

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - December 17, 1990

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

Don Frouty was in to finalize the agreement for the line adjustment on property he owns in the area of Saunders Hill Road and Dougherty Lane with the Town of New Boston. Don presented a plan to the Board and much discussion ensued on what land Don originally owned and what the line will now be as presented in the plan. The group felt comfortable that a 200' square could be fit in at the 50' setback so that Don could build if he chose to. The Selectmen felt that the plan presented accomplished what they had wanted it to. This plan relieves the town of any responsibility for the dam and the town gained area that would be necessary to widen the road and intersection in the future. It was agreed that the next step in the process would be for Surveyor Harry Murray to present the plan to the Planning Board. The Selectmen would waive any fees involved, but felt that Planning Board approval was necessary for the boundary line adjustment. Don left the map so that it could be given to Planning Board Secretary Claire Dane to decide how the procedure would be pursued.

Maureen Brown, Chairman of the School Board having been in the Town Office on other business was invited in by the Selectmen to discuss current issues facing the School Board.

Maureen indicated that the final decision to have the Annual School Meeting on Saturday morning, March 16th having been made did not relieve the hard feelings that had been caused. There was still one group against the other who had argued vehemently whether the meeting should be on a Friday evening or a Saturday morning. Maureen related to the Selectmen the background of this controversial issue. The School Board had made the decision in September to have the meeting on a Friday night in an attempt to defuse the issue; however, once word of this decision got out the October meeting brought out people who opposed the decision made the previous month. This resulted in the survey being sent out in the Community Times asking for a consensus of which day people would like to attend. The survey resulted in 2-1 support for a Saturday meeting which has been set. There were only 125 responses to the survey, yet Maureen states the issue will not die. Maureen will encourage that a article be included in the School Warrant so that those in attendance can give their views. Now that the date has been established, it will remain firm.

On the matter of increasing the number of the School Board from 3 to 5 members, an issue that received a majority ballot vote in March of 1990, there also is some question. The wording used on the ballot and the wording on the school warrant was different and both were approved. The State Law and Legal Counsel for the School do not support the highest voter getting the longest term available and then going downward. The argument is that a person would know not which term he was running for nor would the voter know which candidate was getting which term. Maureen states that the Board will go with the vote of the written ballot contending that is in keeping with the spirit of Town's decision. The Selectmen support following legal counsel which is what the above decision of the School Board does. Sandra Gendron relates to the group her

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recollection of the matter and her involvement.

Maureen also discussed with the Board Certificates of Insurance which were now being required by the School Board by the various groups using the multi-purpose room at the Central School. The School Board has established a policy requiring that the various groups provide said certificates and letters are being sent requesting that these certificates be presented at the January School Board Meeting. A list will then be compiled of all the users and their certificates; once this has been accomplished then the exceptions will be dealt with. Some groups have expressed concern that they are not being treated fairly; however, the School Board used Legal Counsel's advise when the policy was established and the requests of compliance were sent out.

Maureen indicated to the Board of Selectmen that the Goffstown Budget Committee was pushing for the Town of Goffstown to withdraw from the S.A.U. It is now Maureen's feeling that the decision by the State as to whether or not Bow will be allowed to withdraw from the S.A.U. is of utmost importance. Should the State grant Bow permission to withdraw then it would seem that the S.A.U. is in danger of falling apart. Discussion ensued as to what action the Town of New Boston should take, if any. Maureen contends that Bow will be the test case; however, a decision will not be forthcoming for three months and then if Bow were to be released, it would not be until the summer of 1992.

The Selectman once again supported keeping the lines of communication open between the two boards.

It was the decision of the Board of Selectmen that there would be no regular Selectmen's meeting during Christmas week, the next scheduled meeting would be January 2, 1991 at 9:00 p.m.

It was mentioned that the Planning Board will like permits to be issued for such events as yard sales, flea markets and such other similar events, said permits to be issued by the Selectmen's Office. No decision was made.

Sandra Gendron will contact Tim Cady to discuss the installation of a monitoring well that Tim's feels is important even though the State of N. H. is not going to require.

