Minutes of Selectmens Meeting September 23, 1996

Selectmen Present: Paula Clemente, Peter Moore and Carol Smith Also present were: Phil Dwight, Bob Varnum, Mike Beauchamp, Dick Edmunds and Bob Bethel.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M. with a discussion of various road issues with Bob Varnum.

1. The proposed Wood policy was reviewed and Bob indicated his reservations. After discussion it was agreed that more work would be done to simplify the proposed policy.

2. Bob indicated that he had done some work on White Birch Point Road, repairing the wash out and raking. He discussed the difficulties in changing the pitch of the road. It was agreed no further work would be done at this point.

3. Bob indicated the 1996 Paving program was completed. A brief discussion of the Elm Avenue portion was held and the need for "pack" at the road edge. Phil was asked to call one land owner to explain this.

4. Bob reported that he had attended a "de-icing" program two years ago. He agreed that if there is new material this year it would be worthwhile to go again. Phil will call to find out whether there is new material.

5. The new water problem on Contoocook Valley Avenue was discussed. It was agreed that the decision will be reached at the next meeting on how to handle this.

6. It was also agreed that a decision on salting on 2nd NH Turnpike will be made at the next meeting.

7. A brief discussion about the Road Paving program in 1997 ensued. Bob indicated that he would like to do the lower end of High Street and Elm Street. It was agreed that estimates from various firms would be sought to complete the paving program as outlined by the U.N.H survey. Bob also reported on the cost of a dust control program for 1997. It would run about \$375 per mile. This will be discussed when the 1997 budget is established.

At 7:15 P.M. Mike Beauchamp, Dick Edmunds and Bob Bethel joined the meeting. The Selectmen approved the appointment of Mr. Szehi to the fire department. They also approved the reappointment of the fire wardens.

The Selectmen voted unanimously to go into executive session per RSA 91-A:3, II. to discuss a personnel issue.

Back in open session at 7:50 P.M.

The Minutes of the September 9th meeting were approved.

Intents to Cut were approved in the names of: Hemas, McKinnon, Lane, Timpson and Quinn.

A yield tax for P. Dwight was signed.

The issue of construction debris at A.R.T.S. was discussed. Peter Moore will talk to Bill Lang about putting small amounts in the compactor. A fee schedule will be developed. Peter will also talk to Bill about the two applicants for the A.R.T.S. position. Interviews will be arranged.

The Selectmen received the "Hydrology and Hydraulic Report" re the Gregg Lake Road Bridge. Paula will review before a copy is sent to the State for their approval. The Selectmen also agreed to hold an informational hearing on the project on November 4th at 7:30 P.M.

All residents on Brimstone Corner Road will be notified.

Paula agreed to call Jim Cleary about the Bennington Selectmen's request for a meeting about the landfill agreement.

Phil reported:

- 1. That new BC/BS rates will be available Oct. 1st.
- 2. The Town Hall basement had been cleaned up thanks to Mark Cavic and the community service workers.
- 3. An excellent job was done by the workers from the Hillsborough County House of Correction in painting the Town Gym and the upstairs in Town Hall. The Selectmen asked that a letter be sent to the Superintendent.

Carol gave copies of a draft of a revision of the Town's Personnel Practices to all members. The Board will review this and discuss it at a later meeting.

The next meeting will be October 7th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.