

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting  
December 16, 1996

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

Others present were: Philip Dwight and briefly, Debra Thornblad, Peter Lanman, Kathy Burke and Susan Pearson.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

Susan Pearson was present to be interviewed for the position of Gym Coordinator. After a brief question and answer period the Selectmen approved her hiring to begin January 1st. Mike Oldershaw asked that the job description be updated.

At 6:15 Bob Varnum discussed the proposed Highway budget. There was discussion about the request to increase the Road Improvement budget from \$75,000 to \$150,000. The planned roads to work on include finishing the downtown area and a shim and overlay of the upgraded section of Gregg Lake Road. The budget estimates from Whitcomb and Pike were reviewed. Mike asked Bob to outline the work done by the Highway Department as opposed to the work done by the Contractor.

Bob indicated that his immediate equipment needs were for a York Rake (\$6,000) and a pressure water system (\$2,300). The amount needed for the highway capital reserve was discussed briefly. Bob and Phil will put together a rough plan.

The Budget for bridges was reviewed. Bob was asked to get an estimate for a precast concrete slab for Elm St.

On the requested amount for tree removal, Bob will get some estimates from various tree services.

Bob left at 7:40 and Kathy Burke presented a brief proposal from the Chairperson of Parks and Recreation. The Board asked that a more detailed budget be presented at a future date.

The Board approved the final design contract with Bettigole, Andrews and Clark for the Gregg Lake Bridge.

The carry over of all unspent funds from the Memorial Park Warrant Article was approved. At this point the unspent amount is \$4,111.

Phil reported that arrangements were being made to dispose of the used oil furnace and the used oil at the Town Barn and A.R.T.S.

Peter Lanman asked why the Selectmen has not responded to his "paperwork". Peter indicated he was not sure what was wanted and asked that Mr. Lanman, through the property owner, request in writing, the information that was wanted.

The Selectmen then reviewed the balance of the Budget figures as presented by Phil.

It was decided to increase the mileage reimbursement from 20 cents to 30 cents per mile.

The hour for the meeting on December 18th was moved up to 5:30 P.M.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.