

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
December 8, 1997

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.

The meeting opened at 6:00 P.M.

In a review of the December 1st minutes it was felt that the word "agreed" be changed to "suggested" in response to the possible \$58,000 Fire Department budget. By chance Dick Edmunds entered the meeting and he was asked for clarification as to what the new budget for \$58,000 included. He indicated that the \$5000 for rebuilding the pump on the 2M4 truck was in the \$7000 line entitled "Vehicle and Equipment Repair." The \$18,400 for new equipment includes \$12,000 for six air packs, \$4,000 for a portable pump and the balance for new hose. It was agreed this figure would be included for discussion at the preliminary budget hearing.

The yield tax for Keavit and the blind exemption for Lincoln were approved.

The following budgets were approved as presented: Planning Board, ZBA and Building Inspector. The request for \$1,500 from the Conservation Committee included \$1,000 for regular expenses including more work in the Hurlin Conservation Area. An additional \$500 was requested for a study of the effect of road salt. Peter indicated he would speak to the committee chairman regarding this.

A proposed A.R.T.S. budget was presented. After discussion a few changes were made and a budget of \$76,600 was agreed upon, down \$2,800 from 1997.

Peter then presented a proposed Library Budget in lieu of the one presented by the Library. It was agreed that this should be sent to the Library Trustees for their review. Phil was asked to draft a letter regarding this.

The current investment policy was reviewed and readopted. It states that "Cash in excess of current needs will be invested in fully collateralized accounts in either a sweep account of the Primary Bank or the NH Public Deposit Investment Pool."

It was agreed that at the December 22nd meeting the Board will discuss what items might be encumbered or warrants carried over.

It was agreed that the Bryer's would be asked to attend the Selectmen's meeting next week to discuss the snow problems at the corner of School and Summer Streets.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.