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*Citizens Planning Committee*

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## THE CITIZENS PLANNING COMMITTEE

The first meeting of the Citizens Planning Committee was held in the Municipal Court Room, City Building, Friday, November 19, 8 o'clock. Mayor Gagne presided.

Following roll-call, on motion of Thomas Delehanty it was voted to appoint Colette T. Albert, secretary pro-tem.

Concerning the list of projects presented to the Citizens Committee, Guy P. Ladouceur, secretary of the Lewiston Chamber of Commerce stated that because of the borrowing capacity of the City is limited, a ten year plan should be discussed later when other projects are considered.

Eugene J. Cronin, Chairman of the Board of Education stated that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the Lewiston Athletic Field is in good condition and estimated it will cost \$30,000 to complete it. On motion of Mr. Delehanty, it was unanimously voted to endorse completion of the Lewiston Athletic Field.

In answer to Judge Adrian A. Cote's remark regarding the need for discussion on where the money is coming from, Frank Hoy reported on a study made by the Maine Municipal Association Tax Study Committee. Mr. Hoy stated that cities pay  $7\frac{1}{4}$  mills to State for property tax. Lewiston to pay \$267,000 this year. The tax study committee recommends that this be retained for local purposes.

In regard to the sale of the Armory to the State, Judge E. R. Parent objected to it. He felt it should not be sold at a quarter of its cost, should be kept for the High School. Judge Parent also opposed a meeting of this type. Mayor Gagne replied that he believed in a public forum.

It was estimated by J. C. Picard, acting Police Chief that \$500,000 was needed by the Department to build necessary facilities.

Chief Z. N. Drouin, of the Fire Department stated that a second reservoir on Montello Heights was needed to provide more adequate water supply to College and Main Streets. A survey of the water mains throughout the city before the reservoir is built was recommended by Chairman of the Board of Public Works Sarto Sasseville. The survey and the building of new reservoir to take approximately a year. Estimated cost \$200,000.

Chairman of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, Ovila J. Lavoie declared that present swimming pools have been condemned. Mr. Laureat Patry felt that at a cost of about \$5,000, the present swimming pools could be properly repaired.

Following Henry N. Paradis' discussion regarding the creation of a Planning Board, by Legislature, the Committee voted for such a board.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Colette T. Albert*

(Colette T. Albert, secretary pro-tem)