

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - July 2, 1990

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

Bonnie Bethune, Manager of the Transfer Station was in for the opening of the bids which had been returned before the established deadline for the proposed building to be constructed at the Transfer Station. Since Bonnie came into the meeting before the time designated to open the bids, other matters related to the Transfer Station were discussed.

Bonnie wanted permission from the Board of Selectmen to start the process to purchase the baler. She has a list of suggested dealers from the State of N. H. since there are not many companies who sale this particular piece of equipment. One on the list is M & M Solid Waste, a company with whom the Town of New Boston has done business with.

Bonnie also related to the Board that she had eight people at her recently held Solid Waste Committee meeting. This committee will act as an advisory to the Board of Selectmen and will be working on the compilation of a Solid Waste Ordinance which will ultimately be presented to Town Meeting for approval.

Discussion turned to the \$10,000 grant which has been applied for to the State of N. H. The grant has been approved and the State will be sending a contract. Bonnie also told the Selectmen that there was \$50,140 remaining of the \$65,000 that had been voted at the 1990 Town Meeting to purchase the loader, baler and construct the building necessary for New Boston to begin recycling in earnest.

Bonnie inquired of the Selectmen whether the Town should have some kind of liability release from Donald Martleb who leaves a trailer on-site until it is filled with newspapers and then it is hauled away and returned to be filled once again. The Board will discuss this matter further.

The bids for the building were opened. The first one opened was from A & B Lumber in the amount of \$55,500. The second one was from Mason Associates and contained three bids for three different types of buildings, they were \$52,360, \$57,420 and \$63,030. The third and final bid was from William Forest in the amount of \$48,500 which included concrete and the electrical work. Based on the figure previously mentioned it appeared that the budget for the proposed structure was \$7,360 short.

Discussion ensued as to the shortage and the fact that a baler still needed to be purchased. The Selectmen basically supported concentrating on the building being constructed and working on the purchase of a baler at a later date.

Paul DeRochemont, Deputy Police Chief was in and turned over \$215.00 which had been given to him by former Police Chief John Ballou as monies being realized from the sale of confiscated articles by the Department. A cashiers check will replace the cash and it will be held by the Selectmen's Office until a decision can be made as to its final desposition. Paul recommended that the oldest cruiser be retired since the newly purchased cruiser would be available

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Tuesday. Selectman Dodge moved that the oldest cruiser (Jeep-Wagoneer) be retired as of noon on July 3, 1990, this motion was seconded and voted unanimously by the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Dodge had met with Jim McLaughlin, newly hired Chief of Police and Jim understands that Paul DeRochemont is acting Police Chief until July 9 when Jim assumes his duties. Jim has arranged a meeting with Paul for eleven a. m. on the 4th. Jim will be encouraging Paul to remain in his position until such time as he has learned more about the department. Although it was thought that Don Sims may have overstepped his bounds, the Selectmen feel that he knew Paul had been considering giving up his position as deputy and they feel that Don is overzealous with the changes in the department. Again, the Selectmen stated that it is Jim's intention not to make any changes until he knows more about the workings of the department.

Discussion turned to where the new cruiser might be housed and it appears that room can be made at the Fire Station. All agree that a centrally located garage is a good idea for the new cruiser. Selectman Mansfield feels that there might have been an agreement with Leon Daniels, owner of an abutting strip of land adjacent to the Fire Station, that no cars will be parked along the fence. Paul agreed with the Selectmen that any officers using the cruiser will park their personal vehicles in the Town Hall parking lot.

Paul agreed before leaving that everything would remain as is with the Police Department for the time being.

Bonnie Bethune returned to the meeting and discussion resumed on the bids that had been received for the building at the Transfer Station. It was decided and a meeting was arranged with Bill Forest for Tuesday, July 3 at 9 a.m. to further discuss his bid which had been the lowest received.

Selectman Mansfield related that he had spoken to Almus Chancey as had been previously agreed upon regarding the accumulation of vehicles and vehicle parts on his property which has been cause for neighborhood concern. Almus did tell Selectman Mansfield that he will begin to clean up the area.

Selectman Mansfield also agreed to investigate the procedure whereby a handgun that had been purchased many years ago by the Police Department might be given to John Ballou by his fellow officers.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Gendron
Administrative Assistant.