

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - July 12, 1993

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

The first scheduled appointment for the evening was an interview with Diane Manson, Jessica Lane, who had applied for a position as an alternate to the Planning Board. Diane discussed her professional as well as highlighted her personal background with the Board of Selectmen. Discussion ensued with Diane presenting her views on such issues as community growth, the need for regulations and the role the Planning Board serves. When asked, she responded that regular attendance at meetings would not be a problem. Selectman Dodge commented that attendance at as many meetings as possible would be beneficial to the learning process, a statement to which Diane agreed and saw the importance of, stating that she planned on attending as many meetings as possible in order that she become familiar with the procedures.

Discussion turned to such subjects as dealing with issues of conflict, and the fact that professionally Diane being an attorney could potentially prove beneficial to the Planning Board in terms of general legal expertise. The interview ended with Diane commenting that she sees herself as an individual who has no special agenda other than a desire to serve the community, and with that in mind feels she can make a positive contribution to the Planning Board.

General discussion regarding the interview followed by the Selectmen with all expressing favorable comments. Further discussion took place on whether to interview a second candidate recommended by the Planning Board. The fact that this person had not been present at two previously scheduled interviews with the Board of Selectmen with regard to a position on the ZBA, nor had the appointments been canceled was interpreted by the Board as a show of disrespect for the Board of Selectmen as well as a potential of lack of commitment to the position. By unanimous vote the Board of Selectmen appointed Diane Manson to serve as an alternate to the Planning Board.

In other business the Selectmen unanimously re-appointed Harold Strong to serve on the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission for another four year term.

On another subject a letter of inquiry had been received from Best Way Homes requesting that a driveway permit be accepted for Lot 9-73-1 that would access said lot from Old County Road, a Class VI road. This permit, if considered, would be intended to replace a permit previously issued at the time of subdivision that would access the lot off Bedford Road, a Class V roadway. Selectman Johnston, current representative of the Board to the Planning Board, discussed the issue with the Planning Board who suggested that the proposed change in access to this lot be reviewed with the idea in mind that access off the Class VI road might eliminate a potentially difficult intersection; and, further it was the contention of the Planning Board that eventually the Class VI road in question would be upgraded to Class V status. Selectman Dodge took issue with the line of reasoning stated above, contending that the lot would not have received initial subdivision approval had access not been available off a Class V road, and expressed his opinion that the subdivision regulations would be circumvented should the Selectmen

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now consider a permit to access this lot from a Class VI road. By vote of a majority of the Board of Selectmen (Dodge-no, Johnston-yes, Pimenta-no) the request for a driveway permit to be issued accessing Lot 9-73-1 from a Class VI road was denied.

The Board next discussed the status of the Depot Street Bridge with regard to some final issues that needed resolution before the project can be considered completed. The Selectmen are awaiting the arrival of stamped plans which will require a coordinated effort between the engineering firm of CLD and Wheeler, the bridge manufacturer. The issue of the cost of cutting the cement in order that the project be completed as designed has not reached a conclusion, and the Board of Selectmen are prepared to hold their ground with CLD in contention that the Town of New Boston is not responsible situation that caused the incurrence of this expense.

Fire Chief James Dodge was next in to meet with the Selectmen. Discussions began with Jim stating that he was contemplating using the pipe from Mill Pond as the water source when the sprinkler was installed at the Fire Station. He went on to state that the department has had trouble drafting from it, and they intend to take it apart to determine the problem; however, he has noted that the pond has filled with dirt to the height of the screen which potentially adds to the issue. Discussion ensued as to the history of the pipe and purpose for which it was originally installed. There was also discussion of the situation when Lou Maynard was looking for federal aid to dredge the river behind his property which was originally thought to be material washing down from the gravel pits upstream, this ultimately did not prove to be the case. Randall Parker owns the water rights to Mill Pond and the Fire Department has contacted him. The Parker's are in favor of doing what is necessary to dredge the area around the pipe so that proper function might be maintained.

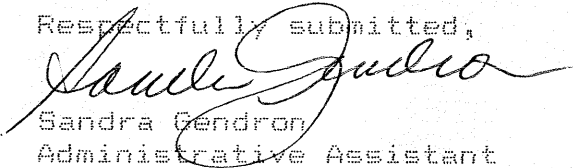
Discussion turned to what needed to be done and the fact that it could be better accomplished by the use of an excavator for half a day as estimated by Jim Dodge. Jim accepted the responsibility for contacting the Parker's for specific permission and the Selectmen would look into whatever government permitting process might be required.

The next issue to be discussed by the Board of Selectmen and Chief Dodge was that of the Hilltop Mutual Fire Aid District. The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to authorize Fire Chief James Dodge to enter into the agreement that would establish such district, having received a favorable vote at the 1993 Town Meeting both to enter into the agreement for the establishment of the district and to expend specific funds towards equipping the operation. Jim stated there was to be an organizational meeting on July 13th at which the Fire Marshall would preside and to which the Fire Chiefs of the three participating towns were invited. Jim went on to explain that Bedford had assumedly moved in a truck on the 12th and the Tracking Station would be providing officers until the official public opening to be held August 22, 1993. In conjunction with the truck being brought to the site, the New Boston Fire Department had sent radio equipment to be installed in the vehicle. Jim described work that was being done on the building to be used and the security

that would be in place, which would be accessed by New Boston personnel. Continuing, Jim reviewed how New Boston fire personnel would respond to an emergency call relative to this security. The meeting ended with Jim expressing confidence that the three Town's would be able to work out all the many details involved in creating this district, which is a unique example of the federal and local governments joining forces, and will become a model for future such endeavors. Jim also told the Board that the New Boston Fire Department would be responsible for providing refreshments for the grand opening. Some general discussion ensued as to the future potential of the types of equipment that would be housed at the facility.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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