

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - August 2, 1993

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

In for his regular weekly meeting with the Board of Selectmen was Road Agent Lee Murray. Discussion began with Lee stating that the placement of the crushed gravel on the Francestown Turnpike was complete, clean-up should be done by Wednesday or Thursday of this week and paving was scheduled for next week.

With regard to the Riverdale Road Project, Tim Trimbur had completed the cutting. Lee requested of the Board that an on-site walk of Joe English Road be scheduled next week with the Selectmen as well as invited contractors and blasters to go over the details of the bid that would go out for the Joe English Road Project as well as the continuation of the Riverdale Road Project. Lee went on by explaining in detail how his proposal to incorporate the two projects. Continuing, Lee stated that the bid would go out in two parts with a coordinated effort between the blaster and the contractor. It was Lee's contention that the ledge be removed as blasted from Joe English Road and hauled to Riverdale Road where it would be used once the stumps were removed; and, if the same contractor were to be used, Lee was of the opinion that the job would go along smoother since they would be no scheduling conflicts. Lee was confident that there were sufficient funds available to put both projects out to bid as he proposed.

Selectman Johnston supported the proposal to put the bid out in two parts, and then deal with the issue of awarding or rejecting once the bids received and had been reviewed. Again, Lee commented that the ledge from Joe English Road would be ideally suited for the Riverdale Road Project. Lee also commented that the ledge on Joe English was not as extensive as originally thought.

Selectman Pimenta asked Lee how the issue of liability would be dealt with regarding area homes where the blasting was to take place on Joe English Road. Lee explained that a pre-blast survey which involves detailed inspection and picture taking of the area properties would be conducted, with the blasters insurance responsible for any damage incurred by the process. Lee continued by stating that he is given a written statement as to the condition of the property prior to the blasting so that all parties involved are protected.

The next topic of discussion was letters to be sent to property owners regarding the ongoing issues of landscaping and the like infringing on the town's right of way; thereby, hampering the highway departments ability to properly maintain the ditchlines, shoulders and culverts. Three such letters were reviewed by the Selectmen and it was decided that a time frame of thirty days should be included whereby the property owner would restore the area to its condition prior to the infringement or the highway department would do so and back charge the property owner. The issue of potentially billing the property owner would be reviewed with the NHMA.

Lee stated that he had dug as much metal as he could from the recently burned site at the Transfer Station, and the area should be

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cleaned out, a thought that was also expressed to Sandra Gendron by Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune.

Before leaving, Lee told the Selectmen that the Bailey Bridge was in the process of being removed by the State on Depot Street.

Next in to meet with the Board for his regularly scheduled monthly meeting was Chief of Police James McLaughlin. As requested, he presented to the Board a rough sketch of what he envisioned the proposed police facility to look like for purposes of reviewing the placement of such on the site. He went on to discuss the style of building likening it to a ranch or cape style home allowing for future expansion with the addition of an ell or ells in either direction. He continued to describe what he would propose for the interior single floor design including a walk-out basement with garage space under the building, emphasizing his intention to keep the design as simple as possible with few interior rooms. Jim commented that he would continue to look at other police facilities for ideas, and that any and all input from the Board of Selectmen was welcomed.

Selectman Johnston stated that the proposed site would need blasting as well as extensive fill hauled in.

Jim reported to the Board that part-time officer Garret Rice had fallen at home and sustained back injuries, testing continues to determine if surgery will be necessary. Jim stated that Garret has been doing well in his training and is scheduled in September to attend classes in order that he become part-time certified. Jim also informed the Selectmen all the officers with the exception of Tom Fleming have completed the pistol training. Tom, as animal control officer, will continue to use a .38 caliber to destroy animals.

Jim reported that he had taken a sample of the water at the highway garage for testing. Lee told Jim he had last had it tested in 1991 and it was declared safe. Jim stated that more detailed testing could be done on the water and contended it should be based on the fact the garage is built on the site of the former dump. Selectman Johnston stated that both he and Selectman Dodge were inclined to think that a new well should be drilled for the police building. He went on to state that it was beginning to look, based on the probable location for the new building, that this would be the most cost effective avenue to pursue since the distance necessary to pipe the existing well for use by both buildings would be excessive.

Jim concluded his meeting with the Selectmen by stating that the workload at the department had not decreased, and listed the general details of several of the cases currently being dealt with.

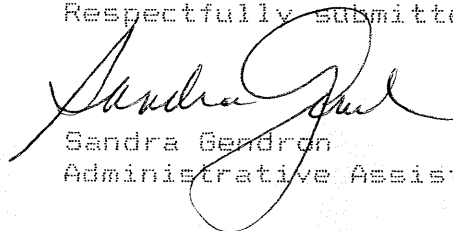
Before his leaving, Selectman Johnston suggested that Jim continue to give consideration to the interior design of his proposed facility; and, further, to review the plot plan of the lot, placing the proposed building and locating the roadways, etc.

Selectman Johnston stated for the record that he had checked the location of the debris at the Allen residence on Roby Road, and

determined that although, it may be infringing on the property of abutting owner George Hall, he was comfortable that it was not infringing on town property.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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