

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - August 5, 1991

An informal meeting was held on August 2, 1991 at 9:30 a.m. with Selectmen Dodge and Olson present along with Police Chief James McLaughlin and Administrative Assistant Sandra Gendron for discussion of the financial arrangements for the leasing of the new police cruiser which would replace the Chevrolet Blazer recently destroyed by fire. Selectman Johnston unable to attend this meeting had been in contact with Police Chief McLaughlin and Selectman Dodge and was informed of the details which would be discussed.

Discussion took place on the purchase price of the proposed new vehicle which was \$14805, unequipped. Jim felt that he could purchase the necessary equipment and have it installed at a better price than had been quoted by the dealership. Discussion ensued on the lease/purchase options available, namely; on a two year program \$4010, paid every six months or on a three year program \$2781.75 paid every six months. The intention would be to propose to the 1992 Town Meeting that any remaining balance of the lease be paid off since the CIP includes the replacement of a police cruiser in 1992.

It was decided that \$6200. of the insurance settlement would be used towards the lease payments until Town Meeting with the remaining \$5200. of the settlement used to purchase and install the equipment necessary to outfit the vehicle for police use. Jim will investigate what might happen with regard to the balance of the lease should the monies not be voted at Town Meeting to either continue the lease or purchase the vehicle outright. Authorized by the two Selectmen present, Jim will negotiate the final lease agreement on behalf of the Town of New Boston.

The regularly scheduled meeting for August 5, 1991 began at 7:00 p.m. with Selectmen Johnston, Dodge and Olson present. Sandra Gendron took minutes. Selectmen Dodge would have to leave the meeting at 7:30 p.m. to attend to other business but expected to return before the end of the evening.

The first scheduled appointment for the evening was with Police Chief James McLaughlin for his monthly meeting with the Board. Jim gave the Selectmen an update on the purchase of the new cruiser. He had made arrangements to lease the vehicle from Natick Ford and has an anticipated delivery date of 08-12-91. The Town will be making an advanced payment in the amount of \$6,000. which will cover the lease until April 10, 1992 at which time a decision will have been made at Town Meeting to continue the lease or pay off the vehicle or in fact not the fund the financial obligation. Jim also reported that he had made the necessary arrangements to buy back the destroyed cruiser in the amount of \$250.00. He further stated that he had learned from Police Officer Lloyd Barss that his brother Dusty is interested in purchasing the destroyed vehicle estimating its value at \$500.00 once the Town had removed whatever salvage they want. Jim had investigated a trade-in on the light bar and felt the Town would realize minimally \$400.00 and thought he might be able to do better. Jim had made arrangements for the salvage of the damaged gun with New Boston Sports in the amount of \$70.00 which will be paid directly to the insurance company, which means technically New Boston Sports will be purchasing from the insurance company.

Jim presented to the Board statistics for the month of July including 31 crimes reported, 1 burglary and 1 suspicious death, other investi-

COMMUNICATORS ARE WORKING WELL. THE ULTIMATE SAVING WOULD BE THAT THE LINE NOW BEING LEASED FOR 487-2745 WOULD BE UTILIZED BY 911 AND THE CALL FORWARDING FEATURE WHICH THE TOWN ALREADY POSSESSES AT NO ADDITIONAL COST WOULD BE PUT TO USE. HE DID WANT THE SELECTMEN TO REALIZE THAT FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE THE PHONE BILL MIGHT BE SOMEWHAT

higher; however, he feels that the time and mechanics involved in making any changes with the telephone company now were not feasible since a decision on 911 should be forthcoming.

Upon a motion by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Arthur Johnston, with a second from Selectman Olson and agreement by all Selectmen an Executive Session was entered into for discussion of a Police personnel matter at 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Session was ended at 8:00 p.m. with a motion from Selectman Olson and a second from Selectman Johnston and an affirmative vote from the Board of Selectmen.

Next in to see the Board was Bonnie Bethune, Manager of the Transfer Station. Bonnie presented a statement to the Board relative to her feelings with regard to the last meeting she had with the Selectmen and the inspection that had been made at the Transfer Station.

The Manchester Recycling Contract was given to the Board by Bonnie for their signature. Bonnie had discussion with Manchester Recycling the concern that the Board had expressed with regard to Town being responsible for the equipment left on site by Manchester Recycling. Bonnie was told by the company to stricken and have the Selectmen initial that section of the contract. She went to say that she had also discussed with representatives of the company the change that appeared to have been made in this contract related to what the Town would be paid for the aluminum cans collected. She was told how this money was distributed in other towns by the company and was also told that New Boston would be given the same dollar amount as it had been in the past.

