

Selectmen's Monday, Meeting, Feb. 26, ~~1989~~-1990

Present: Rachel Reinstein, Chairman, Edwin Rowehl, Bill Suydam, Phil Dwight, Treasurer, Dave Clukay, Auditor, Madeleine Henley, AA., Don Phelps, Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

First on the agenda: An error on valuation was reported on the MS I. (The land gross value was used in place of the net value after land under CUV was subtracted). This overvaluation of land resulted in the tax rate being set lower than it should have been. The tax revenue shortfall was estimated as \$136,333. However only about \$55,000 to \$60,000 total shortfall of revenue. After consulting with the DRA for a solution as to how to correct for the error, and learning that a second tax bill is not allowed ways to adjust for the shortfall were discussed. When the 1990 tax rate is set, the overlay will be increased to cover the shortage. The selectmen also discussed talking to Bart Mayer as to his interpretation on the law governing additional tax bills. By not taking in enough taxes, it will leave the town with a deficiency in revenue. In addition to this shortfall, Hawthorne College owing over \$400,000 makes the town's financial condition in poor shape.

The poor software on the assessment package was discussed as it it is a problem getting the reports required for the assessment of the town.

Rachel and Ed read the minutes of Feb. 12th. Ed moved to approve the minutes as written, second Rachel. So moved.

Two intent to cuts were approved. One for property belonging to W. D. Elliott and one for Mark C. Collier.

Selectmen were asked how they want to do pay raises for those whose anniversaries which fell in Jan. and Feb. and asked when they would like to do evaluations. The Police chief's anniversary was in Feb. and secretaries was in Jan.

Steve Allen will be called to do the pickups starting the end of March.

Chris Joseph, Police Chief, met to go over his report. New monthly stats. Chris has hired a temp. for about 15 hours to do catch up work at the Police Office.

Rachel moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Second, Ed Rowehl and Bill Suydam So moved.

Meeting resumed. No information from executive session.

Meeting adjourned 9:30

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