

Selectmen's Meeting
January 16, 1990
Upper Town Hall

7:30PM Open Session

Present: Chairman Jones, Selectman Sitakis, Tim Higgins/Executive
Secretary Absent: Selectman Slarsky

Minutes of 1-9-90 The Board agreed to sign the minutes of 1-9-1990 at the
next scheduled meeting, January 23rd, 1990.

Weekly Warrant: The Board signed the Warrant Payroll: 30,965.76 and
Expenses: \$102,260.04

The Board signed the Special Town Warrant, which was then posted by
Constable Clark Paige.

Phoebe Wray:

Ms Wray is the Town's designated appointee to the Nashua River Greenway
Assoc. She explained the importance of the Greenway, pointing that
although in Ayer the river bank was only 1.1 miles that it is protected
with easements. She also noted that there are three owners in Ayer who
own footage on the river, and that she has written to them asking about
protecting the Greenway. Chairman Jones asked that she contact these
people again personally and give the Board a follow up also.

This she agreed to do.

HEARING - COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

The Board revised a common victualer for Friot's Fudge on Park St. A
motion to sign the license was made by Selectman Sitakis, seconded by
Chairman Jones and passed

Town Treasurer/Tow Callahan - Re: Blue Cross/Blue Shield Insurance Pool

Mr Callahan advised the Board that he had received a letter from Insurance
Cost Control notifying him that it would be beneficial for a joint
purchase of health benefits. That the Towns of Concord, Carlisle,
Harvard, Shirley and Pepperell and two schools are willing to participate.
He noted that other insurance costs would be covered but that BC/BS is the
prime insurer. He pointed out that a Board would be created, and that
the Town would have a voting member. He advised the Board that this would
cut Administrative Costs by 12%, he recommended that someone from the
Union act as the representative. A motion was made by Selectman Sitakis
to start the preliminaries and sign the trust agreement with the
understanding that the Town may withdraw at its discretion, also that an
alternative member should be appointed, seconded by Chairman Jones and
passed. Chairman Jones noted that it would be advantageous to be in a
group and for the inter-local cooperation.

Executive Secretary's Report - (see report dated 1-16-90)

Mr. Higgins advised the Board that the STM Warrant motions would be ready for the Board to review before the 30th.

He also noted that the Budgets are all in except for a few small departments, and that Mr. Redfield's budget will be revised and ready by Friday.

Letter from Chief of Staff at Ft Devens concerning Ayer Schools. (see letter attached. The Board asked that Mr. Higgins send a letter to the Town of Harvard in regards to this letter which refers to Chapter 70 money.

Truck Traffic Exclusion on Sandy Pond Rd-Tim informed the Board that the Town of Wilmington is willing to let us use their counters, but that Ayer will be responsible for the counters. That now he is waiting for guidelines from the state. It was decided that this water should be taken up with a full Board.

In his last item, Mr Higgins noted that the Map Revision water with Samuel Lone Star had been discussed with the Maguire Group, and that he was waiting for a determination from Town Counsel concerning the Consultant By-Law, but in the meantime the project has to proceed to meet the FEMA deadline by the end of this month. He noted that FEMA did not want any extension time.

In a water not in his report, Mr Higgins noted that he had received a letter from Gary Macdonell on Sandy Pond Rd with a complaint about his sewer tie in line and that he would like to be on the agenda. He then asked that Mr. Redfield explain this problem to the Board. Mr Redfield explained that the problem was from the property line and the street main to the house where there was a blockage. Also that there was no file card from the contractor who did the work, also that there had been a grade change, of above 30". It was agreed that this water would be reviewed by Tim and Mr. Redfield, and if possible that the DFW crew would do a clean out if the sewer cannot be used, He noted that this work would be difficult at this time of year.

Supt Redfield's Report:

Mr. Redfield advised the Board of the attached letter from CDM dated January 2, 1990. He explained the extra cost involved resulted from the delays in the bidding process that WBE and MBE were not originally in the grant. He also noted that without help from CDM the Wright Rd/Sandy Pond sewer-water lines grant would have been lost. In further discussion, it was agreed that Mr Swail from CDM would be asked to come before the Board to further explain the added costs.

SEA Consultants Inc., re: Landfill Closure Plan

ot Redfield recommended that the Town appropriate \$25,000 at the next Annual Town Meeting for the Final Closure Plan surveys and revisions to the Groton-Harvard Rd Sanitary Landfill Final Closure Plans and

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Specifications. This would postpone spending one million dollars for at least another year.

He noted that the intersection on Groton Harvard Rd and Central Ave had been checked as asked and that 48" stop signs would be installed and that the painted stop lines on the road would be repainted in the spring. He advised the Board that a flashing light signal cost \$10,000 four years ago and that hopefully the larger stop signs would increase the safety factor for now.

Chief Connors: Search & Seizure

The Chief presented his letter and recommendations to the Board (see letter of 1/6/90 attached.) Selectman Sifakis made a motion to accept the recommendations, seconded by Chairman Jones and passed. Chief Connors presented copies of the RFP for the design of the Police Station, and asked for permission to advertise in the Central Register and the newspapers. Selectman Sifakis made a motion that Chief Connors be allowed to advertise as requested and that the bids be returned by February 24, 1990, seconded by Chairman Jones and passed. Dispatcher position - Chief Connors noted that he had interviewed the candidates, and out of the 3 top choices he was recommending Susan Malito of Groton for the position of Telecommunicator. He introduced Ms. Milito to the Board. Selectman Sifakis made a motion to appoint Ms. Milito to the position of Telecommunicator, seconded by Chairman Jones and the motion passed.

At this point, Selectman Sifakis made a motion to adjourn from Open Session only to enter into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 39, Section 23B, seconded by Chairman Jones and the motion passed.

Emanuel A. Sifakis
1/23/90
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