

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
October 15, 1997

Selectmen present were: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

Phil Dwight told the other Selectmen that he had decided that it was time for him to step down from his positions in Town government both as Selectmen and as Business Manager. He indicated that he felt that the most responsible way to do this was to resign as Selectman immediately and then be reappointed to fill the vacancy until Town Meeting. In this way the remainder of his term as Selectman, two years, could be filled in the March election. He indicated he would stay on as Business Manager for the time being as he felt that it might be time for the Town to consider whether it might be better served by a Town Manager than an Administrative Assistant. Depending on that decision he would leave after a replacement was found next spring.

Peter and Carol voted to accept Phil's resignation and then voted to appoint him to fill that vacancy until the 1998 Town Meeting.

The Board signed and/or approved the following:
Minutes of the October 6th meeting
Warrent for 1997 taxes
Current use application for Pinello

At the suggestion of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, the Board voted to appoint Ann Dwight to fill the vacancy caused by Jim Dennison's resignation. (Phil ~~recused~~ed himself from the vote)

Phil moved to ask Mason & Rich to perform the 1997 Audit, but to write informing them of the problems in the 1996 Audit. So Voted.

Phil reported that proposals for a new contract for removal of wastes at A.R.T.S. had been received. Additional information will be forthcoming and be available for the next meeting on October 27th.

The Board discussed the allocation of the plumbing and heating bill between the Town and the Grapevine. The Board felt that costs incurred in reestablishing heating and water to a functioning condition were costs to be paid by the Town. Any changes required to make the system useable by the Grapevine were theirs. A motion to that effect was approved.

The Board approved the Rate Guarantee Program proposed by the NHMA Property and Liability Trust.

The following was established as a schedule for review of proposed 1998 budgets by various departments:

November 3rd - General Government 6:30 P.M.

November 10th - Highway Dept. 6:30 P.M.

November 17th - Police Dept. 6:30 P.M.

November 24th - Library 6:30 P.M. **PARKS - 7:15 AM**

Dec. 1st - Fire Dept 6:30 P.M.; A.R.T.S. 7:15 P.M.

Dec. 8th - Bldg Insp, Conservation, Planning Brd, ZBA 6:30PM

The first public hearing on the budget will be on January 12, 1998.

The formal public hearing on the budget will be on February 9, 1998.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.