

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - November 19, 1990

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Johnston and Dodge with Sandra Bendron taking minutes. Selectman Mansfield was absent having to attend a meeting out of town.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regular meeting with the Board of Selectmen. The first order of business was to interview August (Skip) Bomes who had submitted a bid for a project to be done on Clark Hill Road. Skip stated that he intended to use Tim Trimbur for the necessary tree work. Further discussion included how long the job might take as it relates to the weather and how he had priced the job with regard to trucking, loading and leveling. Skip stated that he could begin the job immediately. Comments were made as to what Trimbur would actually have to cut and Skip's approach to the job. He would be hauling away material at town rates. The Selectmen supported getting billed for the work done to which Skip agreed. Skip estimated with no interference from the weather, the job would take approximately eight days on the grubbing and six days on the gravel, combining the two operations he estimated the job to be two to three weeks.

Lou Rumore was the next appointment to see the Selectmen having also submitted a bid for the Clark Hill Road project. The Board of Selectmen made Lou aware that he was the low bidder and further that they had interviewed the next highest bidder. Lou explained that he would do the job aggressively and would also use Tim Trimbur for the tree work that needed to be done. Tim had told Lou he would need four to five days notice to begin the job and then estimated the job to take four to six days. It would be Lou's intention to allow Tim to finish his portion of the project before he moves his equipment in. Lou will move in with the chipper and use this material to stabilize the slopes. He then intends to go from one end to the other and do the grubbing and will hire trucks to haul the stumps. He has lined up a dozer, loader and additional trucks. The Selectmen questioned Lou as to his seemingly low bid. Lou contends that he has reviewed the figures he submitted and he will stand behind them. The job is not long and involved and should only take two to three weeks. Lee asked Lou if he would be willing to open the road and lay the gravel as he went along and Lou agreed this would not be a problem. Lou was asked how he would charge to remove the burl, he stated he would charge an hourly rate of \$35.00 for the truck and \$50.00 per hour for a 530 loader. He plans to break up any boulders that cannot be moved immediately and the price for such work is included in the bid. He will show proof of \$1,000,000. insurance coverage. Lou estimated that if Tim Trimbur starts on time then he would be able to begin no later than December 3, 1990 and he will expect payment as work is done.

Later in the evening, by unanimous vote of the Selectmen, Lou Rumore was contacted and awarded the job on Clark Hill Road.

Lee discussed with the Selectmen what he might do with wood left by the telephone company since much of it is too big to chip and is also too big to go to the Transfer Station. Lee contends that if it were left in log length then maybe we could get rid of it. Selectman Dodge asks what the telephone company's responsibility might be and once we know that then appropriate action could be taken.

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Discussion turned to the trimming that had been done on Tucker Mill Road which appears to be very messy. Lee contacted the telephone company and was told that the Fillmore's did their own trimming to save money. Selectman Dodge suggested that Lee contact the telephone company once again to get the exact facts of the situation and if the Fillmore's did this trimming then they are expected to clean up. Lee will let the phone company know that the Town is unhappy and the phone company can tend to the cleanup. Lee will also check Greenfield Road with regard to the work that the Fillmore's should be doing.

John Young was in at the request of the Board of Selectmen to discuss a building permit that he was pursuing. John had applied for a building permit to remodel what had previously been a seasonal structure into a year-round resident, the structure being located on the same lot as his home. The building inspector has denied the issuance of an occupancy permit since this would create a second dwelling on one lot which is not permissible under zoning regulations. John does not agree that this building is for seasonal use since it has in the past been used as many as eleven months of the year. Selectman Dodge had some discussion with the Planning Board since the structure has not been a full-time residence. Discussion ensued with John Young contending that this is a non-conforming commercial building used by his business. He further states that seasonal help is not anticipated to use the building in question in the future and the work has been done to enable his son Carl to live in the building as an employee of the business. John went into the history of the building that he contends has been occupied since 1971 and has had approvals from the State of N. H. for year round use for more than five people to inhabit. He also stated the fact that other people has rented the premises from time to time. John claims that he was encouraged to annex the building to his house lot at a time when he was subdividing and was not told that he would have to cease use of the building known as the "bunkhouse". Selectman Dodge offered the opinion, that in his mind, the difference would come if continued use of the building could be substantiated. It was also pointed out to John Young that should an occupancy be granted it would stipulate that this building could not be rented. Once again, John argued that there were apple trees (which has been his prime business) on this lot along with a storage building that houses a cider press. Selectman Johnston offered the thought that this building might fall under an agricultural definition. The meeting ended with no decision, but the matter would undergo further review.


Ray Mason and Kevin St. John were next in to see the Board of Selectmen. Selectman Mansfield explained that Mr. Mason had been requested to appear at the Selectmen's meeting because he had attempted to operate a concession stand on the property of Howard Prince located on River Road. Ray Mason had assumed it was okay having been assured by Leonard Boyer, owner of the small trailer, and having received permission to operate on his property from Howard Prince. The Office of Selectmen had received several call and had sent the Police Chief to request that Ray cease operation until the matter of legal operation could be investigated. Selectman Dodge explained to Ray that even though he might have a state license to operate under state law he must also comply with

local regulations. Under current New Boston Zoning Regulations this type of operation cannot be established just anywhere. The property of Howard Prince is not a permitted use for a such an enterprise. Selectman Johnston suggested that Ray contact the Planning Board to seek out areas in town where he might operate with the proper Peddler's License which must be in his own name. Selectman Dodge further suggested that Ray might request an informal hearing with the Planning Board for information.

The Board of Selectmen decided, after a couple of weeks of discussion and the receipt of the 1991 Health Benefit rates for Town employees, that they would propose continued payment of 100% Health Benefits to those for whom it was applicable and further that they would support a 4% wage increase for the Town Office Staff.

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

Respectfully submitted,


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