

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - May 25, 1992

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

Based on discussions held in an Executive Session called on May 22, 1992 at 7:00 a.m., the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Naomi Bolton in her position as bookkeeper for the Town. It was further voted unanimously by the Board to hire the firm of Plodzik and Sanderson based in Concord, N. H. to audit the 1991 Town books.

The only scheduled appointment for the evening was an interview with Jon Stout who was interested in serving on the Forestry Committee. Selectman Johnston began the interview by requesting that Jon state what he might personally bring to the committee and what he perceives might be the future of the committee. Selectman Johnston stated that the Board was aware that Jon was interested in the goings on of the Forestry Committee and based on his profession as a logger was qualified to serve on the committee, which was discussed at various times during the interview and determined not to be a conflict of interest should Jon be appointed to serve.

In response to Selectman Johnston, Jon stated that his concern was to act as a member of the committee in the best interests of the Town. He expressed interest with regard to the management of the town-owned land and stated that he has provided forest management plans for many lots. He contended that being self-employed gave him the necessary time to devote to the needs of the committee. He stated that he is familiar with the town woods and their boundaries and feels that the forests should be monitored to make sure marketable timber is harvested in a proper time frame to bring the best possible prices to the Town.

Selectman Johnston asked Jon if he had any conflict with the notion that town owned land might have uses for such things as athletic fields. Jon did not state any conflicts and contended that all town-owned forests should be carefully monitored so that timber values would not be lost. Discussion ensued on the various pieces of town-owned forest land and Selectman Johnston referred to the booklet that had been compiled by Clif LaBree contending that the piece of land across from the Transfer Station should not be considered as part of the Town Forest Land. Selectman Johnston went on to state that the Follansbee Lot was under both Town Forest and a Conservation Easement. Jon Stout inquired as to the difference between the Forestry Committee and the Conservation Commission overseeing a piece of property. Selectman Johnston did not consider one would conflict with the other contending that the Forestry Committee oversees the growth and harvesting of timber and the Conservation Commission looks at town-owned property for other uses.

Jon asked if the Forestry Committee was responsible for monitoring logging operations in progress, Selectman Johnston responded that this was not a function of the Forestry Committee.

Jon stated that he has the time available to walk with the Selectmen through the town-owned land and alluded to some being ripe for harvest at this time.


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The interview ended with Selectman Johnston commenting that he would favor the Forestry Committee meeting with the Board of Selectmen on a quarterly basis in order that the Board be kept abreast of the condition of the forests.

A letter had been received from Bo Strong stating his intent to store a trailer on an abutting lot awaiting preparation for replacement of the existing mobile home as had been discussed and approved by the Board in a previous meeting.

Mail was reviewed, checks were signed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Gendron  
Administrative Assistant