

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 1993

PRESENT: Betty Champion, Margaret Beavis, Bob Gobeil, Gus Cook, Charlie Drapeau, Jackie Roberts, Dale Witman, Pam Robinson, Art Smith, Millard Genthner, Fred Fay, Toland Denby, Jund & Jim Carll, Pam L'Heureux, Bertha McAloon, Dianne Holden, Clint Woodsome, Jerry Pare', Elias Smith, Chm. Dennis G. Abbott, Sel. Frank Allen, Jr., Sel. John Monteith, Debby Downs, Bob Fay, Martha LaRiviere, Jon Gale.

Chm. Abbott opened up the Council Meeting stating that this Council Meeting is for Dept. Heads to discuss with the Finance Committee the reasoning on the Finance Committee recommendations on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting on June 5th. The Selectmen are holding this meeting so that the Dept. Heads will not be surprised at town meeting. Chm. Abbott explained article 3, will have to operate on what is raised at town meeting, no balance forward. Balances will roll into unappropriated surplus. Chm. Abbott also announced that bills will go by the date ordered so anything ordered and not submitted and over expends the accounts, the Board will not sign the warrant, and the committee will be responsible for the bills. Dale Witman explained how zero balance would give a clearer picture of what is expended without having to deal with balance forwards. The Finance Committee was asked how much was raised through taxation on their recommendations. Art stated that he didn't have that figure at that time. Chm. Abbott explained that after a long discussion with the Finance Committee, the committee was told that they can't set wages. Also the ballot counter will be used for Federal and State elections only. Chm. Abbott at this time went down through the warrant article by article. Planning Board: Roland Denby asked were the cuts were made for Planning Board and Planning Dept. Art Smith explained it was on the members pay and legal fees. Library: Art Smith stated that the request was more than doubled from last year. Salaries took a big jump. Martha explained the extra money requested was for 5 extra hours a week for the library to be opened and also big increase in the cost of books. Debby Downs reported the librarian kept track one day and 90 people used the library in 6 hours. Art also questioned if residents or non-residents were using the library. Martha explained that when the library was set up it was for SAD 57 area towns. to use and do not need to pay for services. Fire Dept. Jerry Pare' questioned why no money was recommended for clerk. Art explained that the committee felt that the clerk could be paid out of the rescue squad income. Jerry explained that all operating costs come from the ambulance fund except for maintenance, gas and oil. Art stated for three years the committee has been trying to obtain financial statements, i.e. trust funds, inventory, that the dept. has. Ambulance fund brings in about \$12,000. a year, they receive payment on about 50% of the ambulance calls. They buy supplies twice a year in bulk and if the committee wants

financial statements he will have them for them on Monday. The committee also did not recommend a new ambulance as requested by the dept. Crushing: Dale explained that the committee had changed their recommendation to add an additional \$5,000. from Roads and Bridges.