

Minutes of Selectmens Meeting
January 5, 1998

Selectmen Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith and Philip Dwight.
Also present was Pat Lovering.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

The following were approved and/or signed:

- 1) Minutes of the December 22nd meeting
- 2) A Highway Safety Grant Proposal for a Radar Unit - The
Town's 50% is included in the 1997 Police Budget.
- 3) An Intent to Cut for E. Perry
- 4) An amendment to the NH Compensation Fund Agreement.

After a second discussion (the first was at the December 22nd meeting) the Board voted not to participate in a Hazardous Waste Collection Day in 1998.

The Board reviewed, as much as time permitted, the draft of the Feasibility Study Report. It was agreed that the Board could not take any position on the report without far more information and a chance to ask questions and obtain clarification on many points. It was agreed that the Board would wait until after the preliminary budget hearing on January 12th, to hear what was presented then. They would then ask that the feasibility committee meet with the Selectmen on January 19th to discuss the report and any action being contemplated.

Pat Lovering, Chairman of the Rescue Squad, presented a request that money be included in the budget to reimburse Squad members for calls to which they responded. After long discussion it was agreed that the sum of \$5,500 be added to the Appropriations for the Rescue Squad. It was estimated that this would provide a "token" payment of \$5.00 per call based on the estimated number of calls per year.

It was also agreed that during the year 1998 a full study be made of how the ambulance service was to be funded in the future - to include speaking with Stoddard and Bennington about the level of their appropriation; the possibility of billing insurance carriers if coverage is available and the level of payment to volunteers and any other possible actions.

The budget was then reviewed for presentation on January 12th. No other changes were made other than that above. Funds were not included for Project LIFT pending receipt of a formal request and a report on activity in 1997.

The Board agreed to respond to the NHMA request for information about the Pooled Energy Plan. Phil was asked to obtain further information about the requested contribution.

Phil indicated he would have a draft of the handout for the budget hearing by Thursday evening, January 8th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.