

SELECTMEN'S MEETING - October 16, 1989

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Mansfield, Dodge and Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes.

Lee Murray Road Agent was in at 7:00 p. m. to open the bids received prior to the 4:00 p. m. deadline Oct. 16, 1989 to complete the work on Cedar Drive to bring the road to Town Specifications. Present for the bid opening were the above-mentioned persons and John Halvatzes representing Connie's Septic Service. Bids received:

1. Don Wheeler Construction - \$12,772.00
2. Dave Bowen and Sons - 6,350.00
3. Carl Houghton - 8,381.00
4. Wm. Boisvert & Sons - 13,522.30
5. Connie's Septic Service - 9,400.00

Motion was made by Selectman Johnston and seconded by Selectman Mansfield and so voted unanimously by the Board to award the bid to Dave Bowen and Sons who was low bidder. Mr. Bowen was called the next day and the bid was awarded.

At 7:30 p. m. David Bourque and Kenneth Belanger were in from Full View Cable, bringing with them equipment for the operation of the Community Channel for New Boston. They expressed a willingness to give instructions for the use of the equipment. It was their thought that the Selectmen might want to form a committee to oversee the use and programming of this channel. It was once again explained that this channel was for the exclusive use of New Boston for town affairs or for such affairs as those of the Fire Department, the Library or the School giving these groups the capacity for broadcasting on Channel 8. Discussion ensued on how the channel will operate, the equipment necessary for operation, and costs that might be incurred by operating.

Discussion turned to some building expansion that Full View proposed to do at their equipment site off Route #77. They were proposing the erection of a 6 x 6 storage type building to provide protection for the generator that was placed on site for emergency backup use, and they wished to install a propane tank. They were told by the Selectmen that for security reasons the tank would have to be installed inside the fenced in area and they would need a building permit for the storage building. Mr. Bourque also requested a letter from the Board of Selectmen stating that they were satisfied with the quality and performance of the cable company and had not received any adverse feedback from the citizens of New Boston.

Donald and June Hicks, Francestown Turnpike were in to discuss the deterioration of the quality of the water from their well which is located on the very edge of the travelled way. They have not had the water tested but detect a very strong salty taste. They described the well as being a very old field stone well approximately 14' deep and 4' wide. They have tried to make improvements around the well that will divert the runoff. They have resided in their home for nine years. They Selectmen agreed to go to the well site with Road Agent Lee Murray to view the area and discuss the situation. Everyone agreed that this particular section of the turnpike was extremely hazardous during the winter weather and had been the site of many serious accidents.

John and Patricia Ryan, Cemetery Hill Road were in to express their concerns regarding the unresolved septic issues with their neighbors the James Regan's feeling especially anxious since the Regan property is now on the real estate market. Selectman Dodge stated that the Town issues had not been resolved and that the real estate agent involved with the listing of the Regan property had been told there were unresolved issues related to this property. The Regan's had been requested by the State of N. H. to delineate the lines of their existing septic systems as a first step in trying to reach a solution to the situation and to date they have not complied with this request. The Ryan's feel that the system has failed, but this as yet has not been proven. Discussion ensued as to the past history of the septic problems and the less than cordial feelings between the two neighbors. Selectman Dodge agreed to get in touch with Water Pollution in Concord to see if they have any further information to shed on the matter and to try to contact St. Onge Septic Service to determine how often the Regan system is being pumped. There was discussion on the cellar drains in the rental house owned by the Ryan's and located next door to the Regan's and John Ryan agreed to explore these drains to determine where water might be exiting.

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The Board discussed a driveway permit request for a horse shoe situation on Christie Road, the granting of which is not common practice. This particular request was for safety reasons and having already seen it Selectman Johnston was inclined to grant the permit. Selectman Dodge agreed to go out and review the request.

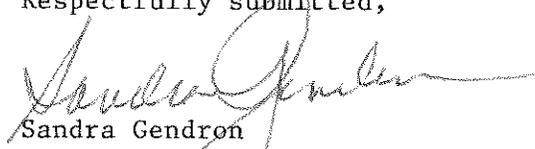
Charles Hoyt, Lyndeboro Road, had called Selectman Mansfield at home to express his dissatisfaction with the location of the "Deaf Signs" placed to warn on coming traffic of his handicap. Selectman Mansfield went to see the sign locations and felt that the distance from the Hoyt property was proper and did agree to ask the Road Agent to trim some of the limbs around the signs to make them more visible.

Steven Allen was in along with an associate to discuss the proposed re-valuation of the Town partial funding for which had been voted at the 1989 Town Meeting. Steve had submitted a proposal which incorporated a time frame for the work to be done and the monies to be expended. He was made well aware of the monies available at present and realized that the balance of the project could not be completed unless additional monies were voted at the 1990 Town Meeting. The Selectmen all agreed that the citizens of New Boston seemed to feel a re-valuation of property was in order and further felt that people would expect this project to be done and in place for the 1990 tax bills. The Board voted unanimously to begin the project immediately with the available funds. Steve Allen would issue a press release to explain what the townspeople could expect and word of the commencement of the re-valuation was placed in this months' Community Times.

Discussion at this point in the meeting turned to the disposal of tires at the transfer station. Bonnie has thus far taken in \$652.00 which accounts for approximately 1300 tires; however, we have shipped four trailers loads to the Tire Pond which is considerably more than 1300 tires at a much greater expense than we have received. Selectman Dodge suggested that the Board of Selectmen entertain raising the per tire cost of disposing of old tires at the transfer station. Discussion ensued and it was voted by the Selectmen to continue to charge .50 for automobile tires, 2.00 for truck tires and 5.00 for loader or tractor tires. All tires must be dismantled before they can be left at the station. These prices represent an increase for the larger tires.

The business of the evening having been concluded, checks signed and mail reviewed, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Sandra Gendron
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