

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, January 4, 1993

Present: Phil Dwight, Chairman, Dave Boule', Mike Oldershaw, and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Timber Tax Warrant was signed.

Selectmen discussed the possibility of a janitor for five hours to keep the gym cleaned and in repair. Parks & Recreation have voiced a need for this position.

Mike moved to carry forward any remaining funds on the following Warrant items: Mill Pond , Hazardous Waste, Transfer Station, Immunization and the Loverns Mill Bridge account including all interest. Second, Dave. All in favor. So moved. Legal challenge, and balance of Microfilming to go back into the general fund.

A Warrant should be presented requesting any balance remaining in the Loverns Mill Bridge account after the State is paid, to be set aside in a trust to be used to do needed repairs to other bridges in Town. The Reserve to be set up allowing withdrawal of funds as needed.

Abatement requests were discussed. Many requests for abatements were received for the 1992 tax year. In reviewing the requests it became clear that the current assessments do not reflect the various rates of changes in property value that has occurred over the past eight years. Many discrepancies exist, enforcing the Selectmen's hope for approval of a revaluation in 1993.

Selectmen discussed the upcoming Budget Hearing on the 11th at 7:00 PM. No decision has been made on pay increases for the year 1993. Mike asked if increases had to be % or lump sum?

A question of the need for a Civil Defense line item or warrant in order to qualify for matching funds was discussed.

Appointments are to be set on Jan. 18th with Bob Varnum and Brian Brown to discuss their budgets.

8:00 Selectmen met with the Parks & Recreation at their meeting in the Little Town Hall. Present was Pat Beers, Jean Uebel, Pat Webber, Bob Holmes, Bob Bagleo and Pauline Dubrino of Friends of the Parks & Recreation.

Bob Bagloe spoke of the need for a coordinator to coordinate the volunteers and to over see the kids for twenty hours a week at a possible expense of \$5,200 to \$6,250 a year.

Jean spoke of the need for both the Parks & Recreation and the Friends of the Parks and Recreation to work together for the benefit of the children.

Parks & Recreation see the need for a custodian to see to the cleaning of the gym. The school is using the gym for two classes and week and has indicated to Parks & Recreation they will continue to pay for the heat and electric and will fix all tiles and fix the drafts on the doors. They have their custodian sweep and empty the trash twice a week. Selectmen have heard nothing from the School relative to change to the present lease. Use of the gym was of concern. Selectmen do not approve of businesses using the Town Gym as they are making money on Town property.

Antrim Gym is used by Dublin with authorization of Pat Beers. Selectmen question the use by other towns if it limits the use by Antrim children.

Pat Webber pointed out that Friends of Parks & Recreation had requested using the upper room of the gym. Now they find they can't handle the work and want a paid coordinator to oversee the programs or scheduling of the use of the facilities.

Bob Holmes suggested tabling the request for a paid person and set up a committee to see what is wanted and needed by both Parks & Recreation and Friends of Parks and Recreation. Once is determined just what is needed they will forward the information to the Selectmen and possibly take a warrant to the next Town Meeting.

Bob Holmes is concerned over issues being discussed between a few of the members and not being voted on by the committee as a whole. Selectmen left the meeting at 8:55 requesting copies of minutes of their meeting in order to be kept posted as to what the committee is doing.

Selectmen continued their regular meeting.

Eric Tenney, Ben Pratt and Bill Ruoff, Sewer and Water Commissioners, met with the Selectmen at 9:00 PM to discuss the road repairs to West St. S&W plan to run new lines below Jameson Ave. and reconnect by School St. The Commissioners see no problem with the old bridge but someone has to look to see where it drains and the maximum flow expected on a 50 year flood before making a decision on the size and location of a new culvert. If the Town does install a new culvert, the water line will be placed under the brook. (Presently it runs over the existing culvert.) It will be important to keep the Commissioners posted when work is scheduled in order for them to schedule their work. Selectmen will decide if an engineer will be contacted to make a decision as to what is required.

Meeting adjourned 9:30

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