

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING - May 18, 1992

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

Lee Murray was in for his regular weekly meeting with the Board. The results of the print-out of the road counter which had been placed on Bog Road were reviewed.

Chairman of the Cemetery Trustees Walter Houghton requested a few minutes of the Selectmen's time which was granted. Walter wished to bring to the Board's attention what he and the other trustees considered to be a dangerous situation, and that was the sharp points on the iron fence entering the older portion of the cemetery. He stated that the Trustees would like to have them cut off for safety's sake. He went on to state that they had no funds available for such a purpose; however Trustee Jerry Kennedy was contacting a local welder to get an estimate. Walter inquired if the Highway Department was in a position to do such a job. Walter continued by stating that the Trustees did not feel the area would be esthetically affected. Selectman Pimenta inquired as to the Trustees intentions with regard to the same type of fencing used to surround some grave sites and discussion ensued. Selectman Dodge suggested that Walter proceed with his plan to get an estimate and then the matter would go from there.

The meeting returned to issues dealing with Lee and the Highway Department.

Lee brought to the Board's attention that Richard Moody had installed grant posts in his driveway which would interfere with winter plowing. Selectman Dodge inquired if these posts were in the Town's Right of Way and discussion ensued. During the course of this discussion several areas in town were mentioned whereby residents had installed shrubs and the like in the Town's Right of Way. It was suggested and decided upon that Sandra Gendron and Lee draft a form letter which would be sent out as needed instructing residents who might have infringed on the Town's Right of Way with shrubs or the like to remove them immediately.

Lee also brought to the Selectmen's attention that there were at least five dead trees on Hooper Hill Road which has a scenic designation. There was some discussion on the condition of the large elm tree on the corner of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Cemetery Road. The Board contended, with regard to the trees on Hooper Hill Road, that if they were dead, a hazard was thereby constituted and a hearing need not be held for their removal. Lee stated he would investigate the possibility of the utility companies paying a portion of the removal costs since the trees in question had wire involvement.

Lee requested that the Board set a time for an on-site review of the proposed reclamation of Clark Hill Road.

Selectman Pimenta expressed concern for the holes that had developed on McCurdy Road which had been newly paved last year. Lee stated that he has already contacted the paver, he further stated that since paver did the grading he is responsible for the deterioration of the pavement which has occurred in more than one area and Lee

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will pursue the matter. Discussion on McCurdy Road continued with Lee stating that he had withheld \$500. from the contractor who still has shoulder work to complete. Selectman Dodge suggested that Lee also pursue getting this work finished. Selectman Pimenta pointed out other sections on McCurdy Road where he had seen the pavement deteriorate, with Lee commenting that the edges took a beating this year.

Selectman Dodge inquired of Lee as to any information he might have with regard to damage to the door on the transfer trailer. The damage mentioned by Selectman Dodge was in addition to damage done to the same trailer as a result of a fire. Lee stated that the trailer had already been pulled away from the hopper when the door was damaged, he was of the opinion that the operator forgot to open the door before trying to off load. Lee commented that the damage occurred after the fire was out and did not occur in a panic situation. Discussion continued with regard to the fire and the potential it provided to do extensive damage to the transfer facility. Selectman Dodge stated that he would ask Bonnie to call the company from whom the trailer had been purchased for an estimate to replace the door, and further he estimated the fire damage to the trailer to be in the vicinity of \$500. to \$1000. It would be expected that contractor Paul Sizemore would be responsible for the damage to the door. Also discussed was the posting of "No Smoking" signs inside the area of the Transfer Station.

Next on the agenda was the opening of the bids for the sprinkler system to be installed at the Transfer Station. It was noted that all bidders submitting proposals had been present at the required on-site pre-bid meeting. For the electrical portion David Poole submitted a bid of \$4,497.00 and Dwight Lovejoy submitted a bid of \$2,950.00. For the sprinkler system and installation thereof John L. Carter Co. submitted a bid of \$9,590.00 and Hampshire Fire Protection submitted a bid of \$9,435.00. The Selectmen stated that they would review the bids and schedule meetings with the individual bidders. Discussion ensued with regard to the installation of an underground vault that would be necessary to house various portions of the system.

Bonnie inquired of the Board if any temporary measures could be taken immediately basing her inquiry on the above discussed trailer fire and her concern for the facility. The Selectmen agreed to investigate the possibility.

