

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
December 9, 1996

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

Others present were: Philip Dwight and Debra Thronblad

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

The minutes of the December 2nd meeting were approved as amended.

The following were approved and or signed:

- A) Application for Annual Sewer Grant
- B) Intent to Cut - Herne
- C) Abatements for Timpson (1996 Land & Tax Appeal
Decision) and Essex (Inventory Penalty assessed
in error.)
- D) Letter to Mr. Forster

The Board reviewed the letter from the D.R.A. relative to the
Town's C.O.D. for 1995. They agreed to wait until the 1996
C.O.D. was determined before deciding what, if any, action to
take.

It was decided to continue membership in N.R.R.A. for 1997.

The letter from the Leab's was reviewed and it was agreed that
the inventory penalty should be abated. However, it was felt
that the interest charge was proper.

The letter from the Noble's was reviewed and as it was unclear
when the inventory forms had been mailed and received, it was
agreed to abate the penalty.

As the School District had agreed to pay one-half of the cost of
new curtains for the gym, their installation was approved.

At 7:30 P.M. the Board adjourned to attend the meeting of the
Historical Society. The Selectmen's meeting reopened at 8:30
P.M.

The used oil furnace at the Town Barn was discussed. The Board
decided that if no one could be found to take it, it could be
discarded.

It was agreed that we should continue to wait for an answer from
D.E.S. from our letter last spring about the Great Brook Dam.

Carol gave a brief review of the Regional Selectmen's Meeting.

It was decided that there would not be any additional open hours
at A.R.T.S. during Christmas or New Year's week.

Phil was asked to try to get information on how to dispose of the barrels of old fuel at A.R.T.S.

Peter reported on his conversation with GEO insight about the status of the Goodell clean up. A conditional release from the State is in the process of being prepared.

Carol indicated she wished to attend the meeting on Welfare being sponsored by Upton, Sanders & Smith.

Phil noted that logging on Town Property around Campbell Pond was going out to bid on December 12th.

Only one application for the position of Gym Coordinator was received. An interview is scheduled for 6 P.M. on December 16th.

The budgets for the Highway Department, A.R.T.S., Planning Board & Building Inspector were reviewed briefly. Bob Varnum will come to the December 16th meeting to review his budget in detail. After discussion, it was agreed that the informational Public Hearing on the budget will be on January 13th at 7 P.M. Budget figures to use will be finalized by January 6th at the latest.

Phil indicated that, based on budgets already presented, he will have a full draft ready by December 15th for review on December 16th. The Selectmen will also meet at 6 P.M. on December 18th for further discussion of the budget.

Selectmen's meetings on December 23rd and 30th are still scheduled. Peter will be out of Town on the 23rd and Mike on the 30th.

At 9:00 P.M. the Board voted to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:20 P.M. No report of any decisions was made. The meeting then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.