revenue Sharing will be to use the remaining \$1,500.00 plus anticipated interest up to \$3,350 total to be used toward the purchase of a sander for the Highway Department. \$6,850 to come out of the Highway Capital Reserve fund to cover the balance of the sander. The quoted cost of the sander is \$10,200. Bob Varnum pointed out this quote can not be expected to remain the same eight months from now.

Janice Boatright asked the condition of Liberty Farm Bridge as Loveren Mill Bridge services three families now while Liberty Farm three times that. Keith Boatright read the State Bridge report and found although repairs may be required, the bridge has another life expectancy of ten years. Keith also mentioned Bailey bridges can be used for many years without problems. Some of the bridges in town date back to the early 1800 and have load limits of three ton placed on them. Many of the smaller bridges can be replaced with culverts, the larger bridges and those in flood areas and places where there is a large buildup of ice in the Spring must be replaced with bridges to insure safety.

A question as to the allocation of the Revenue Sharing if the Town does not vote in the two articles to use, the money was raised. Lloyd Henderson pointed out if the warrant articles do not pass, a special meeting will have to be called. Since loss of revenue to the Town would result without the special meeting, he felt the court would grant permission for the special meeting. A special meeting would cost in the neighborhood of \$600.

The Revenue Sharing meeting adjourned, Selectmen continued with the regular duties of the Selectmen's meeting.

Janice Boatright and Mark Tenney requested a time be set for them to bring the Selectmen up to date on school negotiations. Talk of two middle schools and other budget expenses will be discussed. March 2 at 10:00 was set as a meeting time.

Mr. McKinley is looking to add two apartments in his building to house two people who are develop mentally disabled, and staff to care for them. Since Antrim zoning allows two dwellings per house site, two added apartments would not be allowed. Lloyd asked if there would be any federal funds involved or if the apartment complex would come under the same guidelines as the Monadnock Workshop. If either pertains, the apartments would be exempt from Town zoning regulations. Mr. McKinley pointed out it would be a business. He wishes to put his property to the best use he can. Mr. McKinley offered to reduce the request to one apartment and a shop for crafts if this would comply with zoning. Lloyd Henderson will check into the possibility of his having the two apartments since occupants would be classed as develop mentally disabled. Mr. McKinley mentioned the trailer on his property and wants to have it removed

when he gains income from the remainder of his building. He is presently receiving \$350 a month rental for the trailer.

Lloyd has heard an illegal trailer park may be going in the same area as Mr. McKinleys property. Mention of several trailers in this area has lead to another owner think of the trailer park.

A building permit for Mr. Zappolie on Salmon Brook Rd. has been approved.

Lloyd Henderson requested executive session to talk over the meeting between Tim Emperor and his attorney.

Selectmen voted to go into executive session.

No decisions from executive session.

Secretary left 10:10

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