

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - January 13, 1992

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Johnston and Olson with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Selectman Dodge was out of Town on business.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regular weekly meeting with the Board. Before beginning his presentation of proposed 1992 budgets, Lee presented to the Board literature describing a way of patching roads which he had reviewed and contended that it looked promising. Discussion ensued on what equipment and material would be necessary to employ the process on New Boston roads and further what the costs involved. The process would involve no sand cover and traffic could run over the treated areas in ten minutes. The company is willing to demonstrate the technique at our request. Selectman Olson suggested that Lee inquire as to what the environmental impact of the use of this material might be. The Board appeared to review the literature with favor and Lee stated that should the decision be made to use this procedure, funding would come from his resurfacing budget.

Lee passed out to the Selectmen a spreadsheet that he had created in an attempt to better explain his 1992 proposed budgets and a comparison with his 1991 budgets. Discussion on the Highway Department Budgets continued with the Selectmen complimenting Lee on his presentation.

The last item to be discussed before the meeting with Lee ended, was the purchase of a traffic counter, which is needed and would be used effectively by several departments, i.e. Police, Planning Board, Fire and Highway. The cost is approximately \$2500. and it was agreed that this should be proposed to the 1992 Town Meeting via special warrant article. There was also discussion that the subsequent maintenance of such a piece of equipment would most likely fall under the Highway Department to which Lee agreed.

Next in to meet with the Board was Fire Chief James Dodge. He had come in to discuss with the Board specific areas of his 1992 budget which have changed since the Department's meeting with the Selectmen. He wanted the Board to be informed prior to these changes being presented to the Finance Committee scheduled this week. Jim went on to explain the largest change will be in the training portion of his proposed budget. Currently this section allows for a refresher course to be offered as well as the training of four or five new EMT's. The department has been advertising the need for more EMT's and it appears that this has begun to pay off since nine or ten people have expressed an interest, there is still the need for the refresher course; and, further three people will be trained to do IV's. All of this will be more costly to the department, but obviously much needed. Jim could not present to the Board firm figures, but hopes to have them available for the Finance Committee.

Jim also informed the Board that the Fire Department will very soon be requiring any driver to have the State CDL license. There will be some expense involved, once this requirement is in place. Jim supports this as continuing the effort to reduce whenever possible the liability to the Community by insuring that drivers of the Fire Equipment are qualified. Selectman Olson commented that this

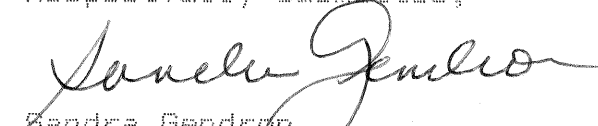
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requirement was a wise decision and went on to offer himself as a qualified instructor to teach a defensive driving course.

The balance of the meeting was spent reviewing budgets and budget proposals for 1992.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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