

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 20, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Selectperson Clay at 7 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wayne Jennings asked for guidance on political signs and use of the gazebo. The letter provided to all candidates for local office outlining the RSA for political signs is to be sent to Mr. Jennings. As for signs at the gazebo before a rally, the Board felt putting up signs and bunting a 1/2 hour to an hour before was OK, but anything on the gazebo needed to be either tied or taped, not stapled. Everything should be taken down right after the event. The Recreation Department should be consulted to schedule anything.

APPOINTMENTS

Lee Murray - Road Agent

- 1) Remnants of hurricane Floyd caused minimal damage to the roads. Worse wash was on Bunker Hill Rd. caused by two private culverts being plugged. General discussion ensued as to how best to alert people to their responsibility for keeping private culverts open. Town may want to write to owners where a problem culvert is identified, make a notice to go with permits when a culvert is involved, and a general article in the *New Boston Bulletin* in the spring were suggestions.
- 2) Now grinding the pavement on Bunker Hill Rd. in preparation for paving. It was noted that one of the requirements of Kris Stuart to operate a gravel pit on this road is to provide a 1" pavement overlay. It would make sense that this overlay or additional 1" of binder mix (as decided by the Road Agent) be done at the same time. Lee will wait to order the paving until after the 9/28/99 Stuart hearing before the Planning Board and Selectmen.
- 3) Motion by Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all voted to pave Bog Rd. from the Goffstown line back to the Bog/Christie bridge if there are funds available. Just been refurbished with gravel and drainage. Tough spot to maintain and heavily traveled. Best secured by paving.
- 4) Remaining major projects for '99 were reviewed and agreed upon. Funding sources were checked to be sure there was money to do them. Have already paved Meetinghouse and the hill on Clark Hill. The Clark Hill upgrade is now complete with the work done this spring and summer. Will pave the short section of Bog, about 1 mile of Lyndebrorough, 1/2 mile of Wilson Hill. Greg Mill and Bunker Hill are being "ground" first where needed and then paved. Contractor funds set-up for road improvements are being used to supplement Town funds on the Bog/Christie upgrade, Wilson Hill, and Bunker Hill.
- 5) Except for possibly pushing the start date back to 4/1/00, the timeline for replacement of Lyndeborough Rd. bridge proved by Holden Engineering looked good.
- 6) There are about 10 roads which are no more than driveways to residences. A number of these are difficult to plow because things have been placed within the "right of way" or the area used to turn the plow truck around has been used for other purposes by the

landowner. Options are to be explored with more discussion next week. It was felt that at a minimum, the Board should contact those involved and ask for their cooperation so plowing will be easier.

7) The Road Agent asked for support in keeping at least the \$50,000 now in the 2000 CIP for road improvements. There was general concurrence funds need to be in the CIP for road improvements. This was supported at a recent Road Committee meeting as well.

8) In preparation for budget season, it was also noted that the paving budget should be looked at. There are 50 miles of paved road. It costs \$32,000/ mile for a 1 1/2 " overlay. Proper maintenance will usually require a new overlay every 10 years or so. This means we need to budget for 5 miles of paving per year at \$32,000/ mile or \$160,000. The current paving budget is \$80,000. A step plan of \$20,000 more per year in that budget was suggested.

9) What some road projects might be for next year: Twin Bridge area and Bedford from the Meetinghouse intersection as there are major drainage issues.

10) A letter from Dave Delorey on Clark Hill Rd. asked for some changes to a culvert and posed some other issues. The Board decided to have the Road Agent contact Dufrene-Henry Engineering to see if they would be willing to review the matter and offer an opinion.

Mark Anderson

The Board approved a temporary trailer permit with the usual stipulations. Motion Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor.

Conservation Commission

Brenda Lind spoke on behalf of the Commission. They have prepared an easement for the Saunders Hill Pasture area per Warrant Article 13 in 1998. This now goes to Town Counsel for review.

MINUTES

Minutes for 8/23/99 were approved as written. Motion by Lois Briere, 2nd Gordon Carlstrom, all approved.

Minutes of 9/13/99 were approved as written. Motion by Lois Briere, 2nd Gordon Carlstrom, all approved.

OLD BUSINESS

1) Under Planning, discussed the newly printed booklets that give guidance to the public on permitting - what they need and who they need to see. Noted the Kris Stuart gravel pit hearing next Tuesday. Jeff Downing resigned due to lack of time. Paula Belmore and Dianne Manson are interested in moving up from alternate status. The first Law Lecture Series was on code enforcement. An excellent booklet was given out and should be reviewed. Hogan request for an auto repair shop as a home business is still under review.

2) Police Chief McLaughlin supplied a letter of Y2K compliance for his department with attachments from Goffstown dispatch and others. The Town Y2K efforts are mostly complete. New software was purchased and has been installed. All the computers were checked by "Computers, etc" and fixes made where appropriate.

- 3) A letter from Town Counsel to Bill Morrissey concerning the easement into the LCIP land and his desire to put up a stone wall was revised and then approved for sending.
- 4) Road Name Change procedures need to be established. Will try to do for next week.
- 5) A letter to Maureen Mansfield concerning information we will need for budget season was discussed. In general, we should require the same type of information regarding the cemetery operation as is requested of every Town department.
- 6) Board was reminded that Finance meetings start 9/23 and will be most every Thursday from now the year-end.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Bookkeeping hours will be cut back. No more Tuesday hours. The new software has allowed for some time efficiencies so Karen will now work just Monday and Wednesday.
- 2) All property that was up for deeding was paid except for a small sliver of land that Clifton Wilson does not believe is his. Linda will research and then a decision made on how to proceed. The abutter may be interested in the land.
- 3) Water from the rains connected with Floyd did get into the furnace area of the Town Hall. The sump pump did not work so one motor was damaged. We will order a new sump pump and the furnace motor has been replaced.

PUBLIC COMMENT

none

Per RSA 91-A:3b. a motion was made by Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all voted in favor of entering a non-public session to discuss personnel issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 PM. Motion Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator