

Minutes Selectmen's Meeting - December 11, 1989

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

Lee Murray Road Agent was in for his regular weekly appointment. Paving behind the grandstand was discussed with regard to width, etc. The Selectmen would be meeting later in the evening with representatives of the Playground Association who own the grandstand and that portion of the roadway to discuss the same issue.

The Selectmen interviewed along with the Road Agent Richard Bouchard, a former Town Highway employee, for a position in the department now available. The pay scale was discussed and following the state scale as the Town of New Boston does, Mr. Bouchard was offered the position at the rate of a grader operator, with a 5% raise due Dec. 29 (which the entire department will receive) and another raise in six months which would bring him to the top of the scale for that position. Mr. Bouchard agreed to discuss this offer with his wife and let Lee know if he would accept the job.

Further discussion with Lee centered around persons building on Class VI roads and the waiver forms we currently have these perspective builders sign releasing the town from liability. The form will be amended to further limit the towns' liability and Lee will look into possibly posting some of these areas indicating where town maintenance stops.

Philip Julian Jessica Lane was in to inquire what might be necessary with regard to permits if he were to use his home address on State forms required for him to enter into a wholesaling of automobiles business. He would not be storing or parking vehicles at his residence; however, the State form requests that he have the permission of the Selectmen in order to operate. The Selectmen suggested that Mr. Julian fill out the State forms, which would result in a inquiry from the State to the Town regarding compliance of the applicant with local zoning, the Selectmen will review the situation at that time.

Andrew Belanger, Sr. and Andrew Belanger, Jr. River Road were in to discuss Andrew, Jr. operating a business from their home. It would be Andrew, Jr.'s intention to use part of the basement for office space and an accessory building for storage space for a business which is basically the designing and installation of cable sites similiar to that of the one located on the Dodge property in New Boston. There would be no retail operation involved. After discussion the Selectmen felt that since some of the business would be done off-site and not run entirely from the home, that a ZBA special exception was required. Mr. Belanger's request was denied and he will contact the ZBA.

Holly Bowen and Wayne Daniels were in representing the Playground Association to discuss the possibility of paving that stretch of roadway behind the grandstand owned by the Playground Association. The Selectmen suggested they would like to pave this portion at their expense. Holly and Wayne will discuss this offer with other members of the association and get back in touch with the Selectmen.

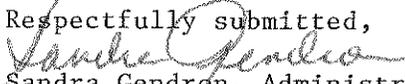
A letter will be sent to Wilfred Klardie discussing the history of how he is now being taxed for a 4 acree parcel adjacent to his property.

Sandra Gendron has inquired of surrounding towns who were billing taxes semi-annually as to the advantages of such a method of taxation. Of the towns polled who had been billing semi-annually none have had to borrow in anticipation of taxes and, in fact, had made money on investments. Discussion ensued as to the ability of handling the workload of semi-annual taxing. Sandra Gendron supported the idea feeling that with all the tax records computerized the job could be handled efficiently by the office staff. The Selectmen voted unanimously to include a warrant article in the 1990 Town Meeting that New Boston start collecting taxes semi-annually.

Selectman Johnston moved that the job of full-time police chief be offered to present Police Chief John Ballou on a contractual basis, this was seconded by Selectman Mansfield, and voted 2-1 by the Board.

Checks were signed and mail was reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Gendron, Administrative Assistant

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