

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING - April 3, 1989

To be noted prior to the meeting of April 3, 1989 \$75.00 was approved by Chairman Mansfield to be distributed by pre-approved credit at Sully's Superette for the purchase of food for a New Boston resident for a period of ten days and further \$36.00 was given with approval from Chairman Mansfield for the purchase of medicine for the child of a New Boston resident.

The meeting opened at 7:00 pm with Chairman Mansfield, Selectmen Dodge and Johnston present with Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant taking minutes.

Discussion began on a situation that was developing on St. Jude's Road, a private way. Resident's were trying to band together to pool monies for road improvements only to learn that the owner Albert Dancause may be entertaining further subdivision of land he still owns at the end of the road. The concern of the residents was that any monies they expended would be for not if Dancause brought heavy equipment over their improved road. The lines of communication seem to be confused. Further investigation will take place by the Secretary of the Planning Board and Sandra Gendron in trying to locate a copy of this very old subdivision from the Registry of Deeds as a starting point. Joanne Ouimette will be the contact person for the neighborhood.

Bo Strong was in requesting that we hold a letter of resignation received from Michael Richards, a member of the Planning Board, for one week so that he might have an opportunity to reconsider. It was further Bo's suggestion that the Board appoint Kevin McLarnon as a regular member of the Board and appoint Don Grosso now a regular member as an alternate, at Mr. Grosso's request. He would also like to re-appoint Ella Daniels as a regular member for another three year term. It was decided that all appointments would be held for a one week period as per Mr. Strong's request.

* Bo's next topic for discussion was the requirement of Jim Dodge to provide a road profile for a subdivision project he was pursuing. By vote of a majority of the Selectmen Jim Dodge will be required to provide such a profile.

Bo presented to the Selectmen for their review a contract the Planning Board would be signing with Defresnes and Henry for a corridor study, the monies for which had been voted at the 1989 Town Meeting.

Lastly, Bo discussed the potential legislation that would provide a Town the ability to charge impact fees to developers subdividing property within a community. Such legislation would not be in effect until July of 1991 and suggested anyone with ideas on the subject get in touch with Sheila Roberge our State Senator.

Tim Cady was in at 8:00 pm to go over the many details that will be necessary in completing the final closure of our landfill and to present figures to the Selectmen from GZA, the company with which we have been working on this project and which Tim represents, who would monitor the closure. GZA also is contracted to do our ground water monitoring in the area of the landfill and this was the first topic of discussion. The need for wells across from the existing landfill on the newly purchased land by the Town was at issue. Questions were asked would the State require the placement of such wells, where and how deep. Tim responded that the State generally would go along with the recommendations of the consultants, which in this case is GZA, and that he would need a decision from the Board as to whether the Selectmen would like to pursue the placement of these wells this year or put off. The Selectmen agreed that they would like GZA to make recommendations regarding the pursuit of this project and then they would follow these recommendations. Tim agreed to review the current information available and make such recommendations as to the types of well that might be needed to monitor the situation on the acreage across from the landfill.

Discussion turned to the closure project and Tim stated Boivert, the contractor for the first phase of closure, was ready to resume work, he had two swales to rough out, grade the access road and correct any winter erosion that might have occurred. The Board suggested that he wait two more weeks as the ground was still very soft in the area. Tim went on to discuss the fact that the State was ready with the final closure plan and that if nothing occurred within the prescribed time-frame which would require a public hearing regarding the proposed closure plan then work would commence on the actual closure and the placement of the cap.

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If public hearings were required then GZA in representing the Town would revise the closure plan in whatever fashion may be necessary. Tim stated it would be the recommendation of GZA that we approach this phase of the operation somewhat differently than phase I, in that we contract the work piece by piece working with individual prices. It was his contention that we would save money in the end and would have more control on the entire project, even though he realized that it would take more co-ordination on everyone's part. This course of action could potential involve twelve different bids; however, Tim felt some of these could be combined leaving only the specialty work, such as the gas fence, and the cap, as separate bids. GZA would make recommendations based on their experience in the field of landfill closures as to what companies were available and reliable to do this specialty work. It was further his thought that the earth work could be lumped together and go out for bid. It was also Tim's recommendation that we get a per foot price as much as possible rather than a day rate in the interest of knowing exactly what everything was costing the Town.

In discussing costs involved for the project it was estimated that the cap would probably cost between 100 and \$150,000. The cost of topsoil was the next item for discussion. Tim brought up the availability of some material currently stockpiled in Milford in the area of the Lorden Shopping Mall project. There was estimated to be over 30,000 yards ready for the taking, the only costs involved would be the loading of the material and the transportation to our site. The material would also have to be screened also representing a cost to the Town. GZA will check with the state having this material analized for content and its suitability for our project. There is further the possibility that Amherst might be interested in sharing some of the costs involved in moving this topsoil to our mutual landfill sites. The alternative to this whole idea would be to purchase topsoil locally at what everyone agreed would be a much higher cost per yard.

