

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 25, 1999

Chairman Strong called a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7PM.

PRESENT:

Harold Strong-Chairman
Lois Briere-Selectman
Susan Clay-Selectman
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Tom O'Rourke from Media One presented an agreement which allows his cable company to run lines through a small section of New Boston (Riverdale Road) while also offering service to the four to six people who live on that road. Right now these people have no cable service. Media One needs to go through the neighborhood in order to connect lines which serve Weare on one side and Goffstown on the other. It is a ten year agreement starting on Feb. 1, 1999. The town is to receive a one-time payment of \$1,152 due by March 15, 1999. If they begin to service more than four homes, the agreement and the fee are to be amended.
- 2) Betsy Dodge explained why the Conservation Commission was requesting the Land Use Change Tax portion sent to them be changed from 10% to 50%. There is no money in the operating budget so all improvement projects must be funded from the CLU tax. The typical \$2,500 or so amount they receive is not adequate. The Board was not ready to commit and suggested a petition warrant article be filed. They expressed a desire to look closely at our approach to land purchases suggesting one comprehensive pool of funds might be better than a number of specific ones. It just so happens the CLU taxes will be high in 1999 (perhaps \$60,000) so even staying at 10% would greatly increase funding in '99.
- 3) Bob Todd announced a decrease in the warrant article for the FLESA mapping project. The \$12,500 it was going to cost for the aerial data will now be available from UNH for minimal disk transferring costs. The new warrant article number will likely be \$4,500.

OLD BUSINESS

A number of abatement requests had been reviewed by Avitar and the town assessor, George Hildum. The Board took these and ruled on each. Letters will be sent to each homeowner advising them of the outcome and the reason for it.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The first draft of a bidding policy for the town was studied. The idea is to be sure that at some agreed upon level of expenditure, steps are taken to assure ourselves that the price we are about to pay for something is competitive. This topic will be discussed further at a future meeting after input from the Department Heads.
- 2) Based on a motion by Lois Briere, 2nd by Susan Clay, all approved of Charles Kazmarczyk our Fire Inspector to also be the Emergency Management Director.
- 3) The software conversion is going very smoothly. Once the payables portion is all set, the next focus will be the budget segment so we can get the formats we want for the Public Hearing.
- 4) The Board was shown a letter Todd developed last year for political candidates outlining the ground rules for political literature along roadsides, etc. It was agreed these should continue to be made available to all candidates as they sign-up in the Town Clerk's office.

At 10:35PM a motion to adjourn was made by Lois Briere, 2nd by Susan Clay, all approved.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the January 11, 1999 meeting were unanimously approved without change.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Due to time constraints, there was no budget discussion.
- 2) Whether or not to make the new Fire Inspector our Emergency Mgmt. Director? Will decide next meeting.
- 3) Lyndeborough Rd. Bridge has hit a snag getting DES approval. The stone protecting the abutments is the biggest issue because the river flow, by law, is not supposed to be obstructed in any way. Burton is working with Holden Engineering to address the DES concerns.
- 4) A letter has been written to the library trustees explaining in detail why the bond for the addition has not received support from the CIP, Finance, or Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS

Per RSA 91-A:3 II a. Susan Clay and Lois Briere voted at 8:25PM to go into non-public session to review appraisals. Non-public session ended at 9:10PM.

A schedule to do Department Head appraisals was set as follows:

1/25/99 9:30 AM Jim McLaughlin 10:15 AM Lee Murray

1/28/99 9:30 AM Claire Dodge 10:15 AM Dennis Sarette 10:45 Bonnie Bethune

Motion by Susan Clay, 2nd Lois Briere to adjourn at 11:30PM.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator