

Minutes Selectmen's Meeting - 6-26-89

Present for the meeting were Selectman Willard Dodge and Selectman Arthur Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Selectman Thomas Mansfield was out of Town.

The Selectmen went on on-site inspections with the Road Committee from six pm to eight pm. The group walked the McCurdy Road Relocation Project which has been cut. They looked at the pugmill mix which had been applied to Highland Road, Houghton Lane and Briar Hill Road and they all agreed that this mix will also be applied on Old Coach Road.

The meeting continued in the Selectmen's Office with Rick Austin, Briar Hill Road, coming in to discuss with the Selectmen his desire to encourage business to locate in New Boston in an attempt to lower the ever increasing property taxes. He has personally re-located his public relations business to his home on Briar Hill Road and felt it was a difficult and cumbersome process that needed some streamlining. Mr. Austin wondered if the Selectmen in the realm of their responsibilities could aid in the attempt to attract new business to New Boston, <sup>or what Board should he address.</sup> Selectman Dodge explained that in his opinion the duties of a Selectman were to administer the affairs of the Town and this does not include the solicitation of business. He went on to further ask Mr. Austin if he realized the latitude of authority that was granted under State law to the Planning Board and the Fire Department via the Fire Wards; and still further, Selectman Dodge is of the opinion that attracting business to New Boston will not necessarily lower the tax rate. Selectman Dodge stated that he supports the various community boards and feels they are heading in the right direction with the best interests of the Town in mind. General discussion continued on the same subject with a suggestion from Selectman Johnston that Mr. Austin might want to become involved with the Manchester Chamber of Commerce. Selectman Johnston is a member and a group is being formed in Goffstown whose interest it will be to serve the surrounding small communities. Selectman Dodge agreed with the suggestion and supports the formation of such a group feeling that several of the surrounding towns have varying degrees of commercialism and yet there still seem to be tax problems despite the creation of a commercial tax base. Discussion turned to the Planning Board preparing for presentation to the voters at the 1990 Town Meeting the zoning of Commercial areas in New Boston. The Selectmen pointed out to Mr. Austin that as a community we had been hit with some very substantial expenses relating to the school, the landfill and the purchase of the land across the road from the landfill. Mr. Austin expressed satisfaction with the way the Selectmen handled the town affairs, but expressed distress with the school officials handling of their issues especially with regard to the asbestos issue. Discussion continued on the affairs of the School District and all seemed to agree that representation on the Goffstown School Board from New Boston and Dunbarton would be a more equitable situation for these Town's who pay tuition to the Goffstown system. The final topic discussed by the Selectmen and Mr. Austin was the need for the Community Times to be published monthly during the summer months even if it involved financial support to keep the community abreast of goings on. This subject came up as a result of a school hearing to be held on 6-28-89 and very few in the community knowing of this meeting.

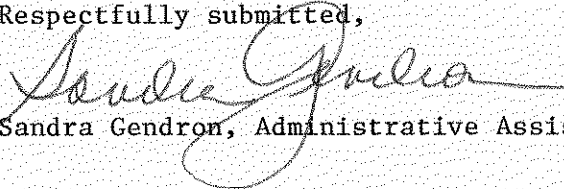
The Selectmen feel it is a good idea to begin to look at the decals of those going into the transfer station with regularity to insure that only New Boston residents are using the station.

Selectman Johnston reported on the progress of the Common's Committee. It was voted by all members of the Committee present at their 6-22-89 meeting to leave the Babson Memorial Monument on its' present site and if the State requires it being moved due to any potential traffic redesign in the area that they bear whatever costs might be involved. The Committee will see that the bushes are cut back this fall and that the monument is cleaned. They have drawn up a plan with all in agreement to extend the lawn from the Common to the door of the Historical Building and to further connect the

the Historical Building and the Town Office Building with an area of grass in an attempt to correct the problem of the septic system which serves both buildings and freezes during the winter months.

The business of the evening having been conducted the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant