

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - June 29, 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 appointment. Discussion began with Lee presenting to the Board paving prices he had received for upcoming projects in New Boston. Pike Industries quoted \$25.35 per ton for hot top, Lane Construction \$25.20 per ton, Brox \$23.60 per ton and Continental Paving \$22.75 also per ton. By unanimous vote, the Board of Selectmen instructed Lee to accept the price of \$22.75 per ton for hot top as submitted by Continental Paving.

Discussion turned to Riverside Drive which is being readied for paving. Lee stated that pug mill appeared to be the least expensive and best route to go, although at this time the Town has none stockpiled for use. Lee went on to state that Brox had something called "Duromix" which was made at their asphalt plant, and could be delivered and placed for \$26.10 per ton. Lee continued by stating that currently no other company was producing this type of material, and the expense involved in Lee mixing the pug mill would be comparable not to mention the time it would take. Other methods of applying a hard surface to this road and related costs were discussed with Selectman Dodge supporting the use of pug mill based on history of use to date by the Town. Lee agreed siting Briar Hill as an example of where it was successfully used. Lee suggested the use of pug mill with the Board supporting this suggestion subject to pricing out the cost of other methods. Subsequently Lee brought in figures as follows: Pike Industries applying 4" of "grinding" at a cost of \$5,037.50 which would require Lee overlaying the entire area at an unknown expense, 2" of hot top costing \$8,273. in addition crushed gravel costing \$3,027. bringing the total estimated cost to \$12,897., pug mill costing \$11,324. or with gravel included a total estimated cost of \$14,351. These figures supported that hot top would be the least expensive method to be used.

Lee told the Selectmen he had received two bids in relation to the proposed reclamation of Clark Hill Road in the section just off Route #13. Pike Industries had quoted \$1.95 per square yard and Allstate had quoted \$1.75 per square yard. In relation to this project the Board scheduled an onsite review with the Road Agent, who would contact local contractors to attend and submit bids for the work necessary in addition to that above for its completion.

Lee informed the Board that one of his employees had given

a two week notice, so the necessary steps would have to be taken to advertise the open position.

Selectman Dodge inquired as to what Lee had used in regard to dust control. Lee responded that he had used straight liquid calcium, and Selectman Dodge asked what the expense might be to repeat the process. Lee commented that it seemed to be adhering to the areas on which it had been applied, further stating that, in theory, less would be used in future years on these same areas. Discussion ensued as to which roads had received the treatment, with no actual expense stated.

Next in to meet with the Board of Selectmen was Lisa Jack, Weare Road, who had expressed an interest in serving on the Planning Board.

Selectman Dodge began the interview by asking Lisa what purpose she felt the Planning Board served in New Boston. Lisa responded by stated that she would like to see the Planning Board keep a rein on development so that the rural characteristics of the community might be maintained, commenting that these characteristics were what had attracted her family to this town. She also expressed concern for the environmental impact that was felt when development occurred. She was then asked what she personally might bring to the Board. Lisa stated she has her own business operating from her home and would like to see more of this type of endeavor, she went on to state that she had a background in real estate and property management and feels that since she and her family are planning to stay in New Boston she would like to provide some input into the process.

When asked if should would abide by the rules as they relate to any given applicant, she responded affirmatively commenting that she has had personal experience with the process questioning some of what she had to do but realizing there was a need for the rules and regulations provided. She stated, when asked, that to date she had only sat in on meetings in which she was personally involved.

Selectman Dodge stated that the position open was that of an alternate and questioned Lisa as to her being able to attend even though her participation might be limited, stressing the importance of learning. Lisa responded that she would be able to attend the meetings and devote the time necessary to become more familiar with the process. Selectman Johnston asked Lisa if she would be interested in serving on other committees should she not be appointed as an alternate to the Planning Board to which Lisa

responded that she would be although she would have to consider her personal schedule.

Selectman Dodge asked if she would be available at times other than regular Planning Board evening meetings for whatever inspections, etc. might be required, to which Lisa also responded in the affirmative.

Lisa inquired as to when a decision would be reached, with the Selectmen stating that it would be soon. Lisa explained that she was considering making a commitment to a teaching position which would also involve evenings that she had been offered subsequent to her expressing an interest in an appointment to the Planning Board although it did not involve a Tuesday evening.

Next in to meet with the Selectmen was Philip Consolini, Arrowwood Road, who had also expressed an interest in the open position on the Planning Board.

