

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

April 