

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, November 22, 1993

Present: Phil Dwight, Chairman, Dave Boule', Tom Davis and Betty Shaw, Secretary.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Selectmen reviewed the proposed Highway budget with the road agent, Bob Varnum. It may be possible to reduce the cost of gravel if they can pull gravel from the landfill. Bob hopes for no major breakdowns but is concerned over the grader. Bob tried to project when he will need replacements for vehicles and equipment. He hopes to replace one of the sanders in 1994 and the other 1995. By 1995 the backhoe should be replaced. The backhoe is used a great deal to dig stones, culverts, load sand etc. The old one ton is doing good. Unfortunately the second newest vehicle may need replacing before long as the floor has rusted out and had to be repaired. It is possible to have a new cab put on in place of purchasing a new vehicle. With the type of use the vehicles are put to, they need replacing or repairing on a regular basis. Summer St. and Jameson Ave. are scheduled for road improvement next year. Bob will get figures within the next month. In an effort to reduce the proposed budget, a suggestion was made to use less salt and not plow as often. Bob objected to reducing the budget on items necessary for road safety. He asked that other supply items in his budget be cut first.

Bob will check the Gregoire road to see if suggested improvements have been made.

Selectmen remind Bob of the need for all Town Employees to use their seat belts at all times.

Brian Brown, Police Chief, met to review his proposed budget. Brian explained the request for \$2,000 for a new computer. He would like to have two stations and upgrade the system to allow for new software which is now available for reporting accidents. Phil mentioned the need to upgrade the office system and it may be possible to have the PD use the present office computer which is large enough for any programs the PD may require. Other equipment was discussed such as the new radios which are working fine. The video is used at accident scenes and civil disputes. Brian has received the State bids on cruisers. Selectmen asked what the chances were of stretching out the use of the cruiser for another year. There is 105,000 miles on the cruiser now and by the time a new one would come in, about June, there would be another 15,000 miles on it. The present one runs fine. The department looks to change cruisers every two years resulting in cruisers being four years old when replaced. Brian mentioned a grant program for a new radar. It would cost the Town about \$1,000 and be matched by the State. Brian also put in for a new typewriter.

The police are still having problems with run-aways from the Lutheran Services Home. Brian will be meeting with someone from the State and Lutheran Services on Dec. 2 to see if they will come up with a solution. Tom will attend the meeting with Brian.

There was some discussion on closing the playground at dark due to the vandalism which has taken place.

Brian asked that his sewer lien be abated. This is an outstanding bill from his former wife. The water bill was abated by the Sewer & Water Commissioners leaving a lien for the sewer on the property. Dave moved to abate the \$123.39 plus any additional interest. Second Phil. All in favor. So moved.

Selectmen reminded Brian that all officers are to use seat belts. The Gregg Lake Road and increase in traffic which is expected when the scouts open up the camp was discussed. Selectmen are concerned about the possibility of school busses going up the road.

The State will also be funding 69 hours of DWI patrols which Brian will apply for.

Abatements due to errors as listed on agenda were signed. Intent to cut for the Walker property was signed as well as the yield tax warrant.

Meeting adjourned 9:10

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