

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 13, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:04 PM by Chairperson Susan Clay.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Nangle asked how the Board communicated on Planning Board issues. Chairperson Clay responded that the Board was just about to start including a topic note on the agenda each week. Right now, whoever is representing the Board on Planning informally brings things up when needed. Now there will be an agenda item to be sure it is not missed.

APPOINTMENTS

Transfer Station – Bonnie Bethune

- 1) New Transfer Station stickers for 2000-2002 will have a white background with green lettering so they will show-up better than those with a clear background.
- 2) Bonnie is going to a "Pay As You Throw" workshop. A number of towns have begun looking at this concept. It calls for people to use special bags for incinerables and those cost money. What does not cost are the items recycled. Bonnie will bring back materials from the conference and share with the Solid Waste Committee.
- 3) Denning has sold it's home trash pick-up business to Waste Mgmt. About ¼ of the residents use this service instead of coming to the Transfer Station themselves. Initially, there was no recycling being done as is required but Bonnie spoke and then wrote to them about the need to recycle and that has begun to happen.
- 4) Anticipates revenues in the same range as last year. One problem recently was what we got for cans because NRRA deducted 30 lbs in weight for cardboard and that should not have been more than 5 lbs.
- 5) Hazardous Waste Day is 9/18. The Police and Fire have met with Bonnie to review the "Response Plan" in case of an emergency.
- 6) The transfer trailers will be needing some repairs but no more than budgeted for. One is an '88 and the other an '89. Replacement dates are 2002 and 2004 respectively.
- 7) Bonnie had a resident ask if he could sell shutters at the Transfer Station if he gave ½ the sale price to the town. The Board approved of the thought behind the offer but felt the logistics were more than we wanted to get involved in. Ok to put a sign and a picture up on the board.
- 8) A few people took advantage of the summer hours but not many. Liked working first thing in the morning when it was cool but it made for a long day. Not sure if they want to do again next year.

There were no issues for the Fire Chief so the Board did not meet with him.

MINUTES

Minutes of 8/30/99 were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) As discussed at a recent Department Head meeting, when people call a department for assistance, should that department not be the best or only resource, the department will respond as best they can and then contact anyone else who needs to respond. This way the person is not forced to call several people to get something done or get an answer to a question. We will handle it internally.
- 2) The Board read over a suggested letter to Mr. Morrissey from Town Counsel regarding a wall he wishes to establish and the width of the easement into the LCIP land which is next to his lot. The Board made some revisions and asked counsel to write another incorporating the changes. They also noted the Conservation Commission desire that people be allowed to park within the "right of way" on Mill St. just before the easement entrance instead of inside on LCIP land. They asked Joe Nangle to pass along their desire that the minutes show who voted for and against an issue.
- 3) A public notice is to be placed for a hearing in October on posting Saunders Hill Rd. to prohibit thru trucking.
- 4) Holden Engineering received the final approval needed before we could move ahead with the Lyndeborough Rd. bridge project. The Board reviewed the planned timeline. Once the bids specs are done, Phase III of the engineering is complete and we will be eligible to receive the 80% state aid. Bids will be out so we will have firm numbers by December for the budget preparation.
- 5) Letters to those affected by "no parking" on High St. and Rt. 13 were read and signed.
- 6) The library wall is to be raised so the height will be the same as the river flows past the library as it is when it gets to the bridge. A FEMA grant of \$8,350 was approved but we need to hold a public hearing before it is spent. That hearing will be on 9/27 and the work will be done by Graham Pendlebury in October.
- 7) A letter was approved encouraging a meeting of Cemetery Trustees and a member of the Board to discuss whether the current cemetery should become public rather than private.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The State has approved \$12,000 in additional revenue to cover the cost of implementing the new State Property Tax for education. To use this money the Board must hold a public hearing. That hearing will be on October 4th.
- 2) Leslie Nixon wrote the Board concerned about the possible fencing of Joe English hill by the Tracking Station. They asked the Town Administrator to contact the Commander and see what the story is.
- 3) A letter was sent to the Playground Assoc. thanking them for all the improvements to the playground here by the hall. They were also given a letter by the Bldg. Inspector which lists items that should be checked each year especially, on the grandstand.
- 4) The Road Committee agenda for 9/14 was shared.

- 5) When a person is eligible for SSI benefits, there is a waiting period. Certain expenses incurred by the Town during that period can be at least partially reimbursed by the Social Security Admin. but only if there is a contract between the Agency and the Town to do so. Motion to allow the Town Administrator to sign Form 148 on behalf of the Town was made by Chairperson Susan Clay, 2nd by Selectman Lois Briere.
- 6) The School addition groundbreaking is scheduled for 9/15/99 at 9 AM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Nangle asked for clarification on when the minutes of meetings should indicate the names of those voting for and against something. Basically, they should always indicate who voted and whether for or against.

Motion by Lois Briere, 2nd by Susan Clay, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM.



Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator