

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - November 2, 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 regular weekly meeting with the Board. Mike Kanik, contractor for the Depot Street replacement bridge was also in at this time. Discussion revolved around the delivery dates for the bridge and the weight of the beams so that it might be determined if Lee's equipment was capable of doing the job. Mike gave tentative dates for delivery as between Nov. 16th and 30th. He stated the fabrication had been held up due to the change in length of the structure, acknowledging it would not be delivered on the 16th but felt relatively certain he would get a more accurate delivery date by Nov. 9th.

Discussion turned to CLD's confirmation of the steel plate that will be pinned into the abutments. Mike described how this would be done and the fact that CLD will re-issue drawings. Mike went on to describe how the project would progress once the bridge has been delivered.

Lee and Mike reviewed the list of equipment that will be needed once the placement is underway.

Next in to meet with the Board for his regular monthly meeting was Chief of Police James McLaughlin. Jim began by discussing the hiring of part-time officers having received twenty four applications which have ultimately been narrowed to six who will be interviewed. Jim has involved his officers in the process and expressed satisfaction with how this has worked.

He informed the Selectmen that the annual dispatch fee to Goffstown would be the same in 1993 as it has been for the past three years. He went on to give annual statistics to date which are substantially below the norm in such areas as motor vehicle accidents, attributing this in part to police visibility and patrols. He stated that a recent burglary at Bares' had been solved almost immediately and written commendation would be given to Officer Tim Lamy for his investigation in this case. He went on to state that statistics in criminal mischief also were down from previous years, and in this regard he told the Board that he had in some cases sent juvenile offenders to the Transfer Station to work off their punishment. Although statistics were down in such areas as mentioned above, he told the Selectmen that numbers in domestic criminal threats, sexual assaults and runaways were up.

Discussion turned to the future needs of the police department as they relate to the CIP. Jim stated that Officer Don Sims had presented these proposals to the CIP, one of the main ones being the construction of a building to house the department which will be put into the plan for 1995 with the possibility of it being moved forward. Jim told the Selectmen that new construction as well as existing structures had been discussed with much emphasis on the location. Jim stated that it was estimated that 3500 square feet would meet the needs of the department, this would include a two car garage. Jim went on relate that discussion as to the financing of such a project included short term as opposed to long term bonding. Discussion ensued on possible sites with the 4th Evangelical church

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mentioned; however these grounds would have to be looked at from the prospective of the flood zones. The site having been previously discussed and receiving most favor was that of the town highway garage since it is already owned by the community and there appears to be sufficient room for both departments. Jim estimated that a building of the size he proposed would cost in the vicinity of \$150,000.

Selectman Dodge suggested that a non-binding vote might be called for at the 1993 Town Meeting so that a clear determination might be made as to the site, etc. Selectman Pimenta stated that he would contact an acquaintance in Mont Vernon who has had a role in the design of a police facility for input. Selectman Dodge stated his opinion that a simple design would meet the needs of the department negating architectural drawings. Jim described what he envisioned as a one story structure large enough to accommodate such needs as a separate interview area for juveniles. Selectman Johnston suggested that Jim create a rough floor plan and exterior design commenting that there were likely people in town who could and would help with designing. Jim had mentioned and received the support of Selectman Dodge that an initial structure could be built with the potential of adding on as the needs of the department might increase.

Discussion turned to the local ordinances that Jim had reviewed and revised at the request of the Board using minutes of the various meetings at which these ordinances had been proposed and adopted. Jim suggested that the Selectmen might review what he had presented, noting that most changes mainly dealt with the penalties. Discussion ensued on the highway ordinance which concerned weight limits with Jim stating that he written it so that the town can recoup the fines. Jim proposed no less than \$400. nor more than \$1,000. be imposed commenting that he had used current state penalties as a guideline. He went on to state that the Board might consider a public hearing based on the size of the fines for non-compliance, to which Selectman Dodge responded that the Board would review and let him know. The roads on which "No Thru Trucking" is posted were discussed, and Jim commented that he did not fully understand the intent. Discussion revolved around the relationship of this ordinance to gravel permits and routes that were established as part of the permitting process. Coming into this discussion was the ordinance limiting the weight of vehicles using town roads during the spring thaw with Selectman Pimenta asking how a violation was determined. Jim responded that the gross vehicle weight on the registration would be used in making such a determination. Jim commented that a plan would have to be made for exceptions such as emergency vehicles, etc. which could be written into the ordinance. Also discussed was the fact that the road agent would make exceptions dependent on the need and condition of the roads mostly in the spring of the year when heavy vehicles caused damage in thawing roads.

Jim requested that the hourly rate of one of the part-time officers be increased based on his length of service and experience to which the Board gave its unanimous support.

Jim also stated that hepatitis shots had to be offered, and some of his officers were interested. The Selectmen suggested that Jim

contact the Fire Department who have had members receive this vaccine.

Jim let the Board know that his department has been working with the Fire Department on a first responders policy. He also stated that his department had been invited by the Goffstown Police Department to participate in a specific training program which by doing so will save costs involved. He went on to discuss the manpower study he was putting together. He listed the departments and the towns he was using for reasons of comparison, asking if there were any specific communities the Board might like to suggest be used. The Board agreed that he was using a broad scope for his purpose.

Selectman Johnston asked if the winter parking ban had been posted. Jim will put a reminder in the Goffstown News as well as in the Community Times and on the public service channel.

Jim ended the meeting with discussion of the fact that the activity of his department is no longer being printed in the Goffstown News. The paper had set up editing requirements which were too time consuming for Jim's secretary to comply with. Alternatives were discussed with Jim emphasizing his contention that community awareness was important.

Next in to meet with the Selectmen was David Poole, who had submitted a bid to install the fire alarm system at the Transfer Station. David told the Board he could start the project in the next two weeks; however, he was hesitant not knowing the status of the sprinkler contractor. Everyone agreed that the project should get underway. Selectman Johnston was of the opinion that David could proceed. The contract was signed and David was given a check for \$2,000. for the purchase of necessary equipment.

Discussion ensued as to who would be receiving emergency signals. It was agreed this should be reviewed since Honeywell currently receiving these signals from other town building stated that they would not take on new systems. Further discussion revolved around the monthly charges from Honeywell and the restrictions they impose as to the types of signals they will receive. The Board of Selectmen agreed this review would have to take place prior to setting 1993 budgets. David will be wiring the communicator for the fire alarm system at the Transfer Station to be received by a company he recommended and was known and approved of by Selectman Johnston.

The Board had individually inspected Styles Road and Hemlock Drive ready to be accepted as Class V highways. Discussion ensued and Selectman Pimenta had questions with regard to the size and spacing of rocks placed at the end of the guardrails as well as the potential inadequacy of the fill around the culverts. No decision was made.

The bids for the replacement of the windows on the first floor of the Town Office Building were reviewed once again, with more questions that would need investigation arising before a decision could be made and the project awarded.

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The Board reviewed resumes that had been received for the part time position of building inspector and code enforcement officer. Four names were selected from those received and interviews would be scheduled for next Monday evening.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sandra Gendron", written in black ink. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the typed name below it.

Sandra Gendron  
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