

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - April 30, 1990

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Johnston and Dodge, Selectman Mansfield was away. Taking minutes was Sandra Gendron.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regular Monday evening appointment. Terry Gordon was in to be interviewed for a position open on the Highway Department. Lee had, previous to this meeting, had Terry drive the Town dump truck and was satisfied with his performance. Terry listed his previous employers and his previous work experience which included driving six and ten wheel trucks and operating a loader. He stated that he had never been fired from a job. Terry is living in Goffstown and will be building a home in New Boston on land that he owns once his finances stabilize. He offered assurances to the Board that he would not be seeking employment at a higher wage, should he be hired by the Town of New Boston, once the economy picks up; but, rather, he was looking for a job that offered year round employment. Terry understood that he was being hired as a truck driver, but that this position would also require him to be a laborer along with the rest of the road crew. He gave the Selectmen a copy of his driving record for the file. Selectman Dodge stressed to Terry the importance of caring for the town equipment, that abuse was not tolerated, and the importance of getting along with his fellow employees. The insurance benefits offered by the Town were also explained to Terry. When asked when he could start if he were to be hired, he responded that he could begin Wednesday, May 2nd. Terry was hired and his wage would begin at the bottom step of the truck driver scale.

Peter Beers was in once again at the request of the Board of Selectmen to further discuss the bid which he had submitted for the Joe English Road Project. The Selectmen requested that Peter produce proof of at least \$500,000 general liability insurance and they would like assure themselves that there is enough quality material in Carl Houghton's gravel pit to do the entire project. The Selectmen had been to the Houghton Pit and were concerned with the layout and the already existing stockpiles of debris. They would want assurances that none of this debris gets into the material being excavated for the project. Selectman Dodge also expressed the concern that the magnitude of the job will exhaust the limits of the Houghton Permit, commenting that this job alone will take the majority of the entire permit.

Peter related that he had heard John Staiti was upset at not being called back regarding the awarding of the bid and the Selectmen explained to Peter that at this point no one had been awarded the job. Peter inquired of the Selectmen as to whether the Road Agent for the Town of Lyndeboro had any influence as to the Board's possible reluctance to deal with John Staiti. Selectman Dodge responded to Peter's inquiry by stating that he had seen the road job in Lyndeboro that John had been contracted to do and had spoken to more than just the Road Agent. In Selectman Dodge's opinion the road was not up to the standards he would like to see maintained in the Town of New Boston. The Selectmen went on to state that they would prefer to deal with someone they know since they also feel that Peter is very close to a profit or loss line. Selectman Johnston stated that the Board realized if the bid were to go to Peter that he would be using John Staiti as a subcontractor. The Board

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once again stated that the bid has yet to be awarded and that for Peter to remain in the running the Board would have to be positively sure that there was enough quality gravel available in the Houghton Pit to do the entire project and Peter would have to prove that he has general liability insurance coverage of at least \$500,000.

The Selectmen told Peter that should he get the bid, the Town would pay the added cost of hydro-seeding, the feeling being that this method produces more satisfactory results. The Selectmen would still want the mulching to be done.

The meeting ended with Peter stating that he would get in touch with Carl Houghton to have him make ready samples of the gravel for the Selectmen to view. The Selectmen stated that they would invite Carl in to remedy any issues with the gravel permit as it now stands.

Police Chief John Ballou was in to discuss with the Board the new police cruiser which the department is ready to purchase, monies made available by vote of the March, 1990 Town Meeting. The end results of the test driving by the members of the department was that all seemed to favor the Chevrolet Suburban. Even though this is the largest of all the vehicles tested, it seemed to have more of the features everyone was looking for and the price was the lowest at \$17,528. The cruiser would still need to be equipped with a radio, light bar and the budget is \$5.00 shy of being able to install two screens which the department would like for safety reasons. Discussion ensued as to the overall length of the various vehicles test-driven and that fact that the suburban might be somewhat higher to operate because of its size; however, the officers all felt the other vehicles were just too small and cramped. Chief Ballou was authorized to purchase a Chevrolet Suburban for use of the Police Department.

On another matter, Chief Ballou discussed a letter that had been sent to the Board of Selectmen by a resident, Jeffrey Loranger, Roby Road; a copy of which had been sent to the Police Department. Chief Ballou stated on advice of the County Attorney's Office that this was a civil matter and he will get word to Mr. Loranger relating this information.

