

## Selectmen's Minutes

10/25/99

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairperson Susan Clay.

### PRESENT:

Susan Clay-chairperson  
Lois Briere-Selectman  
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

### ABSENT:

Gordon Carlstrom-Selectman            conflict with work

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lou Maynard spoke to the resignation of the Planning Coordinator, Tom Ursia. He felt Tom had been pushed out by the Planning Board because he brought new ideas. Did not feel they had tried to work with Tom. Lou stated his long held view that the zoning was in dire need of revision and questioned the need of the Planning office to have two full-time people. Chairperson Clay reminded Mr. Maynard that the decision concerning the Planning Coordinator was a mutual one, and she encouraged those who disagree with the Planning operation to run for a seat now that it is elected instead of appointed.

### APPOINTMENTS

- 1) Non-public session per RSA 91-A:3a at 7:34 PM (Susan=yes, Lois=yes) to discuss a Highway Dept. personnel issue. Exit the session at 7:45 PM.
- 2) Art Gagnon met with the Board to ask if anything could be done about all the gravel trucks that go by his house. He left with the Board a listing, by time of day, when trucks had passed his home. Also concerned about lack of signage at three way interesection of Howe Bridge, Riverdale Road and Parker Road.

### MINUTES

The minutes of 10/18/99 were not approved because there were not two members at this meeting who had been at the 10/18 meeting.

### OLD BUSINESS

- 1) The Administrator was given permission to offer one of the part-time clerical applicants a position in the Selectmen's office.
- 2) Winfield Clark had applied for an abatement on a "Yield Tax" assessment. The assessment is based on the true value of the lumber. Mr. Clark received only about 1/2 the true value from the logger making his tax more like 20% than the 10% required by law. The Board empathized with Mr. Clark. A vote was taken but not made official until the Administrator could run the matter by Gordon Carlstrom.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Conversion from BDS to BMSI for our payroll will take place 1/1/00 with the month of December being used to test.
- 2) Comp Funds, our Workers Compensation carrier, asked if we wanted to receive a 20% credit for agreeing to stay with them for 3 years. The Board agreed to do so.
- 3) A resident on Scobie Road asked if the speed limit could be lowered. The Board said they did not believe so but asked the Administrator to check with the Police Chief and then respond.
- 4) A report from Dufrense-Henry regarding the culvert and other issues by Mr. Delores house on Clark Hill road was distributed. It will be discussed next week.
- 5) Measurements from the road are to be taken by Mr. Morrissey's on Mill St. so a letter can be written expressing where his stone wall can be placed.
- 6) A quote was received from Carter Sprinkler of \$37,500 to install a system for the Town Hall. Some additional funds will be needed for misc. items like a concrete pad for the water tank. There is now \$30,000 in the Sprinkler Capital Reserve Fund so another \$10,000 to \$12,000 should allow to project to be done in 2000.
- 7) Non-public session per RSA 91-A:3a at 8:36 PM (Susan=yes, Lois=yes) to discuss the Planning Coordinator position. Session ended at 9:15 PM. No decisions.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Joe Nangle noted that Conservatrion had looked at the Herbert land along RT 13 and felt the Town should accept his offer of the property to the Town. A letter will be forthcoming. They felt it represented a corridor between Sue Martin's land and the Marvel tree farm that was important to preserve.

A motion to adjourn at 9:30 PM by Lois Briere with 2nd by Susan Clay.

Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator