

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - October 8, 1990

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Mansfield, Johnston and Dodge with Sandra Bendron taking minutes.

The first order of business was to open bids received for work to be done to the Historical Building (formerly the Town Office). Bids were received by Mitch Drywall in the amount of \$3200. and from Gary Lawrence in the amount of \$1498.11. The bids will be reviewed and meetings scheduled if deemed necessary.

Jerry Kennedy and Bob Todd were in representing the Cemetery Trustees. They wished to discuss with the Selectmen the gift of land from Roger Webber some years ago that the Trustees are now ready to make use of with regard to the expansion of the present cemetery. They would like to institute a plan of action and proceed. They feel with the economy as slow as it is quite possibly they could get the necessary fill at a reasonable price. They also realize that they need a design layout and a drainage system. They would like the Selectmen's blessing for a warrant article at the 1991 Town Meeting that would ask for funds to design that portion of land to become a part of the existing cemetery. The estimated cost would be \$1,000. to \$3,000. also included in this cost would be a suitable memorial to Roger Webber acknowledging the donation of the land.

Bob Todd showed the Selectmen a concept that he had worked on when the land was first donated many years before. It was estimated that this parcel could accommodate 100 cemetery lots. Discussion turned to how much area had been filled with material that had been brought in from the landfill when work was being done there.

The Board of Selectmen agreed that a design was needed and that possibly the article could further include monies necessary for fill and monies necessary to address the drainage issue.

While the group was together they discussed care of the lower cemetery and the Selectmen told the Trustees that concern had been expressed by John Palmer that more money be appropriated to give this section more care in keeping with the attractive appearance of the entire cemetery. The Selectmen stated that quite possibly the operating budget which has been \$800. for many years should be increased.

Fire Chief James Dodge was in to discuss with the Board a letter that had been received from Richard Messina with regard to the inspection process which takes place during the construction of a cistern. Selectman Dodge had spoken to the Fire Wards asking for their input. Jim stated that the matter had been discussed among the Fire Wards and the letter that had been received from the engineering firm of Cowan and Cricenti (regarding the same subject matter and offering suggestions and recommendations) did not cover what the Fire Wards were looking for.

The intent of the Fire Wards when requesting that the design engineer inspect the cistern as it is being constructed is to insure that the Town is getting a good product that will remain serviceable for many years. Jim stated that Cowan and Cricenti had not been consistent in their inspections of the Messina cistern as it was

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being built and further Mr. Messina had expressed consternation that he was paying for two engineers to do the same inspections. It was the intention of the Fire Wards to have the developer pay to oversee the installation of the cistern for the protection of the Town. In discussions with Mr. Messina, Jim did learn that Cowan and Cricenti had agreed with Mr. Messina that there was a duplication of services, and dropped the price of the set of plans; however, Jim informed Mr. Messina that the Town of New Boston would not accept the cistern unless they had a guarantee of construction compliance and an engineer to fall back on should problems or concerns arise. Jim had further discussion with Mr. Messina and he stated that Mr. Messina realized that he must satisfy the Town. Jim is still waiting for some kind of a guarantee of construction or a bond from Mr. Messina to protect the Town for a five-year period which Jim feels is reasonable.

Selectman Dodge stated that Mr. Messina had told him since he had not received a response from the Board of Selectmen to a letter he had written on Sept. 10, 1990, in which he stated what could be certified by the Town Engineer (Dufresne and Henry) and his engineer, he assumed all was well. Jim still claims Mr. Messina realized he needed to offer protection in some form to the Town and further Jim feels that protection should come from Cowan and Cricenti or Mr. Messina as the developer. Jim referred to a letter from Dennis McCarthy, an engineer from Dufresne and Henry in which Dennis stated that two inspections on a project such as this is not uncommon in this day and age.

Discussion ensued between Selectman Dodge and Jim regarding a problem with the Messina cistern relative to the height of the pipe. Jim expressed his thought that Road Agent Lee Murray had gone to the site and approved what would be done as far as the height of the pipe is concerned. The main issue with the entire matter is the issuance of a bond or insurance which will protect the Town for the prescribed five year period. Dennis McCarthy did indicate to Jim that everything did appear to be in order to sign off and that he would try to accommodate Mr. Messina since so many problems have occurred.

It is intended that the Selectmen will respond to Mr. Messina as to why two inspections are necessary and Jim agrees that to respond in that fashion is all well and good; however, it does not answer the protection problem and that protection for the Town which was in place by the inspection process had been taken away when Cowan and Cricenti and Mr. Messina had reached agreement amongst themselves.

The meeting ended with Jim again stating what he felt was reasonable for Mr. Messina to put up for protection for the Town with regard to the acceptance of his cistern and that is \$5,000. for a 5-year period. Selectman Dodge stated that this option would be listed in the letter to Mr. Messina. Jim also requested that the Selectmen start whatever process necessary to get a design for a sprinkler system for the building at the Transfer Station.

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