

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
December 21, 1996

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Michael
Oldershaw

Also present was Philip Dwight.

The special meeting to complete the preliminary budget draft of
the 1997 budget began at 10 A.M.

The funding for the bridge repair was tentatively left at \$10,000
until more information was obtained about a pre-cast concrete
bridge (cost) and a replacement steel beam, with planks (weight
rating).

The tree removal budget was left at \$15,000. More bids will be
sought at the proper time.

A.R.T.S. budget was reviewed. New salary rates were suggested
with part dependent on certification.

It was decided to raise the question about providing a
construction debris dumpster at the public budget hearing.

Funds were added to the budget to provide for an aluminum ramp
and weekly uniform service.

The Welfare Budget was increased 15% though it is understood that
the potential costs are guesswork.

It was suggested that the proposed Library budget be reduced.
This will be reviewed with the Library Trustees on January 6th.

It was decided to increase funding for the Highway Capital
Reserve to \$20,000.

A warrant for \$7,500 will be proposed for a professional study of
what would be needed to renovate Town Hall.

As it is not known what will be the final recommendation of the
Aiken Committee - any warrant for that program is not included.

The following times were set for Monday January 6th to review the
Selectmen's recommendations with Department Heads.

6:00 P.M. Parks & Recreation
6:45 P.M. Highway Dept.
7:15 P.M. Fire Dept.
7:45 P.M. Police Dept.
8:15 P.M. Library

The meeting adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.