

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - March 12, 1990

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

It being the eve of Town Meeting, most of the evening was dedicated to preparation for the business portion of the Town Meeting which would begin at 7:00 p.m. the following evening.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in regarding his winter maintenance budget and what figure would be presented at Town Meeting since a large portion of the proposed amount had already been spent due to the stormy winter we have had to date. It was decided that the requested budget amount would be raised by \$20,000 bringing the total of the winter maintenance budget to \$125,000. Selectman Mansfield brought up the subject of dust control and Lee stated that he had not included any monies for dust control in his summer maintenance budget. Discussion ensued on the less than satisfactory results of the asphaltic emulsion the purchase of which had been funded by vote of the 1989 Town Meeting. It was decided that if the subject was brought up at Town Meeting the summer maintenance budget would have to be added on to to support the cost of approximately \$3,000. to hire a truck to distribute liquid calcium chloride. The board went on to review the special articles with Lee pertaining to the Highway Department.

Permission was granted by the Board of Selectmen to Ken Belanger to put a last minute item on the community cable channel relating to Town Meeting.

Chief of Police John Ballou was in for final discussion on the proposed purchase of a new Police Cruiser. John presented a figure of \$17,800 for a Chevrolet Blazer unequipped, with Fords being between 14 and 16,000. He estimated the cost of a radio to be between 15 and 2,200 and the cost of the light bar to be around \$900. with the cost of installation of both being approximately \$350. This would bring the package cost to approximately \$21,283 for a 4 wheel drive vehicle. Discussion ensued as to whether the department should stick to the \$19,000 price which would purchase an equipped 2 wheel drive vehicle or whether the article should be amended upward to cover the cost of an equipped 4 wheel drive cruiser. It was decided that John would amend the article upward to \$21,600 for the purchase of a new 4 wheel drive cruiser for the use of the Police Department.

Fire Chief James Dodge was in to discuss with the Selectmen that the Fire Department had thought there was to be a special article in the Warrant to cover the estimated \$2,250. necessary for the hepatitis vaccine for the EMT's. Since this did not happen, he stated it would be necessary for his operating budget to be brought up to \$38,795.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Gendron
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