

Parishville And Hopkinton News And Notes

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While members of the Polar Bear

Hopkinton Board Organizes

HOPKINTON — The Hopkinton Town Board held its regular monthly and organizational meeting Jan. 14 at the town hall.

Present were Supervisor Francis Lyons; councilmen Rose Baldwin, Richard Eakins, James Tharrett, and Ernest Wood; Town Clerk Vickie French; Highway Superintendent Hubert Boulds; Assessor Michael Grow; and Historian Sarah Powers.

The minutes of the December meeting and the financial report for the month were approved. The budget report was accepted.

Annual reports were given by the justices, town clerk, historian, and librarian.

Various committee reports were given. Councilman Wood reported that considerable work has to be done at the health center in Winthrop to bring it up to state building and fire codes. Plans include adding emergency lights, fire extinguishers, a new exit, and repair of steps to include a new ramp.

The following appointments were made by the supervisor: Rose Baldwin, deputy supervisor; John H. Miller, deputy assessor; and Sarah Powers, town historian.

The following appointments were made by the town clerk: Nancy Eakins, deputy town clerk and deputy registrar; and Molly and Greg Caron and Judy Peck, deputy conservation license issuing agents.

The following appointments were made by the council: Homer

Club jumped into the icy waters of Henderson Harbor we took a walk in three foot deep snow to the camp

Jessmer, constable; Peter Lekki, attorney; Lawrence Powers, voting machine custodian; Francis Lyon, representative to the association of towns; Richard Compo, town hall custodian; Susan Badenhansen, M.D., health officer; Leo Laggue, sanitary landfill employee; Hartson's Rubbish Removal, garbage pickup; Floyd Rockwood, dog warden; Ira Miller, five-year term to grievance board of review; Donald Tebo, fire and building code enforcement officer; and Pauline Russell, agent for Northern Insurance Agency as town insurance company.

Appointed to the town Planning Board were Eugene Miller, one year; James McGraw, two years; Donald Bray, four years; and Canter Ammon, five years.

The dates and time of council meeting was set for the third Monday of each month at 8 p.m., except for January and February, when the meetings will be held the second Monday.

The hours for the sanitary landfill were set for 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays.

The wages and conditions include adding the fees for town hall use the same as for 1984; setting compensation for use of private cars at 20 cents a mile; town officials will be reimbursed for attending meetings with prior board approval; no town employee is to be hired or fired without approval of the supervisor or the council; worksheets will be maintained daily on each town-owned vehicle, including parts, labor, and gasoline.

to see if there had been much snow damage. If the snow lays on the deck too long it could loosen the bolts and also cause rotting on the sides of the camp itself. The snow, however, was so light that it hadn't even fallen off the steep roof. What a sight that snow was!

The dog tunneled four or five feet at a time and the only thing showing was her back above the flying snow. The gray beech trees stood out against the stark white and held long spears of snow on their branches. The low hanging branches of the hemlock didn't deter us as we rode in the open jeep through them, although the flying snow was cold on the face.

As Bill Alexander, oil painter, who's seen on WNPE-WNPI TV, says when looking at a finished painting, you laugh and giggle when you finish just to see you have painted with your heart. Well, that's just how I feel after a walk in the woods. It brings a sense of serenity to see the beauty of nature in such abundance.

Last week a large icicle which was surrounding a wire on the front of our house, let go from the eaves and tipped over. It still clings to the wire but now about ten feet from its start. When the wind is high it spins around and around like a helicopter and when it comes to rest the point sticks up toward the sky as that end is lighter. Nature does some pretty neat things.

Sheila Richardson, a 1984 graduate of Parishville-Hopkinton Central School left Parishville after a five week Christmas holiday to return to Brockport College. She made it as far as her brother Kevin's house in Syracuse and was stranded there from Saturday to Wednesday. From exit 47 in Syracuse to Rochester Route 90 was closed. Sheila is a physical education major at Brockport.

Leon and Penny LeBeau drove their daughter to Utica where she is attending college and they drove home in the worst whiteout they had ever seen. According to Penny, there were times when she had to look out her window to see if she could see the sides of the road. The one thing that helped guide them home was by following a big milk truck and getting glimpses of the long row of lights on the top of the tanker.

Those with a sweet tooth may have noticed last week that there were no Hostess cakes on the shelves. According to a representative from the Wonderbread company all the cake is baked in Buffalo and there was no way they could get through. Route 90 was closed.

But students in the North Country went to school every day and they all took their Regents exams last week. This was not the case in the towns off the Great Lakes where the water isn't frozen and the warm air rising off the water makes snow and then the wind brings it to the corresponding towns. We just happen to be above that snowbelt.

The staff at the Parishville-Hopkinton Central School is involved with the "Take Off Those Extra Pounds You Put On At Christmas Vacation Extra Aganza." Under the direction of George Cox the participants weigh in every Thursday morning in Jane Snell's office. Smells of homemade rolls and cherry crisp came rolling through the school last week and the cooks, especially, tried not to lose control and eat everything in sight. I guess they made it through two weeks of the 10 week trials by losing a total of five pounds. This isn't bad as there are only four people involved and the temptation is so great.

The river flowing through the gorge in Parishville is back to its normal height and the only remains from last month's flood are the icicles which still hang from the top of the rocks. A massive tree that was caught under the bridge in the main part of town is now lying on the bank of the river, 20 feet

above the water. How it ever made it over the dam, I don't know. Incredible ice chunks covered with a foot of snow are attached to the rocks in crazy quilt patterns as far down river as you can see.

Anyone with news for next week's column please call Helen Condon at 265-2482 by Feb. 1.

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