Bonnie told the Board that she has made arrangements with Manchester Recycling to have them place a trailer on site for the collection of aluminum cans during the Hillsborough County Fair with the proceeds to go to the Fair Association.

Discussion turned to the purchase of cement barriers that were needed at the Transfer Station. Selectman Olson had obtained a price from a resident in Town who worked for a cement company and arrangements would have to be made for a time for transportation and placement.

The next topic to be discussed was the need for Paul Sizemore, who picked up the trash of many local residents, to come before Bonnie and the Board of Selectmen with a time-frame when he would be participating in the Town's effort to recycle. Bonnie felt that he had been given ample opportunity and had offered no new plans, nor had he implemented the plan that he had previously proposed. Bonnie contended that if Paul did not take come forth with a viable plan soon then possibly it was time to look at proposals of others. Discussion continued on what percentage of trash Paul picked up might be recycled and Bonnie estimated that approximately 24% per ton of trash was recyclable.

Selectmen Johnston asked Bonnie if she expected a response from the Board of Selectmen on the memo that she had presented at the onset of the meeting. Some discussion ensued resulting in the evidence that it was very important that a regular meeting night and time be established for Bonnie to come and communicate goings on

Paul then asked the Selectmen if they were happy with his service, stating he would like to maintain a good working relationship and that he would like his responsibilities made more clear. Selectman Johnston stated that he had always been told that the agreement with Paul regarding many of the items discussed was verbal. Discussion ensued on the trailers and the tires and the fact that something should be in writing so that everyone is aware of the others responsibilities.

Selectman Olson commented that the cleanliness of the trailers was important and contended that well kept equipment was less conspicuous on the highways.

Selectman Johnston suggested that Paul put in writing what he considered his responsibilities to be and submit them to the Board of Selectmen for their review. The Selectman will also pull out Paul's contract to be reviewed. Once the Selectman have reviewed both documents Paul will be invited in to discuss the matter again. There was further discussion on the bill that Paul had submitted for repair work he had done on the trailer which will also be reviewed by the Board.

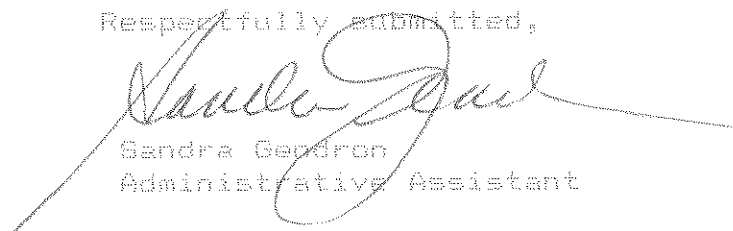
The last subject for discussion before the meeting with the Sizemore's ended was relative to Paul's lack of participation to date in the recycling effort at the Transfer Station. Selectman Johnston requested from Paul an update on the subject since there had been previous discussions and promises made. Paul stated that the original piece of equipment he had hoped would enable him to pick up materials for recycling from his customers was a complete failure. He is looking at another piece of equipment which shows more promise and is considering the possibility of a separate pickup for the recyclable materials. Selectman Johnston pressed for a time frame when this project would be operational and Paul responded that he needs to purchase the equipment that he is presently studying and will report back to the Board of Selectmen.

Before leaving, Ronald Sizemore expressed to the Board that, in his opinion, the figures shown by Bonnie with regard to income received from the sale of recyclable materials do not show a true picture. Ron contends that there is no relationship shown between the costs of labor and that of revenue received. Discussion ensued on the subject.

Recreation Director Sandra Gallup requested permission from the Board of Selectmen that a "Concert on the Common" be held on August 25, 1991 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be no charge to the public, the event to be sponsored by the Recreation Department. They plan to contact the Playground Association to see if they might be willing to open the food booth for the event. Sandy agreed to contact Police Chief Jim McLaughlin with details and promised that the music presented would low-key in nature. Selectman Johnston and Olson approved the event, as did Selectman Dodge when he returned and was informed of the Recreation Department's plans.

The meeting continued with Selectman Dodge being updated on the evenings appointments, checks were signed, mail was reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Geodron
Administrative Assistant