

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - April 23, 1990

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

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regular 7:00 p.m. appointment and discussion centered around the bids that had been received for the Joe English Road Project and a decision was yet to be made by the Selectmen. Selectmen Dodge had taken all the bids and set up a chart which showed what the various bidders had estimated for the different aspects of the project. Selectman Dodge went on to explain the chart as presented and further stated that he had talked to two of the bidders who had been high and out of contention regarding various aspects of the project. He went on to discuss the two lowest bids as to the calculations of time necessary for the project, the materials needed, the costs of trucking and machinery, and the fact that both would ~~to~~^{use} at least four trucks in order to complete the job within the time frame estimated. Selectmen Dodge pointed out that they both had fixed costs of more than \$48,000. and allowing the balance for the preparatory work was not realistic in his opinion. He expressed further concern since Peter Beers had not allowed an extra bid for the Houle driveway, which Selectmen Dodge stated had been bid between \$600. and \$1,000. by the other bidders. He further questioned hand-seeding and mulching and offered the opinion that hand-seeding would not produce a desirable effect. With the rental of equipment he seriously questioned whether the costs exceeded the bids. It was his opinion that the Selectmen should sit down with Peter Beers and let him convince the Board that the job could be done for the bid he had presented and further that he could do that job to completion. Lee offered the point of view that it has been the policy of the Town to hire experienced contractors on the new subdivision roads and feels this same policy should apply here.

Another major concern expressed by Selectman Dodge was Peter's intention to shape the banks with a loader.

Selectman Johnston questions the capability of both the low bidders to do the job and expressed the fear that Lee would spend a great deal of time monitoring the job and this was certainly not the intention when this project was put out to bid.

Selectman Dodge once again returning to his concern regarding the shaping of the slopes with a loader wondered if Peter's bid might go up should he have to hire additional equipment necessary to do the job in the manner the Selectmen desired.

Discussion turned to the mulching, a topic Selectman Dodge had discussed with William Boisvert from Weare who claimed this had not been discussed at the on-site inspection and that is why he had added a separate cost of \$810.00, an amount he considered would cover mulching. Mulching had not been considered by Skip Gomes and \$810.00 was added to the Gomes bid bringing it up to \$61,643.00. Selectman Dodge expressed the thought that all future bids for projects of this type require hydro-seeding. At this point Lee suggests that we compile a sheet that would contain certain items that would be required when a road project is put out to bid. Selectman Dodge also added that we should require crushed gravel be placed under culverts to avoid possible damage by rocks.

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Selectman Mansfield would like the Board to talk to Peter Beers again, feeling John Staiti's work product puts him out of the running and wonders if there might be circumstances the Selectmen are unaware of and further expressed the thought that Peter is probably not very experienced in bidding road jobs. Selectman Dodge agrees that the lack of experience in bidding shows since it appears that Peter only used the amounts of gravel as the major component for his submitted bid and did not realistically look at other factors. Selectmen Johnston again expressed his fear that the road agent will have to put too much time in monitoring the project and feels these thoughts should be told to Peter should they meet with him again. The Board all agreed that they would meet with Peter one more time.

Discussion turned to Carl Houghton's possible use of a crusher in his pit as a permitted use under the terms of his gravel permit. All the Selectmen agreed that most pits do use a crusher from time to time so this should not be an issue. They also noted that this job if gravel were to come from Houghton's pit would exhaust the limits of the permit.

George Owen St. John was in regarding his request to extend his temporary mobile home permit since he is not in a position at present to comply with the expiration of the current permit. Since the Selectmen can grant only one extension, the time to be their discretion, they wanted to be sure that George allowed himself enough of an extension to complete his home and remove the trailer from the site. George fully understands that the trailer has to be removed by the expiration of the extension and with that in mind was granted an five month extension expiring October 1, 1990. A letter of confirmation will go to George from the Selectmen's Office.

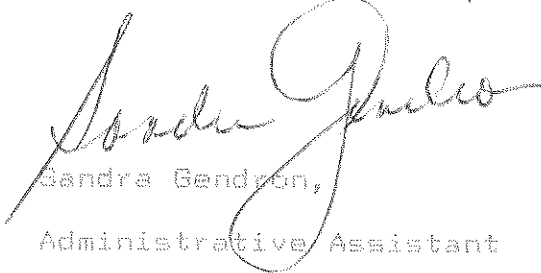
A Mr. Robert Watson was in to inquire as to the road classification on land currently owned by Ferdinand Grimard which he is interested in purchasing. Selectman Mansfield stated that this road was a Class VI which means it is unmaintained by the Town. This is an approximately forty acre parcel on which Mr. Watson's intentions are to build only one house, he does not anticipate subdividing. He was told by the Selectmen maintenance of this road would be his responsibility, that should he want to bring to Class V standards, he could petition a Town Meeting to get the road approved for maintenance by the Town and that he would be charged a betterment assessment. General discussion ensued as to his possible plans and the tax maps were reviewed to determine which way might be better for entering the property. He was also told that any improvements he may contemplate would have to be done in agreement with the Road Agent. A Class VI Road Agreement form will be sent to Mr. Watson and the Planning Board will be contacted to see if the Board of Selectmen needs to seek their opinion. The Selectmen made sure that Mr. Watson understood that even if he built on this parcel, the road was town-owned and as such can be used by others.

It was moved by Selectman Dodge that a letter be written to Police Chief John Ballou stating that he could remain on as full-time chief only until June 30, 1990 which constitutes six months after his hiring or until a replacement was hired since he choose to leave the Police Standards and Training Academy not having completed the

course required for him to remain employed as full time officer. John was fully aware that his completion of this course was a mandatory requirement for him to continue full-time employment. This motion was seconded by Selectman Johnston and voted 2 - 1 by the Board of Selectmen. Interviews will be set up for two of the candidates who had submitted resumes when the job was advertised. Each of the part-time officers will be sent letters to see if any one of them is interested in pursuing the position.

Checks were signed and mail was reviewed, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



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