

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

DEC. 19, 1983

Three Selectmen and secretary present.

The Selectmen met with town counsel, David Nixon, at 7:00 pm. Fire Chief, James Dodge, was present with John Bunting. First of all, Mr. Nixon brought the Selectmen up to date with the proceedings of the John ~~Maynard~~ Baskiewicz case. It is hoped that this case can be dismissed as being considered too frivolous for litigation.

The next subject for consideration was the case of the Fire Dept. having inspected the Molly Stark Tavern for fire hazard and have asked the owner, Louis Maynard, to make corrections, giving him to December 13 to comply. They report that he has made some corrections but refuses to paint the interior of the restaurant with fire-proof paint. Mr. Maynard would prefer an inspection by the State Fire Marshall and has agreed to abide with his regulations within 60 days. It was stated that the Fire Marshall will only enter at the request of the Selectmen. The Fire Marshall had agreed to do the inspection but only if Fire Chief, James Dodge, would sign the permit. Chief Dodge refused because it was not his inspection. Atty. Nixon has corresponded with Mr. Maynard's ~~xxx~~ attorney, Mr. Shapira, and suggested that the firemen try to settle this dispute amiably and hoped the Selectmen would explore all avenues for a reasonable settlement to prevent this case from going to court causing a big expense to the town. Sel. Olson asked what would happen if the Fire Chief signed a permit for the Fire Marshall's inspection and then a fire occurred at the Tavern. Mr. Nixon said under these circumstances, Mr. Maynard would be responsible for the negligence. In reference to the number of occupancy, the firemen said if the interior were painted with the special paint (\$50 a gallon) the occupancy figure could go to 102.

The firemen~~x~~ asked for Mr. Nixon for his professional ~~opinion~~ opinion. He suggested the Selectmen weigh all items and offer some compromise. The Selectmen asked Mr. Nixon to ask the Liquor Commission not to remove Mr. Maynard's license. Mr. Nixon suggested the firemen prepare a letter that he can deliver to Mr. Shapira offering the "bottom line" on the inspection.

At ~~8:30~~ 8:30 pm, the Selectmen met with Mary Dewey representative of the Jones Insurance Agency. She is preparing specifications for New Boston's insurance needs which will go out to bid. She feels we can get all our coverage for about \$14,000 per year. The coverage will be effective as of February 1, 1984. Once the bid has been awarded, the company will follow up with inspection of all policies before any payment is made.

James Dodge and John Bunting returned. They expressed displeasure with the advise offered from town counsel. They do not feel they can compromise in any of the items listed for the safety of the patrons at the Molly Stark Tavern.

A pistol permit renewal was extended to Merton Chancey.

Adjourned at 11:30 pm.

Due to the holidays falling on Sunday, there will be no Selectmen's Meetings December 26 or January 2, 1984.