

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 20, 1999

### PRESENT:

Susan Clay-Chairperson  
Gordon Carlstrom-Selectman  
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

### ABSENT:

Lois Briere-Selectman      icy road

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

none

### APPOINTMENTS

1) Tom Dunn representing the NH Property-Liability Trust, the Town's casualty-property insurance carrier, provided the annual update on Trust activities. Highlights were:

- a) 3 yr. program now available - the Town signed for this in July and saved 20%
- b) \$50,000 of coverage was added for 3rd party Y2K claims
- c) premiums won't change due to exposure base increases except for new property when valued at over \$500,000.
- d) now covering schools as well as towns
- e) plan to continue the same dividend as in the past
- f) now offering Workers Compensation, our coverage is with the Comp Funds  
The W.C. plan may also incorporate Health coverages in the future. The Board voted earlier in the year to keep coverage with Comp Funds until this program develops a track record.
- g) provided a list of loss prevention seminars town employees had attended over the past several years- we will continue to take advantage of these

2. UNH Student Group - Lydia Dodge Lot Forestry Report

A written report was provided to Forestry. The student members also gave a brief presentation highlighting the study's conclusions and recommendations. They talked about the wildlife and tree species, topography, and soils. Encouraged some bird boxes in the wetlands, doing some selected cutting to thin the trees, and to use the lot for education as well as recreation.

### OLD BUSINESS

1) Lyndeborough Road Bridge construction project had six bidders. Bids were opened on the 16th and Frank Whitcomb appears to be the low bidder at \$227,000. This phase of the work was budgeted to cost \$250,000. Holden Engineering will review all the bid data and then make a recommendation to the Board.

- 2) A letter was read and approved that will go to FLESA, Conservation and Forestry asking for them to assist in compiling a list of names to be considered for an "open space" committee. The group would put together some materials to assist land owners when they want to preserve their open space by easement, a sale of rights, or whatever. The letter also asked that they help the Road Agent find another town owned site to excavate sand. The lot by the Transfer Station has been exhausted. The town saves around \$8,000 by not having to buy sand. The budget will have to be increased if a source is not agreed upon.
- 3) Town counsel provided some guidance to the Board via letter on the easement width issue on Mill St. by Mr. Morrissey's property. The Board is now ready to send a letter to Mr. Morrissey's attorney on that issue and the sighting of a wall next to the road.
- 4) The Board reviewed 5 petitioned zoning articles for the 2000 warrant. They had the required number of legal signatures. These were forwarded to the Planning Board so they could hold hearings.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The revenues for 2000 will be down because there was \$400,000 in the '99 budget in revenue from the State that will offset Lyndeborough Road Bridge costs. However, the budget will also not included the \$450,000 in expense for the bridge so the budget and the revenues should still be in roughly the same balance. That will not be known for sure until the budget is finalized. Revenues in general continue to increase slowly but steadily led by more new car purchases and more expensive vehicle purchases.
- 2) There was a long discussion over the Capital Improvements Plan. The Selectman's rep to the CIP will share the Board's views at the next CIP hearing on Tuesday. The desire is that the CIP Committee, Finance, and Selectmen be as united as possible with a plan so the public receives a clear message and supports the expenditures recommended. The most discussion centered around the library/recreation project. It was felt negotiations had progressed to the point where the Board could now become a more involved positive partner.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gordon Carlstrom at 10:05 PM and was 2nd by Susan Clay.

Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator