

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING - March 5, 1990

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in to discuss the Tucker Mill Road Project with regard to the cutting. He had spoken to Mr. Isley who would do the required cutting for the salvage if we would take care of the permits and the taxes. He guessed there to be approximately 20,000 board feet of pine and between 150 and 200 tons of chips. He said there were a few oaks, not too many and he could start the project immediately. Lee wondered if the Selectmen would like to re-walk the area due to some changes that had been made. The Selectmen agreed they would like to look over the situation again and wanted to wait until after Town Meeting to be assured that the appropriate budgets were voted so that the project could proceed as they had planned financially.

Wilfred Klardie, Bedford Road, was in to discuss the ongoing situation in his area with regard to a subdivision being sought in Bedford which borders his property. He still maintains the town boundary marker is missing (occurring sometime during the last ten years) and he still feels his land is being infringed upon. He explained to the Board of Selectmen the background of the ownership of the land he was talking about and they all referred to the tax maps as Mr. Klardie spoke. Much discussion ensued and Mr. Klardie left without anything specific being resolved, but maybe he had made clearer to the Selectmen the issues that he was concerned about.

Representatives from the Conservation Commission were in to discuss further the Mill St. property that they are interested in purchasing with the LCIP monies. Once again, the background of the situation was described this being that the particular lot of land the Conservation Commission was interested in purchasing has been under a sales agreement to Wagner Woodlands by the John King Family. The Commission had been under the impression that the land they were interested in was not going to be included in those lots sold to Wagner Woodlands. Now the process was continuing to try to re-coup the 15 acres so that it can be purchased under the LCIP. Steven Ruddock, member of the Conservation Commission is in contact with Wagner Woodlands expressing the interest of the Commission. Wagner Woodlands contends that this particular 15 acres has the potential of being a house lot and also has timber to be harvested and sold thus indicating the value might be more than the Commission could pay under the rules of the LCIP. The issue of the value of this property has also come under the scrutiny of the Society for the Protection of Forests and its Director Paul Dorscher who feels that the value of the acreage is being over estimated by Wagner Woodlands. Discussion ensued as to the possible value of the lot and what avenues could be pursued so that the New Boston Conservation Commission might be in a position to obtain the property. It was agreed to and approved by the Board of Selectmen that an estimate be obtained to do a fee simple appraisal. If the estimate proved to be acceptable then New Boston would pick up the cost of such appraisal and make an offer for the land. It was the opinion of Paul Dorscher that if we could reach a reasonable agreement with Wagner Woodlands that we would have no trouble receiving matching funds because of the desirability of this land from a recreational standpoint.

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The Finance Committee was in to go over last minute details of the comparative statement before town meeting and most specifically to discuss how the landfill closure was finally to be funded. There was also discussion of the increase in the Warrant Article concerning the set-up costs involved in the recycling project at the Transfer Station.

The Selectmen spent more time in discussing how the various Warrant Articles would be presented at Town Meeting.

James Dodge Fire Chief was in to discuss the bottom line figure that had been arrived at for the purchase of the proposed tanker truck. He did present to the Selectmen the option of paying for the vehicle over more than one year credit to be provided for by Ford Motor; however, all agreed payment in full upon purchase was financially prudent for the town. The figure arrived at was \$80,791, but the Fire Department was going to request the Selectmen to withdraw \$2,000. from the Water Supply Trust Fund to bring the amount to be presented to the voters at Town Meeting to \$79,791. Jim also pointed out to the Selectmen that he would have to raise his regular operating budget to \$36,545 due to a necessary repair to the present tanker. Discussion ensued as to the possible use by the Highway Department of the present tanker chassis if the new truck was approved by vote of the Town Meeting. Further, Jim is looking for someone to appraise the handtub and it was suggested that he contact other towns with antique handtubs for ideas.

Mail was reviewed, checks were signed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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