

Selectmen's Meeting, Monday, September 27, 1994

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.

Bob Bethel and Dick Edmunds of the Fire Department met to discuss some concerns of the fire department.

1. The holding tank at the North Branch Station will be pumped and evaluated. Wall tiles will be installed if there is no problem with the present tank. If a leak exists in the tank, they will look into replacing the tank.
2. The furnace at the main fire station will be repaired by the 30th of October if Bob Bethel can get the two stage pump.
3. It is possible that all fire fighters will have to have complete physical costing anywhere from \$250 to \$300 per person. Selectmen requested paperwork to show what is required, when and by whom. A question was raised with no ready answer. ie. (If it is determined by a physical that a person should not be a fire fighter, can they be removed from the department?)

Phil reported there are about 40 men presently on the department making this requirement would be very costly to the town.

Dave moved to approve the hiring of Jeffrey Wright as a fireman. Second, Tom. All in favor. So moved.

Dave moved to accept the minutes of September 12 and 15 as submitted. Second, Tom. All in favor. So moved.

Phil approved the minutes of August 9th from the Library Trustees.

Abatement for land release tax on the Watterson property was signed.

The selectmen discussed the order to quit on the Cunningham property. A letter will be mailed allowing twenty days to remove personal property. Mr. Cunningham will have to contact a Selectman and they will accompany him to the property to remove his belongings.

Phil will draft a letter to Planning Board relative to the scouts.

Tom will attend the meeting of the landscaping committee on Wednesday, Oct. 5th.

Phil and Jim LaMothe will meet with legal advisor on the 4th of October to discuss welfare.

Information on preserving sculptures will be forwarded to the Historic Society and the Conservation Committee.

Selectmen discussed an agreement to purchase or lease a backhoe.

If Town Meeting doesn't approve the purchase of the backhoe, a rental fee of \$5,000 will be charged for the use of the vehicle. The company will allow \$3,000 trade in on the old vehicle which requires over \$5,500 in repairs.

The road agent will seal all the roads which have been repaired for the past few years and road side mowing will be contracted out. It will cost \$800 a day for two tractors to do seven miles of road, both sides. It will therefore take three days to complete over twenty mile of road work. This will be done sometime in October.

Dave has ordered some signs for the transfer station. Letters will be mailed to those people who have been reported as taking items from the swap shop which were not for their own personal use. Dave received a complaint from a taxpayer who left items at the swap shop only to find them for sale at a yard sale. The swap shop was set up to allow people to take or leave items of use to others and not to become inventory for a yard sale.

Meeting adjourned 8:10

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