

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - December 23, 1991

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Johnston and Olson with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Selectman Dodge arrived during the meeting with Claire Dane, Recording Secretary for the Planning Board, who was presenting that board's 1992 proposed budget. Claire presented to the Selectmen copies of her 1991 budget, along with her proposed 1992 budget and comparisons of her last three years budgets. The total for her proposed 1992 budget could not be finalized since the Selectmen are still working on percentage of wage increases for the upcoming year and are also working on placing job descriptions in the personnel folders of all town employees. The expenses of the Planning Board were reviewed and any questions the Board had were explained by Claire. Since the Planning Board receives income there was much discussion of the projection for 1992 income as it related to the amount of the total budget to be raised by property taxes.

The above meeting being the only scheduled one for the evening, discussion turned to other matters. Leo Dumont was not satisfied with the \$6500. that the Board of Selectmen wished to maintain until the Spring of 1992 when whatever mulching and seeding would have to be done on the recently accepted portion of Wilson Hill Road that was upgraded to a Class V. The Selectmen contended that the security retained by the Town must be adequate to do the work necessary and although they did not disagree that Leo might be able to do the required work at a lesser cost, the Board must use a formula to calculate the work based a price that the job could be finished for should Leo not be around. Leo had left prices with the Board representing what he could do the job for which were substantially less than the \$6500. that the Selectmen were presently requiring. Sandra Gendron was instructed to tell Leo that his figures would have to be more detailed and to point out that it appeared that the same amount of area to be covered was not being used by Leo and the Board, Leo's being a lesser amount.

On another matter, which also related to Leo Dumont and his project, it was the decision of the Board of Selectmen that pond will be filled in as part of the restoration project in the Byam Gravel Pit since the Selectmen do not want any portion of that pond created by the excavation of gravel to be on town property. Again, Sandra Gendron was instructed to relay this decision to Leo and suggest that he review the original plan regarding the installation of a culvert rather than making any use of the above-mentioned pond.

Leo had also questioned the form of security he might post should he be required to regarding his involvement with the operation of the gravel pit. The Selectmen had previously addressed this issue with Mrs. Byam and explained to her that as the owner of the pit she has a bond in place and since the open area, having been inspected by the Board of Selectmen, is not larger than is permissible the amount of the bond in place is adequate. The Board instructed Sandra Gendron to further inform Leo that the issue of the bond is based on the provision that the reclamation process continue at the pit.

Selectman Olson reported to the Board of Selectmen on the meeting he and his banking committee had with officials from the Milford Co-operative Bank. Banking officials present included the President Richard D'Amato, the First Vice-President, one Member of the Board

of Directors, and the Manager of all the Branches. The banking officials expressed much desire for this institution to become part of New Boston. President D'Amato stated that they have been in contact with the FDIC almost daily in an attempt to negotiate a purchase price for the building. The committee was given literature on the services offered by the Co-op Bank along with a description of the facilities. A date of January 3, 1992 was given as the official date when negotiations will begin between the Co-op officials and the FDIC.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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