

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 29, 1999

The meeting began at 7:12 PM.

PRESENT:

Susan Clay: Chairperson
Gordon Carlstrom: Selectman
Lois Briere: Selectman
Burton Reynolds: Town Administrator

APPOINTMENTS

1) Alex Vogt and Bill Cass from N.H. DOT were back for a second hearing on the State's plans for improving the intersection of RT 13 and Molly Stark Lane. This is scheduled for 2001 and includes reconstructing 1,100 feet of RT 13 and lowering it by about 4 feet right near Daniels garage. The cost will be \$400,000 and born completely by the State. Input was given on some drainage issues, just where (not whether) the barriers were to go in front of Daniels garage, moving Molly Stark Lane over a bit more to the east than in the current design, and the need to encroach and take certain trees on the wetland side of RT 13.

2) Road Agent Lee Murray asked the Board for permission to purchase a '95 Club Cab short bed Ford F150 PU with 4WD from State surplus for \$6,000. There is \$10,000 of this year's Block Grant aid set-aside for equipment purchases like this one. The truck has 93,000 miles and was used by the Fish & Game Dept. Lee has test driven the truck. It needs ball joints and a gas tank. This will replace his current PU, which is rusting out. He has a buyer for it who will pay \$1,000 thus making the net cost to the town of the "new" PU \$5,000. Motion to approve by Lois Briere, 2nd Gordon Carlstrom, all approved. Using the past as a guide, Lee expects the truck to last about 5 years.

3) The Fire Wards and Chief Dodge were joined by Mike Richard our Hazardous Waste Day coordinator and Deb Smith from the Transfer Station for a further discussion on our long term plans for handling hazardous waste. The Fire Wards were concerned that we are relying too much on our Hazardous Waste day to deal with the need to collect these types of wastes and that adding a second was not the answer. Deb outlined what wastes we do handle now such as paints, oil, antifreeze, and batteries. They do not keep chemicals and pesticides. Mike offered to share info he has on the State guidelines for storage of hazardous wastes and just pointed out there could be costs involved as well as safe storage issues. It was agreed a committee would be formed to include: Mike Richard, Bonnie Bethune, Selectman rep, Police, Fire, and Solid Waste Committee members. A report should be prepared for the Board by fall so whatever game plan is chosen gets discussed further at budget time and placed before voters.

4) The Fire Wards also outlined the process for accepting new volunteer members. Lou Maynard had questioned last week why someone who appeared to have qualifications had not been accepted. There have been only a handful of rejections in 20 or so years. The problem is more often with people declining after they appreciate the time needed for

training. The general process is as follows: application, the person attends 3 meetings one of which is a training session, if still interested the F.D. will do a background check including police and MVR records, if that is fine, the town will pay for a physical, then the Fire Wards make a recommendation and the whole department votes.

5) During the above discussion it was mentioned that getting members to volunteer was not easy and made more difficult by recent events. Lou Maynard asked what those were and Chief Dodge refused to elaborate. Later in the meeting, after Lou Maynard had left, he returned with the Fire Wards to say he was referring to the incident the week before involving an illegal burn at Joe Foistner's. The Fire Wards also went on to complain about police handling of remarks Joe Foistner made to the investigating police officer referencing the Fire Warden who had stopped to deal with the burn.

6) Tim Cady, Pat Jennings, and Don Chapman said the Library Trustees were in the initial stages of discussions with Wayne Daniels concerning a parcel he owns at the intersection of RT136 and RT13. There is an old barn on the site which is in good condition. The Trustees plan to have architect Roger Dignard walk the building with them on Thursday 4/1/99. There is a 2 story 10,000 sq. ft. barn and a one story 5,000 sq. ft. el. They have also asked the Recreation Dept. if they would have any interest in the building because it is larger than what the library would need for itself. The board expressed support for exploring the option and encouraged the Trustees to come back when they had made more progress. In the meantime, the Trustees asked the Board to think about the possibility of covering the building on the town's insurance policy as well as possibly waiving the taxes as these were two major expenses that will need to be addressed with Daniels. The possibility of grants was mentioned and Kim DiPietro offered to provide some info she had on monies for restoring old barns.

7) Lou Maynard again asserted the minutes of the 9/15/99 Planning Board should reflect the exchange which took place that evening between himself and a town official. Lou had also made the request at a 10/19/98 Selectmen's meeting and he remembered Chairman Strong stating the minutes of the Planning Board meeting should reflect what was said. No one was quite clear on when the Planning Board accepted the minutes but it may have been at the 10/13/98 meeting. Gordon questioned what relevance the exchange had to planning Board issues. Susan felt whatever was said should be reflected in the minutes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Lois Briere with a 2nd by Gordon Carlstrom that the minutes of March 22, 1999 be approved as written. All agreed.