

MINUTES OF THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING - September 27, 1993

Present for the meeting which began at 7:00 p.m. were Selectmen Dodge, Johnston and Pimenta with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

Road Agent Lee Murray was in for his weekly meeting with the Board. He had scheduled a meeting with Lynn Higbie to review what he proposed for upgrading the road approaching her home as had been previously discussed for Wednesday morning October 6, 1993 at 8:00 a.m. and was requesting that he be accompanied by a Selectman. Selectman Pimenta agreed to be in attendance.

Sandra Gendron will contact Central School Principal Rick Matthews with regard to re-routing the school bus once the Joe English Road Project starts.

The next topic for discussion was issues regarding Work Zone Safety as it relates to other contractors including the utility companies when they are working within New Boston. The main concern is that proper signs be in place so that motorists are made aware as they approach work areas. Lee had spoken with Police Chief McLaughlin suggesting that any contractor working without the proper signs in place be alerted to the deficiency, and Jim expressed concern to enforcement once a warning had been issued. Lee had given copies of related state statutes for Jim's review and more discussion on the subject will take place.

Before leaving, Lee discussed the results of his meeting with the state engineer regarding the intersection of Old Coach Road and Rte. #13. The conclusion drawn by the state engineer once Lee presented his intentions, was that anything done during the reclamation project scheduled for Old Coach Road would be an improvement.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from the Planning Board with regard to signs located in various areas of the community that are not in compliance with the current Sign Ordinance. A copy of the letter will be given to the Building Inspector for appropriate investigation and action.

Next in to meet with the Selectmen for her monthly meeting was Manager of the Transfer Station Bonnie Bethune. She reported that Lee had delivered the tanks purchased from state surplus to be used for the collection of waste oil and she was very pleased feeling they would work very well for the intended purpose. Discussion ensued as to where the tanks might be located, with Fireman David Poole having suggested to Bonnie that from the perspective of fire protection, they not be located too close to the existing building. It was also mentioned that consideration be given when a location site was being reviewed to the potential for vandalism. Bonnie indicated that there were very few state guidelines in place for the location and set-up of such tanks.

Selectman Dodge discussed the hook-up of a waste oil heater alluding to the impracticality of installing a 500 gallon tank within the building to feed the furnace, a thought to which all agreed.

Bonnie stated that Road Agent Lee Murray had suggested surrounding the tanks with concrete blocks for protection, and it was noted that some kind of a cover would also have to be devised.

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Discussion returned to the location of the tanks, with Selectman Johnston contending that to locate them too far from the building would make them more of a target for vandals. It was decided and Bonnie will pursue getting an official response from the Fire Wards as to the distance they should be from the building in order that their concerns from the perspective of fire protection be met.

Selectman Pimenta suggested that the tanks should be made ready for their intended use in terms of oil collection prior to their being located permanently.

Bonnie reported that Assistant Manager Bill Ingram has continued to work on the small building that will house some of the equipment necessary for the sprinkler system and should have the structure completed within the next two weeks. Selectman Dodge stated that he would backfill the structure when it was ready.

Discussion turned to Bonnie's need for heat in the various areas of the Transfer Station. Selectman Pimenta agreed to check prices of equipment necessary to provide what would be required, suggesting that propane might provide the most effective heat for her office building.

Bonnie stated that Paul Sizemore had been issued his first verbal warning with regard to depositing items in the transfer trailer that could have and should have been recycled.

Bonnie had discussed with the Solid Waste Committee, as had been recommended by the Board of Selectmen, the issue of the quantity of material being taken from the facility by a few people and the question of what they might ultimately be doing with these items. The Solid Waste Committee recommended that a sign might be posted stating that reusable items were not to be taken for resale.

Bonnie reported that the pit used for burning brush and wood had essentially been cleaned out, and barriers had been set up in an effort that would result in simplified maintenance of the area when debris was deposited. Bonnie also alluded to having had portions of her barriers removed for whatever use the taker might have had for them.

Selectman Johnston suggested that Bonnie be soliciting prices for fencing in the station area so that they might be available for budgeting purposes, contending that the need for fencing was made even greater with the installation of the tanks facilitating the collection of waste oil, and the potential liability that could result should these tanks be vandalized or tampered with in any fashion.

Selectman Dodge inquired as to whether Bonnie had been contacted by the Town of Weare who is apparently contemplating the pros and cons of purchasing their own tractor for transporting solid waste incorporating necessary personnel with the highway department, and in relation to this potential would be looking into the prospect of area towns contracting with them. Bonnie responded that she has not been contacted as yet, with Selectman Dodge contending, in continuing discussion, that New Boston's options should be

investigated since our current contract for transporting to Bethlehem expires at the end of 1994.

Mail was reviewed and the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



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