

MINUTES OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - October 13, 1990

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Johnston and Dodge, Selectman Mansfield would arrive late and Selectman Dodge took minutes until Sandra Gendron arrived at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regularly scheduled meeting with the Board. Lee had been asked by the Baudreau's on Thornton Road if they could move several of the large boulders on the edge of the roadway and place them on their property. Mr. Baudreau is willing to hire a contractor to remove the rocks and fix that area of the road. Since this is a scenic road, the Selectmen reviewed the law regarding this road designation and determined since the rocks were located within 3' of the edge of the road, approval for such a project could be granted and was.

Bids were then opened for the replacement of the roof on the Town Shed located on Old Coach Road. Bids had been received from A & B Lumber in the amount of \$5,550., Gary Chicoine Builders in the amount of \$7,770.00 and Mitch's Drywall in the amount of \$6,925. Selectman Dodge moved, with a second from Selectman Johnston, that Lee contact Alan Bean from A & B Lumber to confirm that the required work would be done and if satisfied with the response award him the bid. This was voted unanimously by the Board.

Before leaving Lee discussed with the Board the institution of a winter parking ordinance. It was agreed that Lee would contact surrounding communities and the NHMA for existing ordinances and guidelines for adoption of such an ordinance.

Interviews were held with Dan Rothman and Gary Filiault to fill a vacant position on the Finance Committee. Both men were told that there was one position open at this time and the Selectmen would inform them of their decision for the appointment.

Deborah Keiner was interviewed for an open position on the Conservation Commission and at the conclusion of the interview it was unanimously voted to appoint Debbie to fill the vacancy.

Bonnie Bethune, Manager of the Transfer Station was in with Ronald and Paul Sizemore, contracted haulers for the Town of New Boston to discuss with the Board of Selectmen how the Sizemore's intend to participate in the recycling effort. The Sizemore's have a new truck on their route which will accommodate the separation of newspaper and aluminum cans; however, they have had mechanical difficulties which they hope have been rectified so that more bins can be added and additional separation achieved.

Discussion ensued as to how they might schedule their routes to accommodate the hours at the Transfer Station since a problem is created in disposing of the recyclables. Paul does not have enough time at the Transfer Station during regular hours. Paul detailed his schedule and alternatives were discussed. Discussion continued and thought was expressed that Bonnie might pick up another 1/2 day to accommodate Paul's need to dump. The Sizemore's explained that they had just been given the removal business from the Tracking Station and are working to include this pickup into their schedule.

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Discussion turned to Paul's responsibility towards his customers especially in their effort to recycle, a responsibility he is aware of. Selectman Dodge expressed the feeling that Paul has to participate in the education of his customers towards the recycling effort. Paul agreed and again discussed what he intends to do with the bins on his trucks. The Selectmen asked the Sizemore's for advise as to how the Town could help them with regard to making it easier for Paul to dump. Discussion ensued and Bonnie suggested that Paul might entertain the use of clear plastic bags making the contents clearly visible. Ultimately the Saturday hours at the Transfer Station make it difficult for Paul to do his routes and still have time to dump before closing; however, if the station were open at another time, it would be beneficial to him. With the addition of the Tracking Station to his customer list, he will reschedule that area of town and Paul feels this will lighten the load on Saturday. Discussion once again turned to the use of clear plastic bags, and Bonnie stated that she is looking at pilot programs using them which appear to be working well. Glass still is a problem and seems to be among what is most brought to the station for recycling. Bonnie is working on alternatives and expresses the thought that she might use a separate trailer for glass collection. Discussion continued and all agreed that glass will have to continue to be co-mingled.

The meeting ended with Paul stating that he hoped before the end of the year to be able to advertise to his customers that his equipment was ready to accommodate the recycling effort.

Bonnie remained at the meeting to present her recommendation for a baler. Discussion ensued on this impending purchase and particulars related to its installation. Bonnie expressed the thought that her 1990 operating budget was in good shape and Selectman Dodge suggested that she update her printout to see what remains available.

Bonnie also told the Selectmen that the town-owned trailer had been inspected and pictures taken and sent to the manufacturer with regard to the chipping paint to see if some recompense were available.

Gary Lawrence was next in to see the Board of Selectmen regarding the bid he had submitted for the painting of the Historical Building. Gary was told by the Board that the bid for the re-roofing of the Town Shed had been awarded to A & B Lumber, since Gary had initially bid on that job. *A & B Bona General Contracting.*

Discussion turned to the project proposed for the Historical Building. Gary was asked to estimate the cost of replacing any boards that might need replacement once the clapboards were removed. Gary stated that the extent of the damage would have to be determined and then it would be the cost of the materials plus labor which he estimated to be around \$100. The scheduling of the project was discussed, everyone realizing that the weather would be a factor and Gary was awarded the job to begin as soon as possible.

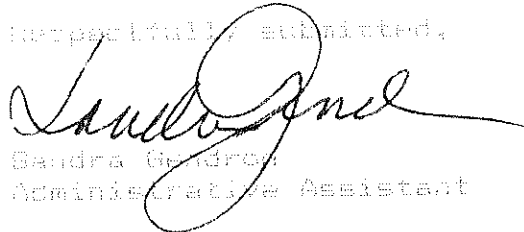
Fire Chief James Dodge came in to discuss with the Board of Selectmen a situation which had developed at the Tracking Station

with regard to their ambulance service. Jim was contacted by officials at the Tracking Station stating that their ambulance would no longer be in service nor would it be available for mutual aid calls. Jim wanted the Selectmen to be aware of the situation and after giving it some thought to let the Fire Department know their feelings and concerns. Jim asked Tracking Station Officials who would be taking care of emergency medical needs at the station and the response he received was that they hoped we would. At this time there appears to be no way to document what those needs might be. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that the base paid no taxes to the Town of New Boston, and the New Boston Rescue Squad would be dealing with military personnel as well as civilians working for a private company. Jim stated that the Fire Department is still not sure how they will handle the situation, but initially feels the Town should be compensated. Obviously, for now they will respond to any emergency should it occur.

Discussion continued on the fact that there was no warning to the New Boston Fire Department that the discontinuation of emergency service was being contemplated. Jim related a conversation he had with the current chief who is only managing the department. It seemed no one wanted the responsibility of this department and it was eliminated for budgetary reasons. There was the question put to Jim if the Town would accept government insurance; however, Jim did not feel well enough informed to offer a response at this time. Jim pointed out several things that would need consideration including who used the facilities as well as the fact that there were still live bombs turned up from time to time. Selectman Dodge thought contacting our Congressman might be a good idea and, further expressed concern about what might happen in an emergency situation if we did not respond. The fact that a mutual aid agreement was only good for one year was also discussed. The present chief only appeared to be looking to possible budget cuts and not at the overall picture. Jim wanted the Selectmen to be informed so that there was time for thought and consideration to be given to the matter before meeting with Tracking Station Officials.

Mail was reviewed, checks were signed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,



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Administrative Assistant