

SELECTMEN'S MEETING, Monday, March 16, 1987

Present John Jones, Chairman, Keith A. Boatright, Rachel Reinstein, Bob Varnum Road Agent, Chris Joseph, Police Chief, Laurie Boatright, UNH Student, Jackie, Ledger reporter and Elizabeth Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bob Flanders, Town Moderator, presented a list of members he has appointed to a committee to study the feasibility of employing an Administrative Assistant or Town Manager.

Georgie A. Thomas was sworn in as Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Chris Joseph, asked if Selectmen have reviewed the Policy and Procedures for the police department. Due to Town Meeting, they have not had time but hope to study them shortly. Chris would like to see them adopted as soon as possible.

Selectmen approved of a letter from Chris Joseph to Arthur Holt as property owner of property which is occupied by the John Grant family.

John Jones asked that police check the Dan Grant property to see if improvements have been made. Keith Boatright asked when Selectmen will deal with the mobile home on Mr. Rymes' property. No decision at this time.

Keith Boatright presented the wage scale for the Police Department and the Highway Department for signatures of selectmen. Mr. Boatright has agreed to draw up job descriptions for the Highway and Police Dept. Mr. Boatright informed Secretary, the office wage scale and job description will have to be drawn up by the other two selectmen.

It was explained that when the cost of living in any one year is 3% or more or 3% accumulated over the years, a cost of living raise equal to the % of the increase in the cost of living, pay scale will be raised across the board.

All present highway employees will show an anniversary date of April 1. Bob Varnum will reflect two (2) years service on the scale, while the other three members of the highway department will reflect eight (8) years service on the scale.

The Police Department will show anniversary dates as of date of hire.

All pay increases, except for cost of living, will be at even years on the scale.

Bob Varnum received the final price on the sander. It is down to \$9,740. A savings of over \$400. The grader will be ready in three to six weeks.

Harvey Goodwin was in touch with Bob Varnum and suggested the Town may save some money on the Loveren Mill Bridge if the road-crew hauls in the fill. Bob will check if his crew would be free at the time expected for the fill to be hauled.

A suggestion was received from Hank Cutter to place the bridge in a location taking advantage of the ledge in the river bottom.

Bob Varnum has changed his road improvement plans due to the increase in the funds at town meeting. He will do West St. to Jamison Ave. Since the Sewer and Water did not allow funds in their budget, they will not have the money to do the upper half of the road. Bob will not ~~do~~ replace that section of the road until the S. & W. replace their lines.

Bob hopes to do one and a half mile of Old Pound Road.

Mr. Craig has spoken to land owners who live along his road. They want the road turned back to dirt. Bob believes once they are turned back to gravel, pounded down he can seal them and have a decent road. It will be the cheapest and best way to repair the road. Two mile of road should be replaced if he turns it back to dirt. John Jones would like Bob to secure the signature of

Many people have requested their roads be turned back to gravel. The lower section of West St. will be resurfaced this year. West St. from the ball field down being resurfaced will cure the problem on that road. Road crew will be screening 1000 yards of sand this year.

Dave Penny, spoke of the Library insurance policy being up for renewal this month. He has looked into the cost factor checking with both Keating and Bellows Nichols Insurance Companies. With the proposed work on the Library parking lot, it was agreed to leave the coverage with the present limit. Selectmen agreed to leave this in Dave's capable hands. Being in the insurance business they asked if they should research all policies of the Town. It was agreed this is a good approach to keeping up the coverage for the Town. Once coverage rates are received from the Municipal Association it may be best to combine the Library with the remainder of the Town Buildings but for the present, it is to remain under its' present coverage.

Roger McKinley checked to see what the status of his building permit was. John Jones asked what the possibility of Mr. McKinley requesting a tax abatement or agreed upon tax in lieu of taxes on his property since he is working for a company receiving federal funds. Mr. McKinley did not see this as happening since his property is owned by himself and he is not operating a nonprofit business. Selectmen agreed to grant his permit for the two additional apartments on the condition that should he sell the property, the two apartments would be removed. Mr. McKinley agreed should he sell the property in the future, he would remove the two lower apartments leaving the building with the two apartments which he and his parents occupy on the second floor. Another condition on approval of the building permit was that septic approval must be obtained for the additional apartments. Mr. McKinley saw no problem with obtaining the septic approval and agreed that any work he has contracted to do before securing the approval will be at his own risk.

Rachel Reinstein called Lloyd Henderson to be sure the Selectmen can grant Mr. McKinley's permit with the stipulations of septic approval and removal of the two apartments if and when he sold the property. Lloyd found no problem with this.

John Jones will get into Eric Tenney's CUV assessment tomorrow.

Although ownership on the two properties on Rte 9 has not been established, Keith Boatright voted to abate the 1986 taxes and refund the PSB Leasing Co. for the first half of 1986. Rachel Reinstein and John Jones agreed to motion. A letter will be sent to PSB Leasing Co. informing them of this decision.

Secretary requested authorization to pay all approved warrant articles in place of waiting for requests from different organizations. Waiting resulted in one payment not being sent during 1986. The possibility of this happening again will be eliminated by sending the money out at one time. Permission granted.

Secretary also requested authorization to follow up on EPA audit. A call will be placed to engineer who worked on the project to gain assistance in composing a letter in defense of payments resulting in money being set aside by EPA auditors. Permission was granted.

Approval of warrant article regarding the Bridge aid and Water project to be sent to authorized agents.

The Don Knapton deeds are to be researched. His deed to the Town is to be mailed back to Mr. Knapton with notation to the effect the deed has not been accepted as presented. Subject to further negotiations.

United Appraisal is to be notified to do the pickups for the Town. A written appraisal on the Rymes property is to be requested. Appraiser will have to set a time to meet with Mr. Rymes to go through his property.

Selectmen will request the zoning inspector to check the Charles Whitney property on Whitney Rd.

A State Plumbing inspector went past the Lowe property and Mr. & Mrs. Lowe were told they would require a registered plumber. Selectmen question why the Hemas and the Lowe property were checked by the State inspector when so many new building are going up without any questions being asked of builders. No inspector would just be passing the properties in question especially the Lowe property since it is out of the way.

Meeting adjourned 9:50

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