

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
October 7, 1996

Selectmen Present: Paula Clemente, Peter Moore and Carol Smith
Also present were: Phil Dwight and Brian Brown

Brian Brown reviewed the status of the Police Department stating that the budget was on target and personnel were performing well. He noted the work being done by the individuals giving community service and some of the problems with finding work to be done and the time spent in Supervision. He indicated that street signs had been installed relative to the School Crossing on West Street. The Selectmen asked that if possible there be some police presence during, before and after school hours at the downtown School Crossings. Brian indicated they have been concentrating at the "outlying" bus stops, but they could switch to downtown.

Paula gave Brian a list of recommendations from Pat Maynard relative to Police coverage at the Rec. Center dances. Brian briefly reviewed the report, indicating that some of the requests were beyond the scope of the Police. He will review the report with Pat Maynard.

Intents to Cut were signed for R. Watterson (2) and Virginia Smith.

The Warrant for the Nov. 5th Election was signed.

The minutes of the Sept. 23rd and Sept. 30th meetings were approved.

Paula reported briefly on the tax hearing for Mr. Winston (N.E. Timber). A written finding will come in three to four weeks.

The letter from the Bennington Selectmen about the Landfill meeting on Oct. 15th was noted.

The proposed signs for the Library driveway were approved.

The receipt of the Wetlands Permit for dredging the fire pond was noted.

Phil reported that the furnace at the Town Barn was in bad shape and that Sam Harding indicated that it should be replaced at an estimated cost of \$2,000 to \$2,500. Phil was asked to get three bids.

The receipt of the new tax rate was noted and Phil reported on the components involved in the large reduction of the School rate.

Peter reported no decision had been reached on a new employee at A.R.T.S. Arvilla Lang will continue on a temporary basis.

The Selectmen authorized correcting assessment errors on Lot 96 Map 1C and Lot 61 Map 9 prior to running the 2nd half bills.

Peter reported that the Aiken Committee on Oct. 9th will discuss how they will deal with winterizing the building and other long range possibilities.

Barbara Elia's decision to cut back her hours was noted with regret. She would like to work from 9 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. effective in Jan. '97. The Selectmen agreed, subject to a final review, that due to the lack of activity in the afternoon, that the office will close at 2:30 except on Thursdays. The Town Clerk / Tax Collector's hours will not change.

The situation of salt/no salt on 2nd NH Turnpike was discussed and it was agreed to delay a decision until after the Salt Seminar on Oct. 9th to be attended by Paula and Bob Varnum.

The situation on Contoocook Valley Avenue was discussed and it was agreed to delay a decision until it was determined if there was a leak in the Water Main under the property above the road.

It was agreed to simplify the proposed "Wood Policy."

The formation of a Joint Loss Management Committee was discussed as required by RSA 281A. Brian Brown, William Willet and Barbara Elia were appointed by the Board to meet quarterly.

Phil was asked to draft a letter of thanks to individuals involved in Parks and Rec. Programs.

Paula submitted her resignation effective Oct. 31st as Selectmen as she had accepted a job offer which she felt would not give her enough time to devote to Selectmen's duties. It was accepted with regret. Peter and Carol agreed to appoint Michael Oldershaw to the vacant position.

Carol agreed to serve on the Conval Selectmens Advisory Committee in place of Paula.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.