Jim Weelborg, from the engineering firm of Dubois and King was in to discuss with the Board of Selectmen the report that his firm had prepared as a pre-requisite to our attempt to seek matching funds from the State of N. H. with regard to energy-saving improvements to be made at the Town Office. The details of the report were discussed with regard to what mandatory improvements we would have to make before we could consider ones that we could make with less than a ten year payback that would qualify for state matching funds. The Board had been looking to possibly replacing the first floor windows, a recommendation that was not mentioned in the report as being feasible or otherwise. Jim was going to look into this and the possibility of the replacement of the front doors, which had been mentioned in the report; however, the recommendation was to create an airlock without actually replacing the existing doors. Should the report need to be amended depending of what information Jim was able to ascertain, the amendments would have to be made at the expense of the Town of New Boston.

Roland St. Onge of St. Onge Septic Services was in to discuss with the Board his recent one-week suspension from the City of Manchester because he was caught dumping septage from the Town of New Boston when this technically should have been dumped in Concord a fact Mr. St. Onge was aware of. He stated that this type of suspension was very costly to a small business such as his and Manchester is becoming more strict since there has been a change in plant supervisors to one who is enforcing the rules. Mr. St. Onge went on to state that the Concord fee is \$90. to dump 1500 gallons of septage, this is already an increased fee and he is concerned that in the not too distant future it will cost New Boston residents upwards of \$200. to have their tanks pumped. He would like the Selectmen to look at a plan he has devised for a lagoon and would propose to build at the site of the New Boston Transfer Station, taking up an area of approximately two acres, long and narrow in size. He is prepared to submit this plan to the State of N. H. for the required approval. The proposed lagoon would only serve the needs of New Boston. Discussion ensued as to what a predicament this area and most of the state would be in should anything happen to the present set-up in Concord. He also suggested that the Selectmen contact the Town of Merrimack to see if they might be willing to accept septage from New Boston for a reasonable fee, since Manchester is not willing to reduce their restrictions. The Selectmen agreed that they would investigate this avenue and Selectman Dodge would like to go with Mr. St. Onge to view a site in Webster that appears to be operating successfully.

John and Pat Ryan were in to discuss their ongoing dilemma with their neighbors the Regan's with regard the malfunctioning, if not failed, septic system of the Regan's. It is the contention of John Ryan that he cannot rent the home he owns next to the Regan's due to the odor and possible septage that is flowing across the backyard of his property. Many meetings have taken place with officials in Concord and Mr. Regan admitted to Selectman Dodge that he knows he has to replace his existing system, but lacks the funds. John Ryan does not see how he can replace his system, nor does he support Mr. Regan getting of waiver, due to the location of his newly installed swimming pool which does not have benefit of a building permit. John brought in diagrams to support his contentions. It was agreed that soils samples might be taken from the Ryan backyard to see if they showed signs of contamination and the Building Inspector would be asked to review the folder regarding the installation of the pool and the possibility that it has been installed closer to a lot line than is allowed by the Zoning Ordinance.

Frank and Dorothy Fillmore were in to inquire about driveway permits that they had submitted for a subdivision they were proposing on Butterfield Mill Road, they were told by the Selectmen that these permits would be reviewed later on in the evening. The Selectmen went on to state that these permits, if all proved to be in order, along with the letter from the Selectmen stating what road improvements would have to be made by the Fillmore's in conjunction with the subdivision, would be submitted to the Planning Board by May 8th when the Fillmore's were scheduled to meet with the Planning Board. Dotty stated to the Selectmen that they had no intention of complying with a \$1250. per lot assessment imposed by the Planning Board as a condition to final approval of the subdivision. This

assessment would be relative to supplying water for fire protection, an assessment which Dotty claims her attorney has stated is illegal and that the Fillmore's will seek court action rather than pay. Dotty went on to document the events which lead up to their decision and feel the Planning Board is not being fair in expecting payment of \$5,000. for their four lots prior to the setting of a date for final approval of their subdivision. The Selectmen agreed to request of the Planning Board a history of this assessment and a request for a legal opinion of this assessment if need be. Discussion continued regarding the Trust Fund that had been established for Water Supplies.

The Fillmore's agreed to deeding over land to the Town to widen the road, this does not have to be done before final approval of the subdivision.

Checks were signed, mail was reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



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