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TOWN OF ASHLAND**

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Electric Department Maintenance



The Old Way



The New Way

Pictures, Courtesy of Charlie Flanders

1966



Dates To Remember

- January 1
Fiscal Year Begins
- March 7
Meeting - Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
At Town Office
- March 11
Meeting - Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
At Town Office
- March 13
Meeting - Supervisors of Checklist 7:00 - 9:00 P. M.
At Town Office
- March 14
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
- March 31
Motor Vehicle Registration expires
- April 1
All property both real and personal, assessed to owner
this date.
- April 15
Last day to file inventory to be eligible to make claim
to abatement. RSA 77:14
Last day for veterans to file for tax exemptions.
Last day for veterans to pay in full real and personal
taxes to be eligible for exemptions.
- May 1
Dog tax due. Licenses available from Town Clerk.
Bicycle plates due. Licenses available at Town Office
from Chief of Police.
- December 1
Unpaid real and personal taxes commence drawing in-
terest at 6% after this date.
- December 31
Fiscal Year Closes
- SELECTMEN'S MEETING: Tuesday evenings at 7:00 P. M.
at Town Office.

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**Bring This Report
to
Town Meeting
With You!**

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31

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Selectmen's Letter

1966

Dear Citizens of Ashland,

Each year at this time we have an opportunity to apprise you of the events of the past twelve months. We take this method for keeping you abreast of the current affairs of your town.

We are very proud that we now possess a complete bound set of Town Reports dating from 1861, when Ashland was still part of Holderness, to 1965. It is our sincerest desire to continue this project by having each five year series bound in book form. These volumes are available to anyone who desires to use them in the Town Office. They are stored in the wall safe located in the rear of the Town Office. Our appreciation to those citizens who so generously donated their rare copies to make possible a nine volume complete history of our town.

The above mentioned wall safe was given to the town by Lawson W. Glidden, to whom we convey our profound thanks.

It is required by law that the town maintain a fireproof room for safekeeping of all Town records. Since 1958, when the original town vault was razed to make room for additional fire truck space, in the station house, the town records were situated unprotected, at various places, throughout the town. It is the duty of the Selectmen to insure the safekeeping of the records, therefore, we instructed Mr. Elmer Marsh and Mr. Charlie Flanders to proceed with construction of a town vault at the rear of the Town Office Building. It is so placed that in the event of a fire, it will be easily accessible for a continual hosing by the Fire Department.

At last March meeting it was voted to extend the main on Thompson Street to the end of the street. This was installed in June at the cost of \$7,225.81. At the present time we have one additional service on that extension with the anticipation of one more in 1967.

1964 was the last year that the street markings have been painted. 1965 the gentlemen from Franklin who had

always painted the streets, notified us that he was ill, and would be late in doing it. Later we were notified that he was deceased. In April 1966 we made an agreement with the Nolan Co., of Waterbury, Conn., who were to do Meredith's streets, to do ours at the same time. Late in June the painting was started with a promise to complete the job after the 4th of July holiday. The job was never finished and payment was never rendered.

The State of N. H. requires that the Tax Collector will hold office hours at least four hours each month in the Town Office. By her request, permission was granted to use the Town Office the last Saturday of each month from nine to one.

By the authority invested in us by vote at the last Town Meeting, we proceeded to advertise and sell the so-called Saw Mill Dam on River St. This was sold in June to Miner's Marine Basin, Inc.; Boats Service, Inc., and Squam Boats, Inc. for the amount of \$5,000.00. This property actually was owned by the Electric Dept. but we felt it was expedient to credit the amount to the revenues of the town, to help reduce the tax rate for 1966.

This was a progressive year for the Electric Dept. as pictured on the cover of this report, the old way of replacing a mercury - vapor street light with a ladder and platform, and the new way with the new electric truck equipped with boom. This new addition to the Electric Dept. which was voted for at March meeting, was delivered in August.

The Willys Jeep has been retained for use by all departments. Due to the fact that when we offered it for bid, the highest bid being of a minimal sum, we deemed it desirable to utilize it for the town.

In keeping with our updating policy, this last year we added two new rates to our Electric services, a water heating rate and a space heating rate. The water heater rate consists of a minimum tank size of 40 gals. with two thermostatically controlled units which will not operate simultaneously, each with a rating of no more than 4500 watts. Both elements shall be connected by means of an approved circuit to a separate meter. The rate being the first 300 kilowatt hours at 2.0c and all additional at 1.5c. The space heating rate is available when electricity is the principal source of energy for comfort heating in a residence. Space heating equipment shall be connected to the main service meter and will be billed monthly on regular rate for the first 500 kilowatts and all additional at 2.0c.

Sewerage

At this writing, we have little to relate regarding our sewerage program except to say that the plans are near completion and are in the hands of the N. H. Water Pollution Commission for review and approval.

We would like to thank everyone for their cooperation given us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Norman C. Weden

Carl E. Crowley

Edward N. Doggett

Board of Selectmen

Town of Ashland