

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - July 6, 1992

Present for the meeting were Selectman Dodge, Johnston and Pimenta with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

The only scheduled appoint for the evening was with Ken Rhodes, engineer for the Depot Street replacement bridge project. Ken presented the Board with documents updating the project and discussion began with the fact that originally Permapost, one of the bridge bidders for the project, had not used the same depths as the others in preparing the bid, which was not acceptable. They now had added two more strings meeting the 4'6" maximum depth requirements. Ken stated that he had strongly stressed to the Permapost representatives that the price submitted must be held, and the adjusted price submitted was \$74,870.00 which included the freight charges to New Boston. Ken stated that he has more homework to do regarding certain specifications as they relate to the final bid prices.

Selectman Dodge asked if by adding two stringers Permapost was comparable to the other two bidders, and discussion ensued as to other areas of comparability between the three bids received especially as they related to necessary materials. The corporate experience of the three bidders in supplying total engineered packages was discussed; i.e. Permapost has been in business for some thirty five years, but started out by treating wood parts rather than engineering bridge packages.

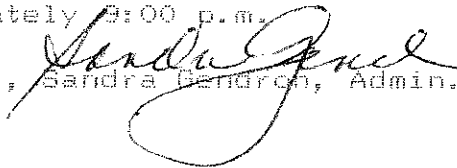
It was determined that Ken would review the bids received and would get back to Administrative Assistant Sandra Gendron by Wednesday, July 8, 1992, with a recommendation so that the project can progress somewhat in accordance with the original time schedule set by Ken.

Selectman Pimenta asked if any of the bidders warranted their product, and Ken stated that he would find that out, contending that all the bidders were viable.

Ken left emphasizing that the specifications for the bridge were right at the fifty year flood zone, and the project was at risk of scrutiny by the State who would expect it to be over.

Before adjourning the meeting the Board discussed the sign ordinance as it related to the number and location of signs advertising local businesses.

The checks were signed, mail was reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  Sandra Gendron, Admin. assist.