

# Selectmen approve hiring of town building inspector

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WORTHINGTON — The Board of Selectmen voted last night to hire a building inspector. Applications will be accepted at the Town Office until Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.

The building inspector will be responsible for enforcing the state building code and local zoning bylaws, for inspecting public buildings and for issuing permits. Applicants must have five years experience in building, construction or supervision or a four-year degree in a related field.

Selectman John Ryder said that enforcement of the state building code will offer protection to the homeowner and benefit the town.

There is a possibility that Cumington and Worthington will hire a building inspector jointly, but details have not yet been worked out.

Joan Donovan will be acting town clerk until Jan. 14. Requests for services that the town clerk usually offers should be

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routed through the town office, where Ronald Kievett will give assistance.

The selectmen discussed the publishing of the annual town report. They decided that the Jan. 17 warrant would be the cut-off date for paying bills contracted in 1974. The financial part of the report will include all of 1974.

## Skating Rink

John and Keith Modestow asked why the skating rink had not been set up at the Corners. Ryder and C. Kenneth Osgood stated that the project had never been successful because the ice melted and the water ran out. Ryder added that the plastic which had been used in previous years as an underliner is expensive and cannot be reused.

The selectmen gave Keith Modestow permission to organize a group of friends to plow the snow from the common at the Corners and to spray water over the area for a skating area.

Ryder stated that he would contact Robert Broderick about

spraying water over the skating area near the fire station in an attempt to smooth the ice.

John Modestow asked if the selectmen were planning on proposing that a fence be erected at the Center Cemetery. David Tyler said that feelings are mixed: some want a fence, others do not. If a fence is put up, it should be appropriate in appearance and would probably have to be done gradually or at least paid for gradually.

Kievett suggested that the town set a policy of replacing trees that have been cut down. Tyler commented that new trees would have to be placed further from the road than at present and that a conservation easement would have to be obtained.

## County Planning Boost

Osgood reported on a meeting of the County Advisory Board on Jan. 4. He commented that he feels County Planner Richard Gaffney is very valuable and that he (Osgood) wants to continue to have a county planner as part of county services. Osgood made his remarks in reporting that cuts in the county planning budget had been suggested.

The selectmen discussed the posting of weight limits on bridges. The town must set the weight limits and may have to hire an engineer to do the job. Once the limits are set, the state will provide the signs for posting.

Richard Mullane inquired about the procedure for changing the use of a building from that of dwelling to retail store and was informed that he would first need the approval of the zoning board of appeals and then the structure would have to conform to state building code requirements for a retail store.