

Minutes of the Selectmens Meeting
March 23, 1998

Selectmen present: Carol Smith, Timothy Seeger and Denise Dargie.

Others present: Philip Dwight, Brian Brown and Bob Varnum.

The meeting opened at 6 P.M.

Bob Varnum attended the meeting from 6:00 to 6:30 P.M. to meet the new Selectmen and review major areas in his department. The use of salt was discussed and Tim felt that there should be an annual review, after the winter season, of where we are and what is needed. Bob agreed. Questions about the use of sand were raised and Bob pointed out some of the problems and hidden costs of using it, re. clean up, storage capacity, etc.

Bob indicated that the new one ton truck was in use and that the radios were ordered for all trucks. He discussed some of the repair costs needed for other highway equipment.

It was agreed that future meetings with Bob should be set up for every four to six weeks.

Brian Brown attended the meeting from 6:30 to 7:15 for the same purpose. Questions were raised about the use of vests, and the amount budgeted for telephone and dispatch servie. Brian reviewed these areas, and with regard to dispatch services, the other alternatives. At 6:55 the Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. At 7:15 the meeting reopened. It was agreed that Brian Giammarino was to be compensated for his DARE work for the 97/98 school year. Brian Brown will approach the other towns with students at Great Brook School to request financial support. It was agreed that future meetings would be every four to six weeks, possibly alternating meetings with Brian and Mark Cavic.

At 7:20 a brief update was given on resolving unpaid 1994 taxes.

The Selectmen then approved and/or signed the following:

- Minutes of March 16th meeting
- Intent to Cut - Heath
- MS-2: 1998 Appropriations
- MS-5: 1997 Report

Phil reported on his conversation with Bart Mayer about the authority of the Library Trustees. They do, under the RSA's, have the power to establish their budget based on the total funds authorized by Town Meeting.

The Selectmen requested that a meeting be set up with Bob Bernstein and/or the Grapevine about the CDBG Block Grant - 6P.M. on April 6th was suggested as the date.

They also requested a meeting with the Parks and Recreation Committee to discuss the new position of Coordinator - 7:15 P.M. on April 6th was suggested as the date.

Various issues about the old Bennington Landfill site were discussed. It was agreed that a meeting of the Selectmen from the three towns was needed. An 8 A.M. meeting on Monday, April 6th was suggested.

Five more resumes for the Administrator's position were reviewed. A schedule of interviews for Monday evening, March 30th was set. Questions to be asked each person were decided on and Phil will prepare a written list for the interviews.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Philip T. Dwight.