

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - December 9, 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 unavailable for the evening due to work commitments.

The first appointment of the evening was with Peter Fiteas and Jim Donison of Dufresne-Henry, Inc. an engineering firm who had been overseeing the construction of Byam Road.

Selectman Johnston explained that the Board had been reviewing the gravel permit for Phyllis Byam especially with regard to the reclamation potential. He went on to describe a pond that appeared to be accepting water from the newly constructed road. The Board had been told that the engineers claimed that if the pond were to be filled in as part of the reclamation project then another culvert would have to be installed. The Selectmen expressed concern to the engineers that if the water was coming from the job site it should have no bearing on reclamation of the gravel site. The Selectmen also commented that the pond had grown in size since the beginning of the road construction. The Selectmen asked Peter and Jim what the problems with water might be if the pond were to be filled in.

Selectman Dodge pointed out that the pond was not in the original plan, why now should it become part of the road project. Peter explained that the original plan had shown a culvert that Leo felt was unnecessary. Selectman Johnston asked where the culvert could go now and the engineers stated that it would be a problem. The engineers had suggested that a culvert be installed but no easement had been obtained and now that would be an issue. They contended that it was an oversight on everyone's part, but feel that Leo is the responsible party and he should obtain any necessary easements for whatever might be determined to be necessary either a culvert or a detention pond.

Selectman Dodge asked to see the engineers maps of the project stating that he foresaw a problem on the entire matter since there appeared to be a conflict between Leo Dumont and the Byam family.

The Selectmen had viewed the Byam pit and are aware that Mrs. Byam wants to fill in the pond that has been created over an area where it is the intention of Mrs. Byam to subdivide a lot and build a home for herself.

Selectman Johnston suggested that there appeared to be two options, one being if the pond that has been discussed as being involved in the reclamation of an area of the gravel site is to remain, then the Byam's would have to negotiate with the developer for them to purchase the area in question, and the second option would be that the culvert that appears in the original plan would have to be installed and easements across the Byam property would have to be obtained by the developer. Ultimately whatever is to occur will be a decision between the Byam's and the developer.

The Selectmen and engineers continued to review the maps. Selectman Dodge stated that the engineers had answered the Board's questions to their satisfaction and the issues would have to be resolved by the landowner. The Selectmen stated that their position will be that Mrs. Byam can fill the pond, but if this is done then the

developer will have to obtain easements for the culvert installation. The meeting ended with Jim Donison stating that he will address the issue by letter with Leo Dumont stating the discussion that had taken place at this meeting and the fact that the matter must be resolved.

Next in to meet with the Board was Manager of the Transfer Station Bonnie Bethune, this meeting would be devoted to reviewing her proposed 1992 budget. In beginning this discussion Bonnie commented on how successful the Thursday hours had been during the summer months and funding for the same program was included in this proposed budget.

Prior to reviewing the figures, discussion took place on the fact that one of the transfer trailers was in desperate need of a complete paint job which would include sandblasting the entire piece of equipment. After much discussion on the scheduling of such a project and what the loss of this trailer would mean to the regular operation of the Transfer Station, the Board of Selectmen agreed that this would be treated as emergency maintenance and the money would be taken from the excess of the 1991 Transfer Station budget.

There was also discussion on putting the trucking out to bid on a two year contractual basis and further discussion ensued on the bid being put out on an invitational basis. During the course of this discussion, the possibility of the Town owning its own tractor for the purpose of hauling the transfer trailers and other uses was mentioned, Selectman Dodge offered support for this concept.

The Board reviewed the proposed 1992 budget with Bonnie which was slightly lower than the 1991 budget. They suggested that she might reduce even further her estimated amount necessary for tipping fees since she will be turning an appreciable amount back from this year's budget.

Before the meeting with Bonnie ended, she told the Board of a meeting that she and members of the Solid Waste Committee had at the Milford Solid Waste Station with the idea that New Boston might become involved. The figures given to Bonnie for this to happen were unrealistically high.

Next in to meet with the Board was Karen Hall, President of the Recreation Commission accompanied by Sandy Gallup, Recreation Director to present the proposed Recreation budget for 1992. The budget proposed showed an increase of more than \$10,000. over the 1991 budget. Sandy explained the increase represented a \$5,000. raise in pay for the director representative of the hours that she puts in and she brought supporting documentation of area communities and what their pay scale was for the same job. The balance of the increase dealt with the summer staff salaries which represented raises for those returning in the various positions plus the addition of staff members based on the numbers of participants in the 1991 summer program. Discussion ensued on the summer program in general and what it entails.

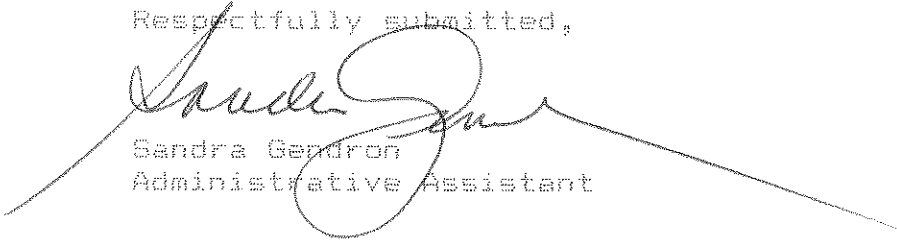
The subject of the Director's salary came up again and Sandy contended that she spends at least between 30 and 35 hours per week

in the Recreation Office and during the summer months even more. She expressed strong belief in the department, in her position and in the job she was doing. She went on to state when it came time for her to be replaced the Town would be hard pressed to do so without some kind of a salary attraction. The history of the Recreation Director's job and salary was discussed. Sandy commented that the department is very close to being, if not there already, a full-time situation.

Support for the department was given by Selectmen Dodge and the Selectmen appeared to support the budget as proposed.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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