

Sept. 8, 1982

SPECIAL MEETING

The three Selectmen met on Wednesday September 8, 1982 at 8:00 pm in the Conference Room with President of the N. H. Federated Sportsmen's Club, Robert Carlson, and member, Stanley Kuzia. Also present were: George Peirce, N. H. Fish & Game Dept., Police Chief John Ballou and Patrolman, William Forest and Asst. Fire Chief, John Bunting and Fireman David Poole.

The meeting was held to discuss the application for a permit to hold an outing to be held at the 4-H Grounds September ~~24~~, 25 & 26 by the above-mentioned organizations jointly. Mr. Kuzia estimated the attendance to be about 6 to 10 thousand. He also said no alcohol would be allowed on the grounds. They plan to hire New Boston police, set up a Red Cross First Aid Station and use the same methods of traffic control and ticket collecting as used at the 4-H Fair. Chief Ballou questioned the estimate given for attendance since he had proof that they have been advertising the affair ~~as~~ far as New York. A small rebuttal ensued between Chief Ballou and Mr. Carlson regarding advertising and number expected to attend. Chief Ballou said he estimates that one police officer per one thousand people seems adequate. Mr. Carlson said this event has been held in Concord for the past ten years and the attendance was at maximum 15,000 per day. The reason they had decided to change areas was that this site had buildings and was more remote and more suitable for shooting. They had checked with Charles Buck and he approved the use of the grounds for their purpose.

Sel. Olson voiced disappointment that their Committee had not come to the Selectmen for permission and wanted an honest figure on the projected attendance. Mr. Carlson said they have advertised all over the State since they are, after all, a State organization.

Chief Ballou asked what events were planned. They replied that in the buildings there would be sporting exhibits. The Audubon Society would also have exhibits and Seminars of all sorts. ^{would be held} On a back lot there would be skeet, archery, muzzle loading shooting, etc. They planned to have a sporting equipment auction. Fast-food concessions would be available. The total event would be strictly outdoor and sport oriented. They added that they have never had a single problem in Concord and therefore could foresee no problem this year.

Sel. Olson asked if they had an appointed committee for the event. The reply was, yes, the Board of Directors. Mr. Kuzia asked Chief Ballou if there was any manner of monitoring at the grounds. The answer, the telephone. They were asked what hours this ^{event} would be held. They said Saturday's hours would be from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Sunday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. They said members of the Board would be present all night. The Manchester-Goffstown Boy Scouts might be present.

Parking was discussed. Chief Ballou stated that there is only room for 340 cars on the grounds. Donald Byam has offered his field located in back of the grounds. The question arose as to if this field is mowed close enough to the ground. Mr. Bunting cautioned of the danger of fire from cars with catalytic converters setting fire to the grass. Mr. Kuzia felt they would follow the system used at the Fair by hiring buses to shuttle people from the ballpark and school grounds. It was suggested they maintain between 10 to 15 aids for parking and taking tickets.

Mr. Bunting asked about medical & fire aspects. They agreed to have a First-Aid station and ambulance on the premises. The Fire Dept. agreed to supply a Fire Truck. Mr. Kuzia described their insurance policy which seemed satisfactory. The in-and-out traffic route was agreed upon and the fire-lane would be roped off (along Mr. Maloney's garden)

and the road to the main barn to be kept open.

They were asked if there would be any open fires. The answer "No". The Selectmen asked that one person be in charge at all times. Agreed. Mr. Carlson reported that this will be the first time the Organization will be charging an admission fee. They felt if this event was a success, they would like to return next year.

Chief Ballou returned to the subject of parking. He said he would prefer the use of the school grounds and ball field. Mr. Carlson and Mr. Kuzia conceded this would be best and will use these areas.

Chief Ballou said he expects to use six police officers for this event.

Sel. Olson asked about malicious damage insurance. He suggested they extend a copy of their insurance policy to the Town. They agreed.

Regarding the Permit, the Selectmen felt that the final decision would be left between the Police and Fire Chiefs. Permit approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

* * The Selectmen made it plain that if the traffic increased to the extent beyond what the town police could handle, the Police Chief would have the authority to close the event down.