

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

Present for the meeting which began at 6:00 p.m. at the Police Station were Selectmen Mansfield, Johnston and Dodge along with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Police Chief James McLaughlin escorted the group around the Police Station showing areas and situation which need attention. His most immediate need is clerical assistance and that of a copy machine. He has also asked his officers to volunteer time to inventory accumulated articles that have been allowed to gather at the station and not received proper attention. The physical plant was reviewed and Jim pointed out to the Board of Selectmen inadequacies of the cells and discussion ensued as to how at least one of them might be used as an evidence room so to speak. Jim also discussed with the Selectmen his antiquated telephone system still using rotary dial phones and the steps he is taking to try to update the system and install touch tone phones with which he will be able to use his pager. Many other issues were discussed and Jim will keep the Selectmen informed as progress takes place.

The Selectmen returned to their office at 7:30 p.m. and met with the Recreation Commission who had scheduled an appointment with the Board regarding the possibility of the Recreation Commission assuming the sponsorship of the sport programs currently under the auspices of the Junior Athletic League. Ronald Sweezey currently President of the JAL (although he commented his tenure would be ending soon) would like to operate the sports programs through the Town and be sponsored by the Recreation Commission. It is his contention that the programs will operate in the same manner as they have been in the past and include soccer, basketball and baseball. The prospect of the JAL becoming affiliated with the Recreation Commission has been an on-going endeavor which has yet to come to pass. Ron questioned the fact that he had learned that the New Boston Recreation Commission was listed on the JAL Charter, a fact that Sandy Gallup was not aware of but learned that the JAL needed town sponsorship to have a charter. Sandy stated that more investigation would be necessary. Sandy had inquired of the N. H. Parks and Recreation as to the liability which might be present under the circumstances, they had no positive answer; however, expressed unhappiness that the JAL may have used the New Boston Recreation Commission's name and does not have a direct affiliation. Ron Sweezey further pointed out that the school gym will not be available to the JAL this fall without a certificate of insurance.

Selectman Dodge inquired at the the numbers of members left actively involved with the JAL and was told that there were approximately nine members with the majority supporting Ron's intent. Ron commented that that if the JAL remains as is the cost per participant in the various programs will increase. Discussion ensued as the use of the Recreation Commission's name on the charter of the JAL and Ron stated that he was told that permission had been received, to which the Selectmen commented that they certainly had not granted such permission. Ron further stated that the current active members of the JAL were fairly new and were willing to work with the Recreation Commission. Ron's main concern is to insure that winter sports are organized and feels even if the JAL remains active they will not be in a position to afford the insurance necessary to use the school gym. Selectman Dodge expressed concern on behalf of the Board of Selectmen that no authorization had been

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given for the JAL to use the Recreation Commission's name on the Charter. The Selectmen further expressed their hope that the JAL would vote to dissolve which they felt would be the most intelligent course of action under the present circumstances and offered support for the merger of the two groups.

Road Agent Lee Murray was next on the agenda for his regular meeting having displayed great patience since the Board was well behind their proposed schedule. The first topic for discussion was the widening of Beard Road, a 1990 proposed project, with regard to the removal of the stone wall in the area of the John and Rita Young Subdivision. Lee had reviewed the minutes of the Planning Board in relation to that specific subdivision and found that the town would not be responsible for rebuilding that wall when the road was widened. Since there still seemed to be some question, Selectman Dodge suggested that Lee might discuss the matter with John Young.

The next topic for discussion was that of the Ducor Development Subdivision which has recently been re-activated by the developer with the Planning Board in pursuit of a final approval. Lee has spent a considerable amount of time with Claire Dane, Recording Secretary for the Planning Board going over the proposed road layouts. Discussion ensued as to the fact that the original agreements with Ducor with regard to the roads had been in 1988 and regulations and requirements have changed since then. The Planning Board is requiring that Ducor submit a new application for subdivision thus the 1990 regulations apply. Based on this the Selectmen will ask that the Planning Board submit a new letter of recommendation with regard to road improvements for this proposed project.

Lee asked the Selectmen if they were satisfied with the Joe English Road Project which had been seeded this day and the mulch would go on tomorrow which would be a separate billing to the Town. All agreed that Skip Gomes had completed the job very nicely.

Tim Trimbur had submitted a proposal to Lee to cut Beard Road for \$4,800.00 as opposed to a proposal from John Brown for \$10,000.00. The Selectmen would like to discuss with Tim his proposal and he will be scheduled for their next meeting on August 13, 1990.

Lee showed pictures of Hopkins Road and stated McClellan has agreed with mix clay with the gravel that had been place but due to its consistency would not pack properly. Lee will follow-up to make sure that the project is properly tended to. Selectman Dodge and Lee had checked into the complaints of the Regan's who had hired an attorney to deal with matters that they felt had been improperly handled since their purchase of property bordering on Hopkins Road. They did find areas that needed improvements and will seek permission to make the necessary improvements through the attorney. Selectman Dodge will assume the responsibility for contacting the attorney hired by the Regan's.

Lee questioned the agreement that had been reached with those involved in the installation of the culvert on Lyndeboro Road which would replace the bridge in the area of the home of Alphonse Hamel as to how much financial responsibility would be assumed by the

Town. Selectman Dodge recalls that there would be no expense to the Town to which Lee responded that he had only asked because of a conversation he had had with Skip Gomes which indicated to the contrary. Selectman Dodge further comment that there had been no formal agreement with the gravel operation owners, only word of mouth, but agreement had been reached that the owners would do the job amongst themselves to which Selectman Mansfield agreed.

The Selectmen discussed prior to a scheduled meeting with the Fillmore's action to be taken regarding damage that had been created by the Fillmore's and had been repaired by the Town on Butterfield Mill Road. It was clearly evident to the Board that blasting had taken place on the Class VI road and an assessment would have to be made as to a dollar amount for which the Fillmore's would be held responsible. Selectman Johnston strongly supports action be taken due to the flagrant violations of the Fillmore's despite repeated warnings by the Selectmen that they were not to touch the town-owned roadway. The Board agreed that some action was necessary and would be a separate assessment from the road improvement monies assessed as a part of the final subdivision agreement.

Frank and Jeffrey Fillmore were in to present to the Board of Selectmen the plan which depicts the triangular shaped lot which the Fillmore's intend to deed to the Town of New Boston as part of the final agreement for their proposed subdivision on Butterfield Mill Road. Selectman Dodge requested that the Fillmore's provide the Selectmen with a release of that lot from the mortgage of the entire parcel purchased by the Fillmore's and asked if a title search had been made to which Frank responded that one had and Selectman Dodge requested a copy of that search. Frank was not certain as to the availability of a copy of the search but would request one of the bank who held the mortgage. Discussion turned to the affidavit which Town Counsel Leslie Nixon had suggested be signed by the Fillmore's through their attorney, as a further protection to the Town when the lot was formally deeded. It was agreed once the above-mentioned requests had been met that it was most likely the Town would be ready to accept the deed to the lot.

Discussion turned to what use the town would make of this lot as far as widening the road to increased traffic.

Before the Fillmore's left Selectman Dodge made Frank aware that the Board has yet to determine what costs will be assessed to Frank for the repairs made by the Town to Butterfield Mill Road; and, further, that the Board will pursue the issue calling Frank in when a decision has been made.

Routine matters were then attended to including the signing of checks and the review of mail and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Gendron
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