

IN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
DRAFT MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 9, 1963

Called to order: 7:30 p.m.

Present: Edward F. Moynihan, Chairman, Edward E. Kreitsek, Richard C. Venne.

Met at the Town Hall from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Met with Fire Department from 8:00 to 10:30 p.m.

Reconvened at 10:30 for Selectmen's meeting.

Adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

1. Town Accountant - Leave of Absence: The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to grant the request of two weeks leave of absence to the present Town Accountant, Mr. Giles.
2. Town Accountant - Temporary Appointment: The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to appoint Phyllis A. Sampson the Town Accountant for a period of two weeks.
3. Jurors Availability List: Executive Secretary's report indicated that only 59 names were available for the juror's availability list. One hundred is required. The Selectmen requested that the Executive Secretary send out availability questionnaires to the next 100 names on the roster of eligible persons.
4. Abandoned Car - Peakham Road: The Selectmen received a report of an abandoned car close to the edge of the road at Peakham near the Bridge. The report was made by Donald Mansius. The Selectmen request that the Police Chief be notified and that he be directed to investigate and report to the Selectmen any traffic hazard caused by this abandoned car.
5. Meeting with Fire Department: At 8:00 p.m. the Selectmen met with the Fire Chief and members of the Fire Department. The Chief demonstrated some of the equipment and the systems used by the Fire Department. As part of this visit Selectmen witnessed the training of firefighters in the use of masks and air tanks for entering burning buildings and training on fighting inflammable liquid storage tank fires.

The Selectmen expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend this meeting and feel that they have increased their understanding of the duties and problems of the Fire Department.

An open, informal discussion with all firefighters followed. Among the items discussed were: Mutual aid programs with other towns and schedule of relocation of vehicles and firefighters; projected need for additional manpower; firefighters' pay increase schedule; a fire alarm system supervisor; specialist training and ratings; uniform allowance and maintenance; equipment inventory and projected needs including vehicles, firefighting gear, and office supplies; coordination of activities with other departments; fire prevention programs (industrial inspection, home inspection, fire-prevention week publicity, etc.); control of spectators, particularly unsupervised children, at the scene of a fire; traffic control (lights and signs) at approaches to fire stations; availability of ambulance service; Civil Defense and joint procurement of equipment; availability of firefighters to cover vacation schedules; consideration of the planning study of a "civic center" and a new central fire station.
6. Traffic Study Committee: At the Fire Department meeting the Selectmen's Traffic Study Committee was discussed. Joe Frost volunteered to represent the Fire Department and was appointed by the Fire Chief.
7. Minutes of September 5, 1963: The Selectmen approved the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 1963, as prepared by the Executive Secretary.

8. Walkway - Israel Loring School: Chairman Moynihan reported the progress on the licensed walkway at the Israel Loring School. Last week he had contacted George White, Town Engineer, and a Mr. Hewitt of Weston, a contractor, who provided a quotation of \$294.00 for clearing a 6-8 feet pathway along the licensed route of the pathway. The Board of Selectmen had previously received a tentative approval from the Finance Committee on the costs of clearing the walkway and will immediately submit a formal request for transfer of funds for this item. Upon the pathway being completed the Board of Selectmen will report to the School Committee who will approve the suitability for use and determine the time that the pathway will be put into operation. The contract with Mr. Hewitt indicated that the pathway will be cleared by Wednesday, September 11th.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifton F. Giles
Executive Secretary