Discussion turned to how to handle the ongoing matter of the money that the Town of New Boston is retaining from Brox Industries regarding the paving project on Joe English Road. The Selectmen want to be sure that Brox is very aware if they spend the \$2500. they estimate it will take to correct the problem areas, they do so at their own risk. The decision as to whether the corrections are acceptable will be made by the Board of Selectmen. Brox, of course, is looking for the \$9000. that we still have not paid. Selectman Johnston suggests that the town might retain \$3500. and then use this as a deduction from the total cost of a complete overlay; which, in the minds of the Selectmen is the only way the road will appear to be normal. Selectman Dodge would like to overlay as stated above and negotiate a price with Brox whereby Brox would assume at least one-half the total cost. Sandra Gendron was

instructed to place a call to Brox Industries and discuss the Selectmen's proposal and also make sure that the Town is not expected to pay the finance charges that had been added on to the most recent statement received.

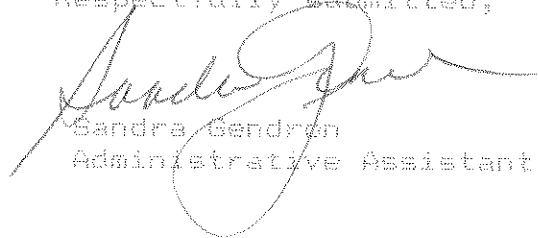
Fire Chief James Dodge was in to see the Selectmen to discuss some of the CIP proposals among other things. Jim is concerned about the positioning of the re-roofing of the Fire House in the CIP. It now appears like it will be presented as a priority in 1991 and since the economy is as bad as it is, Jim and members of the Fire Department feel this could be, and they would like it to be put off until 1993 or 1994. Jim realizes the roof is in poor shape, but they do not want to replace it when they still have plans to remodel the kitchen and these plans include a roof line change. The department is also taking into consideration that they are looking for a new major piece of equipment in 1991 and they are in desperate need of this new truck. He knows that the cost of the roof is fairly small and will appear as a low priority, but still it will show as a money item for the Fire Department. Voting for the CIP will take place after the upcoming public hearing and the Fire Wards will support the new roof for 1993 or beyond when the economy hopefully will have rebounded. Discussion ensued on the CIP in general for the next few years.

The new for a sprinkler system at the Transfer Station was the next topic of discussion. Jim supports the potential use of the Fillmore money, that was taken in escrow as a condition of their subdivision in that general area, along with town money for the installation of a cistern that will serve both the Transfer Station and this subdivision. Jim feels this project can be undertaken and financed as explained above and Jim asked the Selectmen how they felt about the idea. Jim is well aware that the developers interests must be fully protected before any other concepts can be incorporated using the developers monies. Jim is also aware that the proposed cistern would have to be placed within 2200' of the development which he feels can be accomplished. The Fire Wards would like the support of the Board of Selectmen with regard to the pursuit of this project. Jim contended that it has always been the feeling of the Fire Department that the sprinkling of the Transfer Station would be handled the cistern that would be installed as a result of that subdivision. Jim realizes there will have to be more thought involved and more information gathered long before this project might become a reality to which all agreed. Discussion ensued as to whether a well might be an appropriate means to supply water for the sprinkler system, Jim does not agree that a well would accommodate the need and more discussion continued with regard to the cost of a cistern, etc. There was also further discussion of the type of pump that might be needed and whether or not it would require three phase electricity. This would be required if a motor used was over 10 hp. This determination needs to be made immediately. Discussion ensued as to what costs would be incurred by the town should a major fire strike at the Transfer Station. It is apparent to all that fire protection at this site is imperative and Selectman Dodge offered support for the installation of a sprinkler system in the upcoming year. Jim hopes to at least get a plan in place for 1991 and discussion ensued as to how the facility might be protected until such time as a cistern could be installed. The Selectmen agreed

that the above discussion was meritorious.

Checks were signed, mail was reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately midnight.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Gendron". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Sandra Gendron
Administrative Assistant