Bonnie then asked about repairing the damaged trailer and Selectman Dodge stated he would have Brett Merrill call Bonnie to review the damage. Discussion ensued as to what repairs would have to be made. Discussion continued on how a similar emergency might be handled in the future and details of the incident were reviewed, with such ideas as the installation of a trap door in the trailer allowing access to the rear of the trailer becoming a potential solution to an emergency situation.

The next topic Bonnie brought up for discussion was the upcoming Solid Waste Committee meeting at which time the septage issue would be discussed as it has been on a continuing basis. She mentioned that there was activity on the issue in such Towns as Henniker,

Peterborough and Weare and the response from Milford to New Boston's letter would also be discussed.

Before leaving, Bonnie told the Board that recently she has had items stolen and the installation of fencing was discussed with Bonnie stating she would get an estimate. She went on to state that she had magazines ready to transport and this would be the first time the Town would realize monies from the disposition of magazines.

Next in to meet with the Board of Selectmen was Robert Lemire, owner of a building lot on Weare Road, accompanying him was Realtor John Palmer. A meeting had been held on the site earlier in the day based on several questions that had come up as site preparation took place. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Planning Board, the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission, and an official from the County Soils Conservation Service as well as Mr. Lemire, his builder and representatives from the Heidi Palmer Real Estate Agency. A cease and desist had been placed against building on the lot and the gentlemen were before the Board to see what measures would have to be taken in order to have the order removed. Selectman Pimenta stated that the bales of hay that had been placed as instructed were acceptable and he went on to diagram the further necessary work to be done with discussion ensuing. It was suggested by the representative from the SCS that Mr. Lemire be allowed to clear out, excavate and mulch the remaining piles of material on the site as well as fertilizing, liming and seeding especially the sides of the area to prevent erosion. This would have to be completed prior to any building taking place. Once accomplished and inspected the cease and desist could be lifted and building could begin. All parties were in agreement with the above requirements.

John Palmer expressed his displeasure with a member of the Conservation Commission commenting on the potential mosquito infestation on this particular lot since a large portion of it is wetland. Selectman Dodge stated that the issue was that the builder had begun to fill the wetland, with Mr. Lemire commenting that he was not aware of restrictions preventing such action. Selectman Dodge further commented that what the builder had done to this point to rectify the situation was good, all concerned only wanted the matter handled properly.

Mr. Lemire thanked the Board for their help, and Selectman Dodge commented that Mr. Lemire would have a better building site as a result of what had taken place.

John Halvatzes and Jay Bourque, representatives of the JAL were next in to see the Selectmen. John reported that the area where the ball-field was to be constructed had been flagged and illustrated such to the Board with drawings. He stated that the area should be walked one more time and then the cutting could take place and the grades established. Logger Jon Stout was ready to start the project and estimated a potential \$4,000. return on the timber to be cut. The Selectmen agreed that Jon Stout knew his business and planned to individually walk the site one more time as soon as possible.

The Board was unanimous in their decision that the JAL take any return on the timber and invest it in the project. Selectman Johnston stated that the cut and its return be well documented, and such items as fencing were discussed with regard to what the proceeds of the timber cut might be spent on.

Bo Strong was in to discuss a trailer that he had recently purchased from his brother-in-law. This trailer had been moved from the lot of Richard Matherson now that he had built and was occupying his home on the same lot. Bo stated that he intended to use this trailer as a replacement on a lot he already owned that currently had a rental trailer on it. However, he estimated that it would take approximately 30 days to remove the existing trailer and prepare the lot to receive his newly acquired one. He was requesting permission from the Board to store the newly acquired trailer on an adjacent lot while he did the above-mentioned work. The Board was unanimous in their agreement that this was a reasonable request and asked Bo to submit a written statement in this regard.

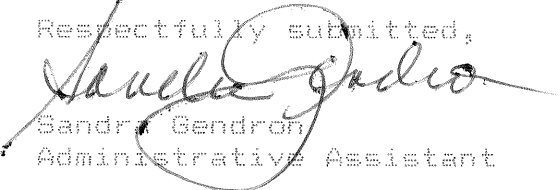
There was discussion with Bo regarding the town-owned dog kennels, with Bo commenting that Police Chief McLaughlin was aware of their existence and ability to be moved and used by the department.

Bo also made the Board aware of an upcoming meeting with State Officials from the Wetlands Board behind Byam's regarding ongoing complications with the subdivision and road that was being built in that area. Bo stated that the meeting was intended to get the project moving even though the State was reluctant to move forward since they have a court case pending.

Finally, Bo stated that the Planning Board would be in court next Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. regarding the appeal by Jay Marden related to the attachments placed against one of his trusts by the Town and had recently won court approval.

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sandra Gendron  
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