

Minutes Selectmen's Meeting - June 5, 1989

Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston were present to open the meeting along with Sandra Gendron to take minutes.

Former Selectman Ted Olson had been asked to come in and try to recall the events leading to a letter which had been sent to the National Mortgage Co. on July 31, 1986 advising a Mary Bleau that St. Jude's Road is classified as a Class VI Road which is Town owned but not town maintained. Ted's signature appears on the letter which was typed by former secretary to the Selectmen Betty Hooper. The conflict lies in that St. Jude's Road in realty is a private road and in no way the responsibility or owned by the Town of New Boston. Ted recalls that he was aware of the status of the road and that there had been discussion of this situation because of a pending sale of real estate on the road. He further recalls that he and Tom checked the road map; however, he does not recall signing any correspondence. The Selectmen requested that Sandra Gendron contact Betty Hooper former secretary to ask her recollections of the same situation. Betty was contacted on June 8, 1989 and recalled that she knew that road was different from others in town and not taken care of and feels that she would not have typed the letter and worded it as it was unless instructed to do so.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in to discuss general road matters. Discussion ensued as to the establishment of a committee who would be charged with the responsibility of researching the whys and wherefors of how a number of private driveways came to be plowed by the town during the winter months. This committee will report their findings back to the Board of Selectmen and a decision will be made as to whether the winter plowing will continue. The Selectmen voted to nominate Lee Murray, Jim Whipple, Jim Dane, Dick Moody and one Selectmen to form a committee to study the plowing of certain deadend roads whose access is to only one family. *dead end roads* *TSM* *by wife* *6/2/89*

Selectman Johnston and Lee Murray had stopped by the area of the Harvey Surette property to investigate fallen trees which may have been located on town-owned land and had caused damage when they fell on the Surette property. They did find what they considered to be a boundary along an old blazed trail where there were four or five dead tree trunks approximately 15' high with no limbs. They also located the tree that fell and took down the wires on the Surette property and noted that it had fallen towards the road. There was some thought given to sending the road crew down to cut the dead tree trunks, but felt there was no impending danger. They also noted that generally any trees or limbs that were endangering wires were trimmed by the public utilities.

Frances Towne was in representing the Grange to show the Selectmen that contract that they wished to sign and the color choice of the Grange to paint the upper hall and ceiling. The Selectmen requested that they be told the finish of the paint to insure the ease of upkeep and a call was received later in the evening from Howard Towne to say that the finish would be an industrial semi-gloss and all agreed that this should be easily washable and the Grange was given approval from the Board to paint the upper hall. The Grange further requested that the Selectmen look into their locking the upper hall to protect the Grange belongings especially the organ which had recently been donated. The Selectmen felt that this was something that should be discussed with the Fire Department especially from a life safety standpoint.

The Selectmen then discussed a welfare application with the applicant minutes of which can be found in the Selectmen file.

Robert and Carol Bose were in to discuss with the Selectmen applying for a building permit for them to build a two car garage with an in-law apartment above. It was not their intention to connect this building to their present home which would be required to comply with the New Boston Zoning due to the construction of an in-law apartment. The Selectmen stated that they would deny the permit and the Bose's would have to seek a hearing with the Zoning Board of Adjustment to request a variance. The proposed building would be approximately 175' from their present home and the Boses' were asked if they had entertained subdivision since they owned sufficient acreage. They felt that subdivision would make the project more costly plus add to their tax burden by creating another building lot with a structure. The original reason for not attaching the proposed structure to the existing home was that the bulkhead was in the way, and to move this would also add to the expense of the project. *PA*

The Selectmen informed the Bose's that they would have to prove a hardship to the ZBA and they would be sent the proper paperwork to apply for a ZBA hearing.

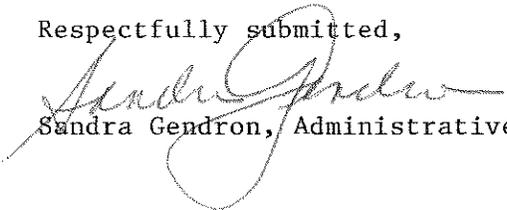
Selectmen Johnston reported on Hazardous Waste Day which had been held at the Transfer Station the previous Saturday. Fifty or Sixty people brought in material. Two of these people were asked to donate \$25.00 to the Conservation Commission due to the large volume of material they brought to be disposed of. The day is truly not set-up to accept anymore than the ordinary household waste. The two persons in question were very willing to make the contribution. Mike Richard would probably report final figures to the Board when they were tallied. While the Transfer Station was under discussion Selectman Dodge related a situation that had occurred while the station was open on Saturday whereby the compactor was jammed by carpet brought in from the Tracking Station on an off day with an attendant present. The problem was the bulk and size of the carpet was more than the compactor could handle thus causing the jam and creating lines and a back-up in the system. The situation was saved by having the second trailer available and Selectman Dodge will contact the Tracking Station to discuss how this situation might be handled another time and not cause complications at the Transfer Station. Selectman Johnston wondered since this large volume of debris was obviously due to some renovation taking place at the Tracking Station, might the private contractor doing the job have had money in his contract to dispose of the debris and just found it more convenient to take the material to the New Boston Station. The Selectmen all agreed that a call from the office was in order to the Tracking Station.

The Selectmen had received a letter from Bud Scott stating that David Wilson would like permission to use his gravel pit on June 17 from 9 am - 1 pm to shoot off automatic weapons and guns that are licensed by the Federal Government to use. Police Chief John Ballou came in and the Selectmen asked for his opinion. Ballou's main concern was the noise factor and he questioned the safety factor; however, Selectmen Dodge felt that safety was not an issue since some of the cuts in the gravel pit were extremely high. The Selectmen agreed that they could not sanction the event nor could they control it and Tom will make calls to both Bud and David to relay the Selectmen's decision. While Chief Ballou was in discussion was brought up regarding the situation between the Monbouquette boys and the Conrads. John had discussed the dumping of horse manure in the roadway with Marc Monbouquette. Marc admitted that he had done this and would not continue to do so.

Dorothy and Frank Fillmore were again in representing a group of concerned citizens and when given permission to speak asked of the possibility of constructing a six unit elderly housing apartment complex. They wondered what kind of a zoning regulation would be required. Selectman Dodge felt that maybe a zoning change could be for a specific parcel of land. Everyone agreed that the suggestion would need review with the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The rest of the evening was spent signing check and reviewing the mail with the meeting adjourning at approximately 11:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



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