

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - January 22, 1990

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Mansfield and Johnston with Selectmen Dodge arriving late. Sandra Gendron took minutes.

Linda Sizemore was named Assistant Tax Collector relieving Margit Hooper of that responsibility. This was the culmination of a shift in responsibilities which began last year when Sandra Gendron took over the responsibilities of the Selectmen's meetings.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in and there was discussion as to whether or not more of the monies not spent on the McCurdy Road Project should be carried forward in the event that some minor needs may not have been met and would surface in the spring. Fifteen Hundred Dollars of this unexpended money was already been carried forward to cover additional costs of surveying which needed to be completed. Lee mentioned the need for gravel on other areas of McCurdy Road and the possibility of guardrails was discussed. It was considered that the Board might carry forward an additional \$2000 to cover any unforeseen expenses and leave \$1,187.25 as an unexpended balance to be returned to the Town. This would not be decided until it could be discussed with Selectmen Dodge.

On another issue Lee would like to place two special articles in the warrant, one would be requesting a rake; he presented two options one for a front-end mount, the cost of which is \$2470.00, the second one being \$3500.00 for the more traditional rear mount. Lee and Selectman Dodge had seen the front-end rake in operation and were pleased with its performance and this would be his recommendation. The second special article would be for the purchase of a sweeper; again, he presented two options. One would be a traction drive for \$6,000.00 which Lee felt would do the job, the second would be an engine drive for \$8,800 which Lee felt would do a better job. Discussion regarding the two requests centered around the fact that the present York Rake was over 30 years old and simply needed replacement. The Sweeper is a piece of equipment Lee currently rents when necessary, but would certainly use in many more ways and more times if it were town-owned. Rental now runs about \$200. per day and he must schedule as much work as possible when he does rent to get his monies worth. The life expectancy of both pieces of equipment would be in excess of fifteen years with primarily general maintenance necessary. Again, no decision would be made on the placement of these articles until discussion could take place with Selectman Dodge.

Tim Cady arrived for a 7:30 appointment with the Selectmen to review the 1989 expenditures on the Landfill Closure and the Ground Water Monitoring and to present the 1990 budget for Ground Water Monitoring. Tim is the engineer representing GZA the firm contracted by the town to oversee the above mentioned projects. By this time Selectman Dodge had arrived. Before budget discussions began Tim wanted to let the Selectmen know that he had made Resicon aware that anything that was left on site as a result of the project they had just completed relating to the Landfill Closure was left there at their own risk. Tim presented to the Selectmen in graphic form the projects that had been underway during 1989 and some that would continue in 1990; these include the Landfill Closure, Fracture Trace Analysis, New Water Quality Monitoring Wells, and Water Quality Monitoring. He discussed with the Selectmen each of the above projects as to what stages of completion or points of beginning each was and presented a budget figure of \$30,000 in 1990 for Ground Water Monitoring. The billing procedure from GZA will change to eliminate a bill being received by the Town for work done in a previous year in the new year. The 1990 bill will reflect 3/4 of the water sampling done and the cost of two new wells and 1991 billing will reflect 4/4 of water sampling done thus including the cost of the last quarter sampling done the previous year.

Tim was sincerely complimented by the Selectmen for a job extremely well done.

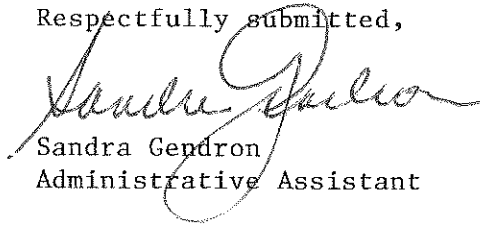
Discussion returned to matters that had waited until Selectman Dodge's arrival for decisions. On the matter of the unexpended balance on the McCurdy Road Project, it was decided to carry forward the amount mentioned above although it will only be used for those incidental expenses directly related to the project. On the matter of the special articles requested for insertion in the warrant by the Road Agent, it was agreed to include the front mount rake at a price of \$2470; however on the matter of the sweeper, the Selectmen decided to try once again to establish by vote of Town Meeting a contingency fund of \$3,000. out of which, if voted, they would shop for a used sweeper.

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The remainder of the meeting was spent preparing budget figures that would be presented to the Finance Committee at a meeting scheduled for Thursday Evening, January 25, 1990 at 7:00 pm. at the Selectmen's Office, signing checks and reviewing mail.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Gendron". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Sandra Gendron  
Administrative Assistant