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Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, January 27, 1991

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Phil moved to accept the minutes of January 20 as written. Second, Dave. All in favor. So moved.

Mike Beauchamp, Fire Chief and Barry Frosch reviewed applications for the fire department. They try to keep the number of men on the department to fifteen at company II and twenty-five at company I. Fire Chief and Selectmen approved the hiring of Mr. Nichols, who had been a member in good standing on the Antrim Fire Dept. for several years. They also approved the hiring of Mr. Chambers, Mr. Belrose and Mr. Copley.

Mike and Barry explained the difficulty of having assigned drivers for the vehicles. When a call comes in, the importance in getting a truck to the scene in a timely fashion is of utmost importance. Once on the scene, there are assigned operators who take over. No one is allowed to drive a truck without first having approval from the Fire Chief.

Selectmen discussed the proposed warrant requesting a new truck this year. Firemen believe it is necessary to purchase one this year. The vehicle which will be replaced still is used and has answered most calls this year. The firemen hope to retire the reel truck in two more years, and the new truck will basically take over for not only the old pumper but the reel truck.

Bob Bethel joined the meeting at this time. It was pointed out there was no trade value in the old pumper. Bob believes if the new truck is not approved, the old one will have to be used sparingly.

Selectmen discussed the possible need to increase the capital reserve fund for the fire truck. In this way when there is a need to purchase a truck, no money will have to come from tax dollars that year as the funds would be in a capital reserve fund. No decision made at this time.

Dave Cutter met to discuss the possibility of the Town taking over the road into the Post Office. Since the road is not completed at this time, the request was premature.

Phil moved to release the executive minutes regarding a tax abatement Wednesday morning. Second Dave. All in favor. So moved.

Pat Beers, Pat Webber and Debbie Eldridge, from the Parks and Recreation department reviewed their budget. The Selectmen

pointed out the need to keep the budget as low as possible. It was requested they keep within \$14,000 for the year if approved at Town Meeting.

Parks and Recreation will be presenting a warrant for repairs to the tennis court. They are waiting for more figures before turning in the warrant.

It was pointed out at this time to be aware that any group such as basketball, softball teams etc. must be under the direct control of the park department in order to be covered under the Town liability insurance. It is questionable if the Friends of the Parks and Recreation will be covered under the Town insurance. It is important they be made aware of this and secure their own insurance.

The Park Department will make a list of all activities which is under the Town Park and Recreation Committee thereby eliminating any questions that may arise in the future.

The Selectmen suggested the Parks and Recreation Department seek volunteers to do some of the work involved in the department. One area where a volunteer would be of assistance is mowing the fields.

Mrs. Harriman, Mr. Alvin, and Mr. Winslow, Trustees of the Library reviewed their proposed budget. It was agreed they would withdraw the request for a page for the library and in the event the budget had to be reduced, they would trade off the added hours for the library assistant for two windows. With the increase in use at the library, the added hours are almost a must.

The Selectmen suggested the Library try to revive the Friends of the Library and obtain assistance to help in the library with the additional work load due to the added use of the library.

Phil moved to appoint Bob and either Mr. Woodworth or Mr. Shaw to monitor the dam at Gregg Lake. Second Dave. All in favor. So moved. (This will fulfill the requirements set forth in the emergency action plan.)

Brian Brown, Police Chief, discussed the PD budget. Several resumes for a special officer were reviewed. Appointments will be set to interview for the position.

Brian spoke of the parking problem on Main St. Persons employed at the Girls shelter are not parking in the rear of the shelter but rather on the street or in the parking lot across from the library. When they park on the street, persons wishing to go into the businesses on Main St. have no place to park and when they use the space in the parking lot, those living in the adjoining houses have no place to park. This is a problem since part of the parking lot belongs to the property owner.

Selectmen agreed to placing signs limiting the parking on Main St. to two hours during business hours. 7AM to 7PM. The girls shelter should use the parking lot behind the shelter which was set up for that purpose or use the parking in the rear of the Town Hall.

Meeting adjourned 10:30