

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - October 14, 1991

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Johnston and Dodge, with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Selectman Olson was scheduled to work and would not be available for the meeting.

This date being the legal holiday in observance of Columbus Day, Road Agent Lee Murray had the day off and would not be in for his regular meeting with the Board.

The only scheduled appointment for the evening was Manager of the Transfer Station Bonnie Bethune. Bonnie began the discussion by showing charts and graphs comparing tonnage shipped outside New Boston for 1990 and 1991 to date. She indicated that Senco will be going to \$52.50 per ton in the upcoming year and will wipe out the administrative fee that is presently being charged.

Discussion turned to the construction of a roof over the hopper, something that has been contemplated for a while. It was determined that the expense of such a roof would fall short of the minimum requirements of a capital improvement so involvement in the CIP would not be necessary. Bonnie told the Board that Bill Forest, who had constructed the present building, had offered scrap roofing material for the project. All seemed to feel this was a viable offering.

The subject of one of the transfer trailers and its need for repainting was brought up. This problem has been ongoing almost since the trailer was new and has been cause for more than one discussion. At this point Bonnie had contacted Bill Morin from MM where the trailer had been purchased who, in turn, had contacted Accurate, the manufacturer to determine a course of action which would result in the trailer being repainted. Accurate had given a quote of \$2000. to MM. Bill Morin from MM will pursue the issue.

Bonnie told the Board she was working on her 1992 budget. She also let the Board know that her last load of glass had been rejected due to containment of contaminants. The glass was then sent to New London who took it as a favor to New Boston at a cost to the Town of \$10.00 per ton plus the trucking cost of \$558. This was still a lesser expense route compared to the cost of shipping the glass to Bethlehem and paying by the ton. Bonnie stated what is really needed is a two stage system where only transfer station personnel actually dump the glass into the containers. She commented that Nashua appeared to have a good set-up and she described what she had seen with ultimately only employees having access to the door to the containers. Selectman Johnston asked Bonnie about the possibility of a glass crusher with Bonnie responding that it was kind of a nasty operation requiring a lot of hand work with no real gain to the community since the market is limited to two tons. Selectman Johnston asked if Bonnie could look into the possibility of using this material for fill, Bonnie thought this might be possible and will pursue the issue.

Discussion turned to the issue of recycling and the participation of Paul Sizemore. Bonnie commented that it looked like Paul was beginning to take action. She also told the Board that the underneath of the compactor had been cleaned out and oil was

dripping from the piston. Selectman Dodge will assess the situation.

Bonnie reported from the Solid Waste Committee that Milford is expanding its facility for the collection of septage and seem receptive to accepting another town into the program. This would involve a long term contract, Bonnie stated that discussion of this issue would be continued at the next meeting of the committee.

Bonnie informed the Board that the new gate has been installed and is working very well. Selectman Johnston suggested painting and the use of reflectorized tape to improve visibility of the gate.

The Board told Bonnie that Lee will be checking the tire situation for the transfer trailers. The Board also stated that contact would be made with the Fire Wards regarding getting the bid package together for the sprinkler system so that it might be advertised soon.

The issue of fees charged for tires being received at the station was briefly discussed with Bonnie pointing out that we are not breaking even with the current rates.

Discussion returned to issue of Paul Sizemore and recycling, Selectman Johnston contended that the Town might be hard pressed to force Paul into recycling participation and possibly should entertain charging a fee to dump into the hopper for the unrecycled materials. Discussion continued on how Paul might participate, with Bonnie ending discussion by stating that it appears Paul is beginning to take action since he now has competition in Weare where he also maintains rubbish pick-up routes.

The Board discussed the issue of an oil supplier for the Town since it was time to review the annual contract, also to be considered was the latest problem with Lafayette which involved the Town Office Building receiving a shipment of fuel containing a large amount of gasoline. Sandra Gendron was instructed to contact three companies for price quotes to be compared, the companies being Daniels Oil, Putnam and Agway.

The Board reviewed the letter which had been sent to the Fire Wards regarding an Occupancy Permit on Tucker Mill Road which had subsequently prompted the Wards to come in for discussion and ask for a retraction of the letter. The wording of the first paragraph was changed to "instruct the Building Inspector..." and there was a retraction in the second paragraph of the Selectmen's contention that the decision in question was not the right of the Fire Wards to make; however, the remainder of the letter stayed intact since the purpose of the letter was to make the entire Board of Fire Wards aware of the situation and the circumstances of its occurrence.

Checks were signed, mail was reviewed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant