

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - October 12, 1992

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Johnston and Pimenta, with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Selectmen Dodge arrived at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The Board of Selectmen met with Dennis Sarette from Goffstown to discuss the possibility of his becoming the interim Building Inspector until such time as an Inspector can be hired by the Town of New Boston.

Selectman Johnston began the discussion by stating why Dennis had been invited in. Dennis stated that he had applied for a similar position in Goffstown but as yet he was still acting as interim pending a decision by the Goffstown Board of Selectmen. He went on to state that he worked Tuesday and Thursday in Goffstown, and Wednesday would be the best day for him to accommodate the needs of New Boston, if hired.

Selectman Johnston alluded to having known Dennis, but for the benefit of Selectman Pimenta requested that he review his professional background.

Dennis began by stating that he had been in the construction business for twenty five years, this included experience in every phase. He continued by stating that he had served as Building Inspector in Goffstown from 1983 to sometime in 1986 when his involvement in a condominium construction project provided a conflict of interest which was cause for his resignation as Building Inspector. He concluded by stating that he has maintained a cabinetmaking business, and was called recently called by the Town of Goffstown to serve as interim Inspector until such time as the part-time position could be filled.

Dennis told the Board he was familiar with the BOCA Code, the National Electric and Plumbing Codes and knows what to look for in the inspection process. He went on to state that also calls for help when the situation warrants mostly from State Inspectors in the respective fields, and concluded by stating that he enforces zoning and acts as Health Officer in the Town of Goffstown.

Selectman Johnston estimates that, if hired, Dennis would be needed by the Town of New Boston for approximately one month dependent on the number of applications received once the position was advertised. Selectman Johnston continued by describing the inspection process in New Boston including the potential of the inspector becoming more involved with the Non-Residential Site Plan Review, and described the requirements of the chimney inspection in New Boston. Selectman Johnston commented on electrical

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violations he had noted since doing required inspections the previous week subsequent to the dismissal of Robert Milliard as Building Inspector, that in his mind should have been picked up by the Building Inspector, even though he had picked them up based on his being an electrician by trade.

Selectman Dodge, having arrived during the interview, asked Dennis if he believed in and takes the time to do inspections thoroughly. Dennis responded "absolutely." He stated that he was not a master electrician; however, he has not hesitated in asking and has received advise from State Electrical Inspector Joe Burke. Selectman Dodge asked Dennis if he had knowledge in areas such as re-venting, to which Dennis stated he was aware of the new requirements for venting and back venting. Selectman Dodge commented that he was comfortable with Dennis' background in the building field, with Dennis reiterating that he has twenty years of experience.

Selectman Johnston stated that New Boston had specific requirements relative to building such as the installation of AC/DC type smoke detectors, with Selectman Dodge suggesting that Dennis familiarize himself with the space requirements of chimney installation to which Dennis responded that Goffstown has a 2" space requirement. Selectman Dodge further pointed out that Dennis might need to attend specific site plan review hearings depending on the inspection requirements of an individual situation. Dennis stated that he regularly attended Goffstown Planning Board meetings, and had been a member of the Goffstown Planning Board when he has served as their regular Building Inspector.

Selectman Dodge stated that interdepartmentally New Boston strived to work together and wanted to stress the importance for this practice to continue. Dennis contended that he was aware of the importance of cooperation between departments. Selectman Dodge gave a brief history of the Building Department in New Boston, and some of the issue that had taken place which led to the dismissal of Robert Milliard as Building Inspector.

Discussion continued with the Selectmen informing Dennis that currently New Boston offers the Building Inspector \$150.00 per day with the Inspector providing his own vehicle. There was discussion on the days that might provide the best service to the community, it was agreed that Wednesday's would be acceptable, and once the current building climate could be assessed some inspections might be scheduled for Monday's.

Selectman Dodge stated he was interested in hiring Dennis as the interim inspector to which the other two Selectmen agreed.

Dennis agreed to the salary terms and would come in on Wednesday, October 14th, with consideration given to a second day based on assessed need. The meeting concluded with Dennis taking a copy of the current Zoning Booklet and the Building Code. The Board told Dennis it was their intention to do whatever was necessary to present to the 1993 Town Meeting for approval updating the present Building Code to the current BOCA Code in use; it was further their intention that this presentation would include the authority to update the Building Code to coincide with current national codes without annual approval by ballot, as is done by many surrounding communities.

Planning Board Chairman Harold Strong arrived to point out to the Board of Selectmen that Richard Messina has left large rocks on both sides of that section of Dane Road on which he will be seeking acceptance of the roadway by the Town. Although these rocks appear to be outside the Town Right of Way, Bo considers them to be unsightly and requests that the Selectmen take time to inspect the area.

With regard to the gravel permit still under the name of Bo's deceased father, Bo commented that he is of the opinion that the estate will be settled this year and questioned the Board as to what will be necessary as far as the permit is concerned when the estate is finally settled. Selectman Dodge responded that it is the consensus of the Board that the permitting process will begin again which will include a new public hearing, etc.; however, he further commented that this was not a firm decision by the Board as yet. Bo questioned the need for a bond since his father was "grandfathered" regarding to this requirement. Selectman Dodge explained that currently \$7,000. is required for each open <sup>area</sup> area. He suggested that Bo look at sections of his father's pit that might be reclaimed to reduce the open area which is currently relatively large. Bo stated that there was plenty of loam stockpiled on site that might be used for reclamation, and that he did not intend to clear any additional area for the purpose of gravel removal.

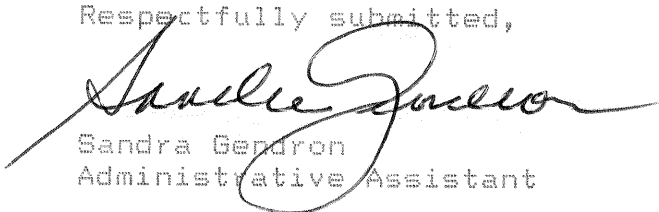
Selectman Dodge asked Bo whose name the pit is likely to be in once the estate is probated; to which Bo responded that it is likely to be divided among his two brothers, his sister and himself jointly. It would be the desire of the Board of Selectmen that one of these persons be named manager, and consider Bo to be the most likely candidate

since he is so familiar with the operation. Bo continued the discussion by stating that he would like the permit to continue to be in the amount of an annual removal of 10,000 yards; and, if a larger yardage for removal became necessary, then the buyer of the gravel would approach the Selectmen so that they might be responsible for the reclamation bond. Selectman Dodge suggested that Bo meet with the Board prior to the estate being settled with a plan for management. Bo commented that the family may look for an outside manager, to which Selectman Dodge responded that the Board of Selectmen was only interested in having the name of a responsible contact person with regard to the gravel operation.

After further discussion, it was decided that the Selectmen would meet with Bo on sight to review the open area and look at areas on which Bo has already spread loam necessary for reclamation so that they would be familiar with the layout of the pit once the ownership officially changed. This meeting was scheduled to take place Saturday, October 24th at 8:30 p.m., the time of which was subsequently changed to 8:00 a.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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