

MINUTES SELECTMEN MEETING -March 20, 1989

Present were Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and newly elected and duly sworn in Selectman Arthur Johnston. Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant took minutes.

Lee Murray, Road Agent was in and discussion turned to Articles yet to be acted upon at the 1989 Town Meeting which would reconvene Tuesday evening, March 21, 1989 at 7:00 pm. The topic was the article which would fund the Joe English Road Project that appeared in the Town Report to raise and appropriate \$100,000.00. It was decided, based on concerns expressed by voters regarding potential property tax increases, to reduce the amount requested to \$75,000.00. The Board and the Road Agent shared the opinion that with the block grant monies and the reduced amount they could still accomplish the bulk of the work with no frills, but they could get the resurfacing done.

Former Selectmen Ted Olson would make himself available for the balance of the Town Meeting .

Article 27 which dealt with the issuing of permits for class C fireworks was discussed. Selectmen Dodge explained that if this article passed it would be the responsibility of the Selectmen or the Police Chief to issue such permits and he expressed a reluctance to support such an article his concern coming from the potential liability point of view, more especially if the article regarding indemnification did not pass. The non-passage of this article would have no affect on the commercial sale of fireworks for such occasions as the Fourth of July. It was the decision of the board that they would oppose the article when presented.

Brent Armstrong along with David Wilson were in representing the 4-H Foundation to discuss the gravel permit which had been issued to the Foundation. They had with them Bobby Rowe who would be the contractor removing the gravel. This permit was issued on June 6, 1988 and along with expressing the desire to work harmoniously with the Board of Selectmen they had some concerns regarding some of the points of the permit. They agreed with the 7:00 am starting time and would not begin loading before that prescribed hour; however, they would like to increase the load capacity on a daily basis to 1000 cubic yards. Depending on the job of the day, 32 loads a day or 4 trucks per hour would probably be sufficient, but there was the exception that a job could require a more rapid removal of gravel and they would like the ability to remove more gravel on a daily basis. The 4-H representatives stressed that this would be more the exception than the rule. Selectman Dodge expressed concern over the increase in truck traffic, but would entertain an increase in removal capacity on a permission basis, Selectman Mansfield disagreed and felt any increase over that prescribed in the permit would require another public hearing. It was agreed by all that the use of tri-axles was acceptable. Discussion turned to the subject of the use of a crusher in the pit, which was not addressed in the original permit, the Foundation felt the use of a crusher would make the material available more marketable. The group went on to discuss the lowering of the parking area by 8 - 10'. Tests holes dug did not show ledge and to lower this area would increase the capacity for parking and provide better accessibility to the lot.

Based on the potential changes requested by the Foundation, it was the decision of the Board that another public hearing be scheduled. This hearing would deal with the increase number of loads to come out on a daily basis, which the Selectmen would look favorably upon on a permission once-in-a-while situation. The issue of the use of a crusher could be discussed as could be the lowering of the parking area. The Selectmen were basically in agreement with the proposed changes and stressed that a new hearing would not jeopardize what had already be approved at the first hearing.

Selectman Dodge moved that Selectman Mansfield be voted Chairman for the Board in 1989, this was seconded by Selectman Johnston and so voted.

It was discussed that the weekly meetings would be scheduled so that department heads would see the Selectmen from 7-8 pm and that outside scheduling would begin at 8 pm.

It was the decision of the Board that Selectman Mansfield would be the representative from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Board commencing immediately until Labor Day, 1989.

Checks were signed, mail gone over and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Sandra Gendron

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