

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 22, 1999

Chairman Strong called a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7 PM.

PRESENT:

Harold Strong – Chairman
Lois Briere – Selectman
Susan Clay – Selectman
Burton Reynolds – Town Administrator

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Three representatives from the NH DOT (Alex Vogt, Bill Cass, Hiram Morrell) were in to discuss a planned upgrade of the intersection of RT 13 and Molly Stark Lane. The sight line at this intersection is poor and the plan is to lower the road and make other improvements which will increase safety. This was the first of three public meetings. They plan to advertise in the fall of 2000 and do the work in 2001 at an approximate cost of \$400,000. There are now 2,500 vehicles a day at this spot with the projection for 4,000 in 20 years. There will be 1,000 ft. of reconstruction including a wide 10 ft. shoulder for the west lane to allow cars to pass those waiting to turn onto Molly Stark Lane. The Lane itself will be moved away from Daniel's Garage and there was discussion about moving it even further. Drainage and new barriers by the garage were discussed. Wayne Daniels asked a number of questions. DOT promised to provide him with a set of plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Susan Clay, 2nd Lois Briere, all approved 2/13/99 minutes as written.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) All abatements that had been reviewed by both Avitar and the town assessor were reviewed and decisions made on each. Each party will now receive a letter indicating the decision and the reasons for it.
- 2) A new spending threshold policy was adopted. This had been previously discussed by the Board and the Department Heads. It sets three thresholds. Over \$10,000 expenses must be approved by the Board in advance. Those between \$2,500 and \$9,999 that are not routine require Department Heads to advise the Selectmen's Office of the details. Only unique and unusual purchases under \$2,500 need to be discussed with the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Board approved Don Chapman making 6 voting booths for \$175 each. We need one booth for every 125 voters who came for the last Presidential election. We had 1,785 voters so we need 14 booths. We have 5 good ones. Of the six new ones, one will be a legal handicap booth. Don is to make 2 or 3 more to bring us closer to the 14 needed.
- 2) Burton will coordinate with Fire Inspector Chuck Kaczmarczyk on a process and form for surplus equipment requests and purchases.
- 3) Based on a motion by Susan Clay, 2nd by Lois Briere, all approved a motion supporting the school bond issue and authorized use of their endorsement by the school should they so desire.
- 4) Who would take which warrants at Town Meeting was established.
- 5) Class A trail status to replace giving the Morgan's the rights to the current Class VI road through their property was discussed briefly. Material was handed out on the issue. This is article 9 for Town Meeting.
- 6) Need for minutes to be more prompt from all Boards and Departments. See where Fire Ward minutes are and send a reminder to all.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:55 PM. Motion Susan Clay, 2nd Lois Briere, all approved.

Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator