

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
December 1, 1997

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.
Others present as noted.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M. and the following were approved
and/or signed:

Minutes of the November 24th meeting
Veterans Exemption for Gerald Dumont
Appointments of Sherry Miller and John Wilder to the Ambulance
Squad.
Intent to Cut: McAlpine

There was a brief discussion of the Library budget request but no
decision was reached.

At 6:30 P.M. Mike Beauchamp, Dick Edmunds and Patty Lovering
joined the meeting to present the Fire Department Budget request.
Their proposal for the regular budget was \$48,000 plus requests
for \$11,400 for Scott Air Packs, \$4,150 for a portable pump for
forest fires and \$5,000 for rebuilding the engine on 2M4 (the
pumper truck) for a total of \$68,550. After discussion it was
~~suggested~~ ^{SUGGESTED} that a \$58,000 budget would permit buying most of what was
needed and this was tentatively approved.

Patty then requested that the Selectmen consider a payment to
rescue squad members for calls as is done for the fire
department. She also said she was requesting that the rescue
squad be brought under the fire department umbrella. The
Selectmen agreed to consider both; on the payment issue they
requested Ms. Lovering bring in some specifics of how a payment
schedule would be structured and an approximate cost. The
combined department plan would be discussed with Town Counsel.
Also discussed was third party payments for use if covered by
insurance.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.