Selectmen's Meetine, Monday, February 22, 1988

Present: John J. Jones, Chairman, Rachel C. Reinstein and Edwin F. Rowehl.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

A budget hearing was held at this time, attended by Carter Proctor, Bob Varnum, Chris Joseph, and Jackie Cottle.

Selectmen gave an explaination on all increased budget proposals. ie . Town Office expense show an increase due to a fifty-two week budget for the part time help as well as salary increase. Legal expenses have raised the budget of the Planning Board and BOA, as well as the line item for Legal Expenses. Police Dept. increase due to salary increase and proposed computer. Upon checking to compare cost of adding terminals to the existing computer, it was found to be much less expensive to purchase a compatable computer for the Police office. The Highway budget also reflects increased salary expenses. the end of 1987, it was determined the road crew required another man on the department. Solid Waste Disposal, as well as the Library show an increase requested by Departments. Although the Debt Service shows a decrease in the principal payments, there is an increase in the interest payments. This increase is due to the first payment on the water tank approve last year. Insurance has increased due to a change to the Municipal Insurance which requires an eighteen month payment the first; year in order to bring the Town in line with their billing system.

The Tax Lien Procedure was explained by Mary R. Hammond, tax collector.

The regular Selectmen's meeting continued.

Minutes of last weeks meeting was corrected due to a minunderstood statement. Approved after deletion of one paragraph.

Two building permits were signed for Mr. Foley on Beaver  $\frac{Pan}{cac}$  Rd.

Selectmen voted to accept the proposal from Tudor Insurance for 1M coverage for Public Officials.

Estimates are to be secured for repairs to the rear stairs of the Town Hall.

Rachel-Reinstein moved to hire Steve Allen for appraisals this year. 2nd by Edwin Rowell approved by John Jones.

Jackie asked if there would be a warrant article requesting funds for Camp Sachem. (Possible at a Special Town Meeting, but not on the present Warrant.)

Meeting adjourned 9:30