

Minutes Selectmen's Meeting - February 19, 1990

Present for the meeting were Selectmen Dodge and Johnston with Sandra Gendron taking minutes. Selectman Mansfield would arrive late having another meeting to attend.

Bonnie Bethune Manager of the Transfer Station was in along with Tim Cady to discuss some of the 1990 budget proposals for the Transfer Station before the Public Hearing to be held at 7:30 p. m. regarding receiving a matching grant from the State of N. H. to help defray some of the expense to the taxpayers of New Boston for these items. Bonnie expressed concerns regarding the purchase of a used loader vs. a new one. She had tried out several makes and models and had received prices for a new piece of equipment with the various attachments she would need for the transfer operation. She felt a new loader would cost approximately \$17,500.00 and this price could be subject to a municipal discount. After talking to the various dealers it was becoming apparent to Bonnie that the chances of the Town finding a used loader in good condition, not requiring vast sums of maintenance monies for the proposed budgeted sum of \$10,000 was not very likely and she was requesting the support of the Selectmen to amend the proposed figure of \$10,000.00 to \$17,500.00 for the purchase of a new skid steer loader for the Transfer Station. It was further Bonnie's contention that should the total package article of \$55,000.00 be split, she would like to support the funding of the loader purchase over the building and daler, it being her most pressing and immediate need.

Discussion turned to Bonnie's attempts at trying to put together a figure that could be worked with to erect the building that was being proposed for the Transfer Station so that the operations could be expanded to include full scale recycling. After talking to a couple of building contractors, Bonnie felt she could not get a real figure to work with without benefit of the expertise of an engineer who could provide specs for the concrete slab on which this building was to be placed. Tim Cady gave some ideas from an engineering point of view, and felt that any expense involved in enlisting a structural engineer for the project would be valuable and, in his opinion, probably not too costly. Selectman Dodge expressed his opinion that if concrete contractors were contacted and told the particulars of what was desired and expected in this building they could and would be offering their ideas and the expense of an engineer for this project was not necessary.

It being 7:30, the meeting adjourned to the Conference Room where a Public Hearing would be held to discuss the two questions that would be on the official ballot regarding expanding the qualifying war service for veterans seeking the property tax exemption and raising that exemption from \$50. to \$100. and raising the exemption for a service-connected total disability from \$700. to \$1400., and further to discuss the matching grant of \$10,000. that was being applied for by Bonnie Bethune for the Transfer Station. Said Public Hearing was being held to comply with the statutes regarding these issues. Selectman Dodge chaired this hearing in the absence of Chairman

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Mansfield, the notice that appeared in the paper was read and the effect of the two questions to appear on the ballot was discussed.

Bonnie presented background on the grant she was seeking and stated in order to qualify for this amount we would have to be spending \$20,000, and she also pointed out that there might be another grant available in September, but it would not be retroactive so it could not be applied to this project which was being presented to the 1990 voters as a package. More discussion ensued on the proposed building. Selectman Dodge concluded the hearing at 8:15 and the meeting returned to the Office of the Selectmen.

The Selectmen met with Robert Millard to discuss thoughts he had with regard to building inspection in New Boston and to further discuss his schedule now that his personal situation appeared to be such that he had tendered his resignation for his full-time position in Milford. Bob listed the books that he felt were needed in his office to operate, in addition he was willing to supplement, with books that he had accumulated in his own library. He felt he could purchase what was necessary from the City of Nashua at only a couple of dollars above cost and was granted permission to do so by the Board of Selectmen. Our present building code needs some updating with regard to dates, but this needs to be done at a time when a public hearing can be held prior to Town Meeting and will be reviewed before Town Meeting time in 1991. He suggested that we implement the use of an Energy Code Compliance Form which when signed by the contractor relieves the town from liability should problems arise regarding materials used in construction.

Bob supports the town having a permanent electrical service inspection, Selectman Johnston an electrician by trade concurs stating many of the towns and cities he has done work in have a separate straight electrical permit. Bob would further like to re-do and reduce the entire building application in doing so he will contact surrounding towns to inquire what their fee schedule is and will put together a proposed package for the town to be reviewed by the Selectmen. In an attempt to clean out the files he will send letters to all open building permits questioning the status and resolve whatever issues there might be.

With respect to his work days in New Boston once he has curtailed his work in Milford which will be March 5, 1990 (a subsequent call to Sandra Gendron from Bob reported that he has agreed to work for Milford until March 16, 1990) Bob would like to work an extra day during the month of March and also proposed working an extra day each month for the remainder of the year and permission for these extra work days was granted by the Board of Selectmen.

By this time Selectman Mansfield had arrived and was brought up-to-date on the evenings events and more discussion ensued on the proposed building at the transfer station and the Board all agreed

that it seemed needless at this time to hire an engineer to design the proposed building. Upon further discussion the Selectmen decided to add \$10,000. to the proposed \$55,000. bringing the total to \$65,000. This figure would allow additional monies for a new loader should a good used one be unavailable and it would also additional monies for the proposed building, the feeling being the original amount of \$35,000 does not appear to be sufficient enough to accomodate the structure and the concrete work necessary for the foundation.

Sandra Gendron was instructed to convey the latest changes to the budget regarding proposed special articles for the transfer station to Elliott Hersey, Chairman of the Finance Committee. She would also discuss with Elliott the financing of the note to close the landfill over a three year period.

Checks were signed, mail was reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:15 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,



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