

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - May 11, 1992

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Dodge, Johnston and Pimenta with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his regularly scheduled Monday evening meeting. The possibility of installing traffic signs at the intersection of Bradford Lane and Joe English Road began discussions. On another subject Lee reported to the Board that Bob Todd had professionally measured the stockpile of loam that the Town had agreed to purchase from Carl Houghton at \$4.50 per yard. The end result was that there was 386 yards of material, this being somewhat less than the total yardage that Carl had estimated as being there. The cost of measuring was \$250.00. Lee stated that he would move the loam as soon as possible.

Discussion turned to the necessary removal of three trees on Clark Hill Road and how this would be accomplished based on the scenic road designation which had been voted at this past Town Meeting for Clark Hill Road. Lee detailed for the Board the exact location of the trees and the reason they had to be removed. The Board supported the public hearing process based on the sentiment expressed at Town Meeting even though two of the trees were dead and the third was being removed for safety reasons. Lee would tell the Planning Board to schedule the hearing. Also discussed at this time were roads on which dead trees would have to be removed in the near future, several of which were on Hooper Hill Road which is a scenic road. Discussion continued on the need throughout Town for removal of dead trees, some in which there was public utility wiring involved. Lee commented that public utility companies often do not remedy a situation which involves their wiring until the tree and or limbs actually fall. Selectman Pimenta asked Lee what was done with the trees once they had been removed. Lee responded that in some instances the logs are sold and at one point he was able to realize enough money to purchase a chain saw at no cost to the taxpayers.

Lee told the Board he would like to do the shoulders of Summit Drive; however, in more than a few areas shrubs and other related landscaping have intruded into the Town's right of way. It was agreed that the residents would have to be notified and remove anything in the right of way. It was mentioned that the right of way on Summit Drive was 14' from the edge of the pavement.

Discussion turned to the gravel at the Messina subdivision on Clark Hill Road. Lee reported that as of May 11, 1992 he had removed most of the good material, further stating that there was a lot of sand to be moved. It was stated that should Mr. Messina wish to use the sand fill on the construction of the road in his subdivision, it would be necessary to use water and a compactor to insure that the road base be acceptable. Discussion continued on the quality of the gravel on this property, which it was stated has consistently run from good gravel to sand in areas that have been excavated to date.

Next discussed was speed limits on Town roads as being 30 m.p.h. unless authorized by the Board of Selectmen to be less. Signs having speed limits as authorized by the Board of Selectmen were noted as being used in Mont Vernon and Merrimack. Roads discussed on which such limits should be imposed were the likes of McCurdy Road where the children population is high.

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Lee being the only scheduled appointment for the evening, discussion turned to general topics amongst the Board.

Selectman Dodge reported that he had spoken with Ken Rhodes, Engineer for the Depot Street Bridge Project and Ken is ready to contact State Bridge Representative Jim Moore with the Town's proposal.

It was stated that the pre-bid meeting had taken place at the Transfer Station for the installation of the sprinkler system in the building. In attendance were electrical contractors Dwight Lovejoy and David Poole and representatives for the sprinkler contractors from N. H. Fire Protection and John Carter Sprinkler Co. Selectman Johnston stated that he, along with Fire Chief James Dodge, had gone over the requirements and a plan of co-coordinating the two aspects of the job would have to arrived at before the project begins. Selectman Johnston also stated that Manager of the Transfer Station Bonnie Bethune had arrived later in the meeting with the above mentioned individuals.

Selectman Johnston reported to the other two members of the Board that the school would be requiring certificates of insurance from any organization using the Tom Mansfield Gym if alcohol was to be served. This is an attempt by the School to limit their liability for such events.

On the same subject, Selectman Johnston, who is the Board representative on the committee for policies and procedures with regard to the use of the gym, stated that custodial fees, which have been a bone of contention among the various organizations using the building, would be based on the track record of the individual organization. Those organizations having a record of leaving the gym as they had found it would be charged more leniently. To his knowledge, Selectman Johnston stated that all town organizations maintained good track records; however, the custodian will still be required to open and close the building. Discussion turned to accessing the building once the new alarm system is installed, and Selectman Johnston stated that those persons with access will be very limited.

Discussion returned to those occasions when alcoholic beverages would be served, and Selectman Johnston stated that permission granting such use would be on the reverse side of the form currently filled out when the gym is reserved, there will be space provided for Selectmen's signatures. It is intended that the form will be submitted to school authorities first, then to the Board of Selectmen for an exception to be granted so that alcohol might be served, then the form would be returned to the school. It was stated that it should also be noted on any application forms that a 30 day notice of an event must be provided especially so that proper policing might be scheduled. It was noted that it would be the responsibility of school personnel to notify the Police Department of an impending event.

Discussion turned to open positions that would need to be filled for the various Boards and Committees. It was moved by Selectman Dodge,

seconded by Selectman Johnston and voted unanimously by the Board that the position currently being held by Cheryl Gott on the Finance Committee be declared vacant based on her having moved from the Community.

Mail was reviewed, checks were signed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Gendron".

Sandra Gendron
Administrative Assistant