

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
November 04, 1996

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Michael Oldershaw.

Also present were: Philip Dwight (briefly), Bob Varnum, Glenn Cook, Kennethe Cook, Roseanne Cook, Peter Lanman, Maurice Foster, Lyman Gilmore and Paul Reuss.

The meeting was called to order at 6 P.M.

Michael Oldershaw was sworn in.

Peter Moore was elected chairman with a motion from Michael Oldershaw and a second from Carol Smith.

The October 28th minutes were approved.

Phil reported that the Conval school vote cannot be decentralized until further legislation is in place. This was in reference to the letter from the "Conval Concerned Citizens".

The 1996 Wage, salary review has been received.

It was reported that Harbor Homes will come in for a site review. Parking is not seen as a problem; no family will stay overnight to oversee the location.

An Intent to Cut was signed for Hugh Giffin. Concerning the Brissette Intent to Cut, Phil will research to verify legality as the intent to cut comes from the new owner and the deed will not be transferred until January.

After reviewing the 1997 Health Insurance Rates it was decided to go with Option B. Additionally, Bill Gutgesell will stay on the indemnity plan, John Sizemore needs additional time to research, and the Water & Sewer Commissioners were unable to attend.

Phil reported that he, Bob Varnum and a representative from Whitcomb had reviewed the roads needing to be repaired. The bid from Whitcomb is in and more are coming from Pike and Brox. The bids include work to be done on the following roads: Water Street, Depot Street, High Street, Grove Street, Mescilbrook Road, Elm Street, Old Pound Road, Franklin Pierce Road, Smith Road and Elm Avenue.

In reference to the concerns voiced last week by residents of Contoocook Valley Avenue the following was discussed. Mrs. Lanmen wants all problems with her property to be discussed directly with her. Glenn, Kennethe and Roseanne Cook oppose additional water running down onto their property. It was reported that the fire hydrant is possibly leaking onto the

Lanman property. Phil will check with the Water & Sewer Department concerning the hydrant which could be bubbling. Mr. Foster previously dug a ditch on Paula Clemente's property diverting water. Her water leak generated gallons of water. Glenn stated that there was no water problem until the ditch was dug. Mr. Foster admitted to diverting water onto the road. Paula Clemente advised Mr. Foster to put all the water in one place and then there would be a hearing. Carol advised Mr. Foster that Paula did not have the authority to give him permission to divert water onto the road. Mr. Foster admitted that he knew that he was in violation of RSA 236:19 and that he did it anyway. Mr. Foster requested that the Town replace the tar "torn up" by Town equipment in front of his property. Mr. Lanman submitted a bill for his services. He requested an answer in writing from the board. The Selectmen advised that they would discuss and advise the land owners of the decision. The Selectmen will view the site Tuesday at 3 P.M. with Bob Varnum.

Bob agreed to supply Selectmen with a highlights report on a weekly basis.

The proposed Wood Policy was discussed. The Town of Bennington has a stump dump. Phil will check on whether we can bring pine there. The policy was discussed and one change was made. The final version is expected at the November 18th meeting. Bob reported that a tree on Smith Road up from Dr. Chandler's had been taken down as well as some on Old Hancock Road. The crew will remove the trees in right of way.

The new furnace is in the Town Barn. The used oil furnace should be moved. Phil will place an ad in the paper for bids on the used oil furnace. It was reported that the clutch is gone in the oldest Ford and the two sanders are on the trucks.

In reference to the Old Turnpike Road salting: there was no mention made of salt killing maple trees at the de-icing seminar. The new sign "No Salt Zone- Use Caution" will be posted at each end of the road. Bob suggested we only sand the entire road with no salt save for 75-100 feet off Route 202. This was agreed upon. Phil will send a letter outlining this to the survey respondents.

Bob was reminded that the stones near Memorial Park need to be removed. It has not yet been done due to a road cave-in.

The Board voted to go into Executive Session at 7:50 P.M.

The Board reconvened at 8:10 P.M. in open session.

Lyman Gilmore, speaking on behalf of the Library Trustees, explained a problem re: water flowing into the basement due to improper grading. Stu Gross and the Town do not have equipment to work in the small area. Ron Lapointe has smaller equipment and proposes installing corrugated pipe surrounded by crushed

stone to flow into drywall. Mike proposed we find a civil engineer in town to confirm that we are headed in the right direction. Peter will call Harvey Goodwin. Further discussion will then take place reference to how the repairs will be funded.

A discussion regarding the landfill study took place. The Selectmen agreed to go with the Dufresne Henry proposal with Bennington and Francestown.

Phil will reschedule an exit interview with Dan Bigda for any evening this week and advise the Selectmen of the date and time.

Budget worksheets will be distributed to department heads this week. The budget schedule is as follows:

11/25 General Government
12/02 Library & Fire Dept. & Transfer Station
12/09 Highway Dept. & Planning Board
12/16 → Police Dept. & ~~WPD Commissioners~~

Mike will be on vacation Dec. 27th through Jan. 2nd.
Peter will be on vacation Dec. 22nd through Dec. 28th.

As a first step to creating a snow/salt policy the Selectmen would like Bob to come into the next Selectmen's meeting to discuss de-icing policies and procedures.

Mr. Kowalski's request to use a metal detector on the Aiken property was discussed again. He has absolved the Town of any liabilities and maintains that no damage will be done to the property. After discussion the Selectmen decided not to set a precedence and refused Mr. Kowalski's request. Phil will notify Mr. Kowalski of the Boards decision in writing.

Parts of the preliminary framework of a personnel policy were discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Smith.