

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting
March 9, 1998

Present: Peter Moore, Carol Smith, Philip Dwight, Tim Seeger and others as indicated.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

The Board discussed with Bob Varnum their proposal for handling comp. time for him as outlined in the minutes of the Selectmens meeting of February 23rd. Bob felt that the proposal was a good solution and the Board then formally voted to adopt it.

Bob then asked the Selectmen to consider the possibility of adding a fifth person to the Highway Crew in the future - re the 1999 budget. He pointed out that summer vacation time, in effect, reduces the crew to three most of the summer and it is difficult to keep up with the work. The Selectmen agreed to study the matter with the idea that the fifth person could handle other work done by contracted labor - i.e. cemetary and park maintenance, etc. Tim asked Bob to give the Selectmen a general outline of skills needed and how the Town would handle training.

While Bob was present the Selectmen discussed the letter from Bill Reid indicating concerns about Francestown's plans to take 15,000 cubic yards of gravel from the Tri-Town site. Bob pointed out some of the ramifications of this. Phil will write to the Selectmen of Bennington and Francestown requesting a meeting to establish the necessary procedures for orderly excavation.

The Selectmen then signed and/or approved the following:
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Current Use Applications: Traugott, Slango & Bean
Yield Taxes: 3 cuts
Abatement to Yield Tax: Martin
Excavation Intent: Gross
Pole License for PSNH
Intent to Cut: Proctor

The Selectmen asked that a Tax Collectors deed for property owned by Freeport Development Corp. be executed now that the company has been released from bankruptcy.

As the estimate to provide life insurance equal to one times salary to full time employees was within the estimate included in the 1998 budget, it was voted to provide this benefit as of April 1, 1998.

The 1997 abatement request from Chicago Cutlery was noted and will be acted on before the July 1st deadline.

Bob Flanders reviewed the Town Warrant with the Selectmen and determined which Articles would be presented by each person.

The resumes submitted for the Town Administrator position were reviewed. Each was to be acknowledged and a decision as to whom to interview was delayed until the cut-off day of March 23rd.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.

MINUTES ACCEPTED AS READ PM 3/12/8 TOWNICS PHIL!!