

MINUTES SELECTMEN'S MEETING - April 24, 1989

Let it be noted in the minutes that Romeo Charron was in on April 21, 1989 expressing concern for his financial future having injured his back and not having worked since 12-88; however, he is receiving Workmen's Compensation and his wife is employed. He will contact this office should his situation worsen.

Selectmen Mansfield and Johnston began the meeting at 6:45 pm with interviews for a highway job. Selectman Dodge was on vacation and Sandra Gendron took minutes. Applicants for the highway job included Arthur Proulx, Mike Johnson, Scott Mandrioli and Bob Winslow. Two of the scheduled interviews were no-shows. A decision would be made after discussion with Selectman Dodge upon his return.

Lee Murray Road Agent was looking for suggestions from the Selectmen as to where he might apply the dust preventative purchase for which had been voted at the 1989 Town Meeting. He will get a price per foot for the Asphaltic Emulsion so that when the Town funding ran out a person might pay for the material and the Town would apply. Lee was also given permission to experiment with liquid calcium chloride, money for which he had taken into consideration in his 1989 budget.

The Selectmen present put into policy that as of this date the Town of New Boston had an application that would need to be filled out by anyone wishing financial assistance and that the general guidelines for this assistance would be those submitted and used by the Town of Goffstown subject to any changes which might become necessary to customize these guidelines to the Town of New Boston.

At 8:10 p.m. a gravel hearing was held to amend an already existing gravel permit for the 4-H Foundation. Selectmen Mansfield reviewed the advertising and the certified receipts and declared all was in order. A list of those in attendance for the hearing is attached to these minutes.

Brent Armstrong a member of the Board of Directors for the 4-H Foundation explained the reasons for the need for amendments to the existing permit and the original reasons for the removal of gravel from this area. The Foundation will use the income from the sale of gravel to improve the area in regards to parking, improving the septic systems and to help pay escalating costs of insurance, etc. He quoted that approximately 150,000 yards of material were available for removal, but could not specify a length of time this operation might entail; the main factor would be the marketability of the material. The Foundation has contracted with Bob Rheault Construction for the removal of this gravel for three years and he will also manage the operation. One amendment to the original contract would be to begin the operation at 7:00 am rather than 8:00 am and the closing time would remain at 4:00 pm. At this point in the hearing Selectman Mansfield wanted to make sure everyone present understood this hearing was only being held to amend the original permit and would in no way endanger the existing permit. The Foundation further would like the option to use a gravel crusher which had not been sought in the original permit. It was pointed out that only gravel would be crushed and not rocks which would produce more noise. The Foundation would like the option to remove 1000 yards per day should a job come available which would require that amount of material in a short span of time, they stressed that this situation would be the exception rather than the rule. Mr. Rheault stated that no 18 wheel vehicles or dump trailers would be used in the removal operation.

Mr. Maloney, an abuttor expressed concern regarding possible damage to his water source, which is a gravity fed spring located some distance from his house and the potential problems truck traffic could cause over a new road area the Foundation hoped to put in. David Wilson speaking for the 4-H Foundation, ^{stated} that Mr. Maloney's spring would not be affected because the proposed new road area would not be open to the gravel-hauling trucks, but would be built as an exit for regular traffic leaving the 4-H grounds. Additional concern was expressed for the bridge entering the grounds and the damage that might be caused by the added truck traffic even though it was understood that trucks going over this bridge would be empty. It was suggested that the Town might entertain having a bond put in place by the 4-H Foundation to be used should any damage be done to this bridge placing the burden for the cost of repair on the landowner. Clifford Plourde requested and was given assurance that a "Stop" sign would be placed at the end of the Bailey Bridge as traffic turns onto Rte. #13.

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This hearing was adjourned with Selectman Mansfield stating that all input would be taken into consideration and discussed with Selectman Dodge upon his return and a decision would be available at the Town Office soon.

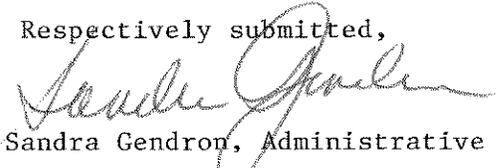
The next scheduled hearing was for a temporary trailer permit requested by George Owen and Cynthia St. John to be placed on their lot while they built a home. There were no abutters present and again Selectman Mansfield reviewed the prior advertising and declared all to be in order for the hearing. George Owen explained his plans and appearing to be in compliance with the purpose of a temporary trailer permit, the Selectmen gave approval for one year explaining that this permit could have one extension granted without necessitating a second hearing. Mr. St. John further stated that it was his intention to sell the trailer once he had an occupancy permit for his house. The permit would be issued and dated 4-28-89. Mr. St. John will submit a list of suggestions to the Selectmen of prospective road names for this class 6 road.

Jim Dodge Fire Chief was in for general discussion on several issues. When asked when the department expected to receive the new ambulance, he stated the last correspondence he had indicated that it would be in September. Discussion turned to the loss of the trailer owned by Willard Dodge and used by the Town at the Transfer Station. Jim felt the fire damage could have been far more extensive than it was; that, in fact, the entire Transfer Station and equipment could have burned if the fire had gone unattended much longer. He felt two changes had to be implemented immediately and they are that the brush pile be moved further away from the general area, he had already spoken to Bonnie regarding this move and that no one be allowed to dump on an off day without being accompanied by a Town employee even if this meant implementing a fee for service. He further indicated that some brush would need trimming and a few trees would need to be cut in the new area and the Selectmen agreed that the Town would see this was done. The fire also indicated to the Chief the immediate need for a Knox box to be installed at the Transfer Station enabling fire personnel to have immediate access to all areas of the station in the event another such emergency occur. He would speak to Bonnie and Linda to see that duplicate keys could and would be obtained for emergency use. Discussion ensued as to the need for a chemical extinguishing system for the hopper and trailer should a fire ever occur in this area. The investment of the Town is now considerable and protection for this investment would be necessary. Jim felt plans should be made for presentation at next Town Meeting. The Selectmen were in agreement and further felt that the cost of a roof for the area should be investigated. This roof could also provide housing for the chemical extinguishing system.

Jim went on to discuss a serious brush fire which had burned almost 5 acres on Old Coach Road on 4-24-89 and had been the result of careless juveniles. Due to the circumstances of the fire he felt we would be unable to recoup our loss of upwards of \$1,000.00 part of which would be assumed by the State of N. H. He wanted input from the Selectmen as to having these responsible juveniles do some community service project as a partial repayment for damages incurred. Jim felt the parents would be receptive to such an arrangement. Some thoughts were the supervised washing of the fire department vehicles or possible trash pick-up especially in the picnic areas along River Road.

The mail folder was reviewed and arrangements were made for the Selectmen to come at another time to sign checks as the Town Office had been closed during the day in observance of Fast Day. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 pm.

Respectively submitted,


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