The next topic for discussion was what role GZA would play in this whole closure project once everything had been approved by the State. The need for full or part-time inspections would be determined by the contractors hired. Full-time inspections would probably be required when the cap was being covered to insure that no damage was done to this cap in the covering process. Field reports would be prepared by technicians of GZA and submitted to the Town. Tim proposed that GZA be allowed a range for the services they would be providing for this phase of the project, the range being between \$22,000 and \$54,000. Tim explained the reasoning for this request was due to the many variables of the project and rather than spending valuable time figuring each area, this range would give them the latitude needed to keeping the project going without undue delay. He further commented that the high side of the range allows for almost anything he could foresee happening and then figuring it's potential cost high. The Selectmen agreed to this proposal and the price range siting Cady's high standard of performance on the project thus far and the integrity he has displayed. Tim assured the Selectmen that the Town would only be charged for actual time and expenses involved with the closure process.

The need for an area to be established at the landfill site for use as a stump dump was next discussed. Selectman Dodge was in strong opposition to the State's method of burying stumps and covering with sand, the potential for the Town causing further ground pollution was too great in his opinion, thus causing the need for yet another clean-up operation. He favors stockpiling what few stumps we would potentially generate and then shredding. The Town is expected to have an area available for residents to dispose of stumps, but developers could haul their stumps to a commercial stump dump. In the event we chose to stockpile Bonnie Bethume, supervisor of the Transfer Station would have to have authority to restrict the dumping of any dirty stumps. It was further thought that we might grind what stumps have accumulated from the closure operation and then start our stump operation from zero.

The bidding process was briefly touched upon by the Selectmen and what phases could be grouped together and what would be left separate. This whole area would required further study.

Other areas touched upon by Tim were the dispostion of tires and how other states were handling this problem, how the billing system would work with regard

to the Town, each job would have a number and he would check with Linda and Naomi to make sure they understood the system used to insure the crediting of the proper budget. Tim questioned whether the Selectmen wanted the monitoring wells as a separate item or included in the final closure budget. Selectman Dodge preferred the wells be treated as a separate budget item, but would agree to any form of billing that would identify them so that they could be subtracted from proper budget item. Selectman Mansfield felt it would be easier to drill the wells this year and then the future costs would only be in monitoring. Tim would advise as to the need for the wells and then the decision would be based on this advice.

Andre' and Beverly Senay were in seeking financial help for alternate housing from the Town. They had been evicted from their apartment on 294 Lake Avenue in Manchester for lack of paying rent and utilities and had moved into the camper of a friend at Friendly Beaver Campground in New Boston. When they tried applying for food stamps in Manchester, they learned that they could not stay at the campground and were asking for assistance in finding a place to live. Mr. Senay had been out on workmen's compensation due to a back injury and Mrs. Senay was currently working as a chamber maid at Howard Johnson's in Manchester earning approximately \$100.00 per week. Workmen's Comp had recently ceased payment of the benefit feeling Mr. Senay could return to work and when the conversation turned to this possibility and the possibility of him seeking work in another profession which would be easier on his back, Mr. Senay became agitated and used rude and offensive language to the Selectmen before he physically forced his wife to leave.

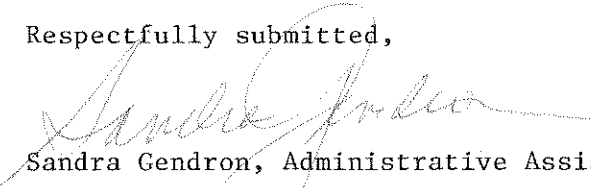
Dan Way and Mark Thome were in to review and sign an agreement for the sale and exchange of various portions of land owned by both individuals to continue with the McCurdy Road project which would re-route the hill in front of Dan Way's house, the money for which had been approved at the 1988 Town Meeting. The document was signed by all parties involved and work will proceed, using a 11-1-89 deadline for the work to be completed with everyone agreeing that in the event of an unforeseen problem a meeting would be called by the Selectmen with all involved parties.

Len Boyer, a New Boston resident, had requested via Sandra Gendron the desire to place a "Hot Dog Stand" in the parking lot surrounding the Town Office Buildings and hook such stand to existing electrical poles. It was decided immediately that from a liability standpoint he would not be allowed to connect to any existing electrical poles on the property of the Town. Contact would be made with Town Counsel for discussion of the rest of his request.

Sandra Gendron will contact Lou Lanzillotti, Trustee of the Trust Funds, regarding where the interest for the Colby Fund which benefits the Fire Department has been placed for the past two years awaiting an account to be established whereby this money can be used by the Fire Department or can be added to by the Fire Department the use of which will be to maintain the fire cisterns deeded to the Town by various developers. Further reveiw will also be made of the court decision which gives more leverage to the spending of the Babson Monument, which is also under the control of the Trustees of the Trust Funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 pm with the Selectmen signing checks and reviewing mail.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant

Selectman Dodge abstained from voting on this issue for personal reasons.