

SELECTMEN'a meeting

February 14, 1980

The Selectmen met at 7:00 pm with the Town Hall Committee. The interim janitor, Steve Curtis, was discussed and it was agreed that his duties would be the same as if he were on regular duty. He will receive \$55 per week.

It was recommended that there be an article in the Warrant asking for \$5,000 for repairs to the Town Hall to accomplish the following repairs: winterize basement, exhaust fan in kitchen, refinish upper hall, crash bars ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ON ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ the back door.

The Selectmen (all three were present) met with Mr. <sup>ROBERT E</sup> ~~David~~ Perry, <sup>and</sup> regarding a Zwillinger subdivision lot of which he holds a monetary interest. Mr. Perry complained that there is lumbering activity on this land, of which he produced a map, and convinced the Selectmen that this is actually happening. They will look into the matter.

The Selectmen next met with the Finance Committee. They first met with Police Chief Ballou regarding his 1980 budget. He explained the reason for his overdraft in 1979 is more patrolling and ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ work on the Cruiser. He explained they had planned on going for a new cruiser since the present one is now five years old, but they felt ~~more~~ office space is more necessary. Chief Ballou projected that when the population of New Boston reaches 3000, <sup>he would recommend</sup> ~~the police force~~ <sup>a full time force</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. He also reported no plans of an increase in hourly rates. Patrolmen receive \$3.50 per hour while the Chief and Assistant Chief receive \$4.00 per hour.

A plan of the proposed office space was on display for the benefit of the Finance Committee and the Selectmen. Patrolman William Forest described plans to alter the existing small school-room which has been offered for their use by the School Board. An estimated cost for the complete plans was \$15,000. They plan to furnish the building with surplus property. Chief Ballou planned to include in his budget \$1,000 for one year maintenance of this building. He was asked if there would be any Federal Funding for this purpose and the reply was "No". Selectman Roland Sallada suggested the Police Chief obtain a letter from the

School District giving permission for the use of the building to the Police Dept. The Selectmen will then seek legal counsel in drawing up a contract for leasing the school building.

Chief Ballou said he would be willing to move into the building even without completing the full renovation.

The Finance Committee turned to discussion of the town purchasing a new fire truck. The question of insurance was raised. It was established that there is no law now that raises insurance rates after a fire truck is over 20 years <sup>old,</sup> <sup>oiling</sup>

Highway maintenance was next under discussion. On the subject of ~~taxing~~ gravel roads, Elliot Hersey wished to go on record as being opposed to oiling gravel roads.