

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 29, 1999

PRESENT:

Gordon Carlstrom-Selectman
Lois Briere-Selectman
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

ABSENT: Susan Clay-Selectman illness

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 PM by Selectman Gordon Carlstrom.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPOINTMENTS

Jim McLaughlin -- Police Dept.

- 1) The chief provided the Board with an update to the ordinance for public events. A first draft had gone to Town Counsel. Leslie responded. This version incorporates suggestions from counsel. We may also want to include public livery issues such as taxi cabs and horse & carriage operations.
- 2) Part-time officer, Don Sims, has been out due to a heart attack and will now be out longer after having surgery for kidney stones. He hopes to be back in about 3 weeks.
- 3) The department is interviewing for part-time officers.
- 4) Has a person who wants to volunteer some time to assist the police. Thought the best and greatest need was in the animal control area. A person could help by transporting strays, equipment upkeep, taking care of the animals, etc.
- 5) George Whipple will be using his excavator to provide the department with a proper shooting range out behind the Transfer Station. They have had a make-shift one there for some time. It provides a place for the officers to practice at least once per quarter. We will pay for the moving of the equipment and the fuel used. George has offered to donate his time.
- 6) The water at the station is full of iron and it is staining everything. It has been tested by John King and Dick Herroux. Both feel a water system is needed. It would cost \$2,800. The Board felt it was necessary and should be built into the 2000 budget.
- 7) At 7:30 PM, went into non-public session (Gordon=yes, Lois=yes) under RSA 91-A:3a. Exit at 7:55 PM. Subject was the prosecutor duties. It has been very difficult to attract a trained person at our \$25/hr. rate. Sgt. Lamy has been performing the duties just to fill-in and has been doing preparatory work for several years. It was agreed he should take over this function.
- 8) New Boston Stampede fundraiser will be May 7, 2000. Same course except for some new arrangements at the school.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Mr. Morrissey who resides on Mill St. retained Jed Callen to assist with two issues. One is the easement width into the Conservation area and the other is where a stone wall can be placed he wants to build in front of his home. Atty. Callen has written to the Town on both issues. The Town in turn has given this information to Town Counsel and awaits a response before proceeding.
- 2) All the paid engineering bills thru phase III of the Lyndeborough Road Bridge project have been submitted to the NHDOT for an 80% reimbursement which should total in the \$50,000 range.
- 3) Planning Issues
 - a) The CIP has more in the way of requests than can easily fit into the current \$600,000 bottom line. The projects will need to be prioritized and the bottom line total reviewed to see if we want to increase it.
 - b) Lois Briere would like to take a look at "school only" impact fees. Burton will contact Regional Planning for some guidance and information.
 - c) A letter from Counsel on the selling of lots once the subdivision is approved was noted. Her view was that the Planning Board could not stop the developer from selling lots once it has been recorded. Failure to meet some of the conditions might prevent an occupancy permit, however. The Planning Board will be looking at this whole issue in the months to come.
- 4) Tax bills will be going out around the first of December with a due date of 12/30/99.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Burton met with the Tracking Station Commander 11/23/99. In general, relations between the Town and the Station are good. They are very interested in continuing to cooperate in the use of their fire department facility. The concern about fencing of Joe English Hill was addressed. Yes, they have considered it, but it is not likely and the process would be lengthy.
- 2) No department budgets are in jeopardy of being overspent though certain line items are. All Dept. Heads have been asked to look for payments assigned to the wrong account.
- 3) A Holiday schedule for 2000 is ready for approval.
- 4) All employees have been invited to attend the yearly benefits review especially since the health plan the Town will pay for has been changed from a 2-tier to a 3-tier plan.
- 5) New date for the Fire Inspector firing hearing is Jan 19, 2000 (a Wednesday).
- 6) Fire Dept. has raised the question of the need to put some money in the budget for repairing and servicing our dry hydrants and the cisterns – probably \$300. Seems like a good idea.
- 7) Parker Dam: not going to push a replacement. The river category means it should remain as "natural" as possible so we can expect people to object to a new dam. The better idea may be to drill a deep well or put in a cistern for downtown water for fire fighting.
- 8) After this year's election for Road Agent, the Board felt a change to an appointed Road Agent should be placed before voters. Need to find a good qualified person given the size of the department and the responsibilities.

Motion to adjourn by Gordon Carlstrom, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor at 9:30 PM.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator