

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, September 23, 1991

Present: Edwin Rowehl, Chairman, Phil Dwight, Dave Boule' and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:30.

Dave moved approval of the minutes of Sept. 16. Second Phil. All in favor. So moved.

Bob Varnum, Road Agent and Brian Brown, Police Chief, discussed the purchase of bulk gas. Mr. Rymes has offered a key system, (which he had planned to use but decided to use the credit card system instead), to the Town. This system will enable both the police and the highway department to use the same tank at the Town Barn and charge the correct department for its use. Brian has agreed to speak to Mr. Rymes to see what it will cost for a 2,000 gallon tank and pumps using the two 500 gallon tanks and pumps as a trade in.

By purchasing the gas in bulk, the federal and state tax will be deducted in advance eliminating the need to calculate the number of gallons used per department and sending for the tax refund. If the gas is purchased from Rymes Heating Oil the cost will be .06 cents over the rack price. In the event there is a problem with deliveries, or the tank runs out the departments will have the option of picking up gas from the State tanks.

Phil moved to authorize Bob and Brian to purchase a 2,000 gallon tank and pump, using the two 500 gallon tanks and pumps as a trade and up to \$500 in cash and to accept the donation of the key system from Mr. Rymes. Second Dave. All in favor. So moved.

Phil moved a rate of \$23 per officer and \$5 for administration and benefits for officers while working on special duty. Second Dave. All in favor. So moved. Police officers are required for many functions such as dances, traffic control, (not the daily control of traffic, but when Public Service, Phone Company, and construction companies require assistance while working in an way which disturbs the flow of traffic), etc.. The organization or company requiring the police coverage is billed for the added service.

Selectmen discussed an officer participating in the Police Academy for ten weeks. The Town would receive \$4,200 for his ten weeks service. The Town would pay his regular salary plus benefits. The special officer would work a shift at a cost of \$3,200 for the ten weeks. No decision was made at this time.

Selectmen met with Helene Wardman and Lyford Mellow for the Swiftwater Council. Council representatives had met with the Planning Board and wanted to keep the Selectmen posted as to their progress. Meetings will also be scheduled with the Fire Chief and Conservation Commission.

They hope to sign the final papers for the purchase of the camp in October. Ms. Wardman wanted information as to when the property would be considered tax exempt. Phil pointed out the camp has to be operational and in use as a camp, (not a token use), by April 1 of a given year in order to qualify as tax exempt property in that year. Since the septic and water require major changes, it is unlikely the property will qualify for the tax year of 1992.

Plans are to use the present entrance to the camp as an emergency egress and open a new entrance at the far end of Brimstone Corner where the road is still Class V.

Although the camp will qualify as a tax exempt property when it is up and running, Mr. Merrow expects the Swiftwater Council to pay some taxes to the Town. They are aware of the Town services which will be utilized by the camp. (Roads, police, fire).

The camp plans to replace the docks for row boats, canoes and sail boats. One small powered motor boat will be used for emergency only. They do not plan to have high powered boats on the lake.

Phil moved to appoint Richard Block and Harry Page to the Water Protection Committee. Second Dave. All in favor. So moved.

Selectmen reviewed the final closure reports on the landfill. The Antrim landfill committee met last week to discuss closure and transfer stations. They will research what is the best way for the Town to go when the landfill is closed. One area they are looking into is if it would be best for Antrim to have its own transfer station.

Unanimous decision not to have the zoning inspector attend the National Certification Program this November.

Dave moved to adjourn at 10:00. Second Phil. All in favor. So moved.