Selectman Dodge acknowledged Philip's regular attendance for the past several months at Planning Board meetings. He also was asked what he interpreted the role of the Planning Board in the community to be. Philip responded by stating his perception was that the Board keep a balance between the business community and the non-business sector of the town. When asked what he might bring to the Board, Philip responded that in his profession as a bank auditor he was trained in application of rules and regulations as well as their interpretation. He also stated that he had become familiar with the process having attended many of the recent meetings, first coming based on a personal matter.

The interview continued with the Selectmen asking Philip how he might handle a proposal presented to the Planning Board on which he might agree, but the application of the regulations would not permit. Philip responded that he would review the proposal thoroughly, especially from the perspective of safety as it related to the public, realizing that ultimately regulations in place would prevail.

It was noted that time necessary to devote to the position did not appear to be an issue since he had regularly been attending the meetings. Philip commented that the bank he

works for encourages community involvement, and he explained since he had been coming to the meetings the process fascinated him and he was impressed with the open forum. Philip was asked if he felt he could deal with

conflict on the Board as well as conflict that might arise with members of the public to which Philip responded that he could. He went on to state that he realizes that it is the Planning Board's responsibility to carry out the rules and regulations that happen to be in place at a given time and feels comfortable that he is capable of participating in that responsibility in a productive manner.

In reviewing the interview with Lisa and Philip, Selectman Johnston was impressed with Philip attendance at Planning Board meetings, although he also expressed that he had no opposition to Lisa being appointed to the Board. The other two Selectmen expressed similar sentiments and when voted on it was unanimous to appoint Philip Consolini as an alternate member to the Planning Board.

Next in to meet with the Selectmen was Cyr Daniel, Bedford Road, who was interested in being named to fill a vacant position on the Finance Committee.

Cyr was asked by the Board what she felt she could personally offer to the Finance Committee. She responded by stating that she considered herself to be a thorough person who would give consideration to presentations made, and then would investigate any questions she might have. She feels she would offer a passionate voice, would share the workload of the committee, and could offer daytime hours for whatever task might need to be done, something that others might not have. She went on to state that she is interested in the committee, and felt that she would bring a certain respect and credibility to the committee if appointed.

Discussion ensued as to spending in these poor economic times, with Cyr expressing realization that a time is never reached when no monies could be spent. She contended that some spending might be postponed or projects scaled down, and is of the opinion that the obligation of the Finance Committee to express these ideas.

Discussion turned to the Capital Improvements Program with Selectman Dodge asking Cyr if she considered the program a valuable tool in setting goals related to expending monies. Cyr expressed the opinion that the program was reasonable, not widely understood by the public realizing that there is no real public participation at the hearings held. She stated that it was valid to have a plan as opposed to having no future plans or goals. Discussion ensued as to the lack of participation at public hearings, with Cyr commenting that she has no magic solution contending that apathy is a problem not only locally but

nationally as well.

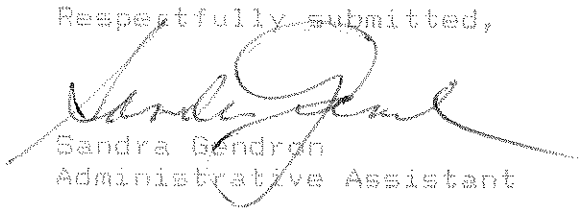
Selectman Johnston asked Cyr how she might view an upcoming budget in areas that involve safety as well as increased spending. Cyr responded that safety would supersede any costs and expressed the opinion that support would come from the community at large on any such issues. Selectman Johnston inquired as to how Cyr might deal with conflict on the committee. Cyr responded that should any issue become too heated, a cool down break might be helpful expressing confidence that she could separate issues in order to go forward leaving conflict behind. She contended that acting in the best interests of the community was foremost. Cyr commented that she would be comfortable voicing her opinion either for or against an issue at Town Meeting. She contended that she was capable of following a budget through to fruition, no matter what the issues might be, and further commented that she could stay focused to the issues at hand.

Selectman Johnston pointed out that the role of the Finance Committee was one of advising the Board of Selectmen primarily active in the fall of the year. He went on to state that members of the Finance Committee were encouraged to attend such meetings as the CIP, and could be called together during the course of the year should an unforeseen situation present itself. Much discussion ensued on the role of the Finance Committee, and what skills Cyr might bring if appointed.

When voted on, Cyr Daniel was appointed unanimously by the Board of Selectmen to serve on the Finance Committee.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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