Minutes of Selectmen's Meeting and Informational Public Hearing on the Gregg Lake Bridge Replacement November 18, 1996

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

Also present were: Philip Dwight and Brian Brown

The meeting opened at 6 P.M. and upon the proper motion, voted to go into Executive Session to discuss the hiring of a new police officer. The meeting reconvened in open session at 6:45 and it was announced that the Board would interview four candidates at a meeting on Tuesday, November 26th.

At 7 P.M. the Selectmen opened the Public Meeting on the Gregg Lake Bridge (see list of attendees attached). Matt Severson from Bettigole, Andrews & Clark explained the plan for a one lane bridge with a four foot paved shoulder on the lake side and a one foot shoulder on the other. Some time was spent on how to keep children, who fish off the bridge, safe. Several options were discussed and will be explored both from a cost and effectiveness point of view. Another concern was for developing pull off areas before the bridge approaches at either end. This too will be explored. Some discussion ensued about the use of Craig Road during the construction phase and the Selectmen emphasized that the road and bridge would be upgraded next summer.

At the end of that meeting, at about 7:50 P.M., the Selectmen's meeting resumed.

The minutes of the November 4th meeting were approved.

After discussion by telephone with Library Trustee, Lyman Gilmore, the Selectmen approved a \$1200.00 expenditure to make the necessary changes to prevent rain water from running into the basement.

Intents to cut for Reis and Nichols were signed.

The selectmen did not approve a request to remove an inventory penalty.

The Wood Policy, with a draft of the necessary letter, was approved. Phil was asked to check on how this should be adopted as an ordinance.

The need for new ZBA members was discussed - several names were suggested and they will be asked if they would agree to serve.

A letter to Senator Ruben was signed asking that the necessary legislation be passed to permit voting in the local towns at the 2nd Session of the School District Meeting.

Phil reported on the status of collections of 1993 taxes. In one case he was asked to check with the Welfare Officer to see if the individual was getting all the assistance to which he was entitled.

The Selectmen agreed that effective January 1st the Selectmen's Office would close at 2:30 P.M. instead of at 4:30 P.M. - this is due to minimal activity during this time period and to the cut back in hours by Barbara Elia. The Tax Collectors/Town Clerks hours will remain unchanged.

The dates for Department Budget hearings were changed as follows:

- 11/25 Police
- 12/2 Fire, Library, A.R.T.S.
- 12/9 Highway Planning Board
- 12/16 General Government

The Selectmen asked that the Water & Sewer Department shut off the water to the Aiken House.

Phil was asked to refer the letter from ${\tt Mr.}$ Forster to the Town Attorney.

The Selectmen agreed to close the Town Office and other departments at Noon on Tuesday, December 24th.

The next meeting will be on Monday, November 25th. The Police budget will be reviewed at 6 P.M. A discussion of the Contocook Valley Avenue situation will be on the agenda at 7 P.M. In that connection, Phil was asked to arrange a mutually agreeable date for the Selectmen to review the problem with the Town's Attorney sometime before that.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight

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