

Board of Selectmen

Enfield, NH

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13TH, 2003

The Chairman called a business meeting to order at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, October 13th, 2003 at the Public Works Building located off Lockehaven Road.

Present:

Ilene P Reed, Chairman
Keith Oppenneer, Selectman
Dominic C Albanese, Selectman
April Whittaker, Town Manager

Administrative

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and acknowledged with signatures the State Form "Tax Assessment Questionnaire."

The board reviewed a Vets Credit Application for Philip Wheeler (Map 32 Lot 23); motion Oppenneer, second Albanese, to approve, vote 3 - 0.

Business

Winter Salt & Sand

Following up per Mr. Marchetti's concern of the placement of the winter salt and sand at the Lockehaven facility at the board's prior meeting dated October 6th, 2003, Mrs. Whittaker invited Ken Daniels, Public Works Director, Mike Sousa, Foreman, Don Lashua, Ed Torville and Scott Johnston of the public works department to participate in a discussion with the board regarding past practices and the rationale for vacating the bulk of salt and sand operations to the new facility.

All members of the highway department unanimously advised that there had been consistent past practice of storage of sand and salt at the Lockehaven site.

Mr. Sousa advised of the central location of the Lockehaven facility and the fact that he could save approximately 2 hours of overtime per man per storm and wear and tear on the trucks by not having to use Shaker Hill Road to load sand at the former facility site, namely Shedd Street. He further advised that the site at Lockehaven would provide easier loading given the two elevations that could be

used. Also Mr. Sousa indicated that the Shedd Street facility would have to be heated to house the loader apparatus. Safety aspects were described as to the need to ensure that salt was mixed with the sand to avoid freezing thereby not encumbering loads with chunks of sand. Any chunks could cause the sand spreaders to jam and necessitate the need for a man in the middle of an ice storm to have to climb onto the apparatus and begin to hammer out the chunks.

Mr. Daniels described the EPA Stormwater permit process stating in essence that the purpose was to contain any run off that may or may not be contaminated with oil, salt etc. Although there had been no direct order for municipalities, as yet, to comply with the permit process, and questions were raised that 2004 had been a date quoted in the past as to possible compliance, it was generally voiced that there was a strong probability that municipalities would have to come under the permit rules. He opined that it made sense to be proactive instead of reactive especially as the town was now considering construction of a new salt and sand facility, hence the need for a much larger salt/sand facility than past construction standard methodology to facilitate internal mixing and loader/tractor size. If the permit process came as an edict to towns, then the Director could not contain the salt and sand, as currently stored, at either site, to the standards demanded by the EPA. Therefore it made no difference where the sand & salt was stored. In order to meet compliance per the permit standards the sand and salt must be capable of being mixed inside a building on an impervious surface. Mixing outside and open to the environment would not meet the standards and expose the town to possible fines, if the stormwater containment process is mandated onto municipalities. Also if the permit process were instigated, then the town would be exposed to further costs via water testing every time there is a rain/storm event for the sand/salt piles exposed to the elements.

Mr. Albanese requested that a compliance date in writing be sought for informational purposes, and the status of the possible mandate.

Selectman Albanese said that based on information he had consistently heard it was his perception of the Townspeople he has spoken with, that no sand/salt could be stored on this site without an impervious sand/salt facility. Mr. Daniels and Mrs. Whittaker disagreed that they had ever intended to give such an impression."

"Mr. Albanese further indicated that he felt that this confusion will make getting the Towns approval for a new sand/salt facility very difficult at the 2004 Town Meeting.

Following further discussion, and given the above facts, the consensus of the board was to support the winter sand and salt operations at the Lockehaven site as opposed to Shedd Street.

General discussion ensued re movement of the gas pumps from Shedd Street to Lockehaven to better facilitate the winter operations. It was agreed to clean up the Shedd Street site but to leave sufficient sand and salt for residential and private use. Mr. Daniels also agreed to cover the current sand and salt pile at Lockehaven with a polymer plastic cover.

The board thanked the employees for their representations, and stated their support for a department that performed excellent work and service to the citizens of Enfield.

Downtown Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund

Following clarification of the discussions for the construction of a retaining wall on the Main Street bridge per October 6th minutes re finance sources, motion Albanese, second Oppenneer to expend funds from the Downtown Revitalization Capital Reserve Fund to cover the cost of materials and labor for the construction of said retaining wall, vote 3 - 0.

Motion Oppenneer, second Albanese to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 6:00 PM and to convene a work session for town revenue explanations, vote 3 - 0.

Work session

Mrs. Whittaker convened a work session for the purposes of explaining the town's revenue stream and accounting thereof to members of the budget committee present, namely Mike Dudley, Lee Carrier and Richard Crate together Board of Selectmen. The work session ended at 7:40 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
April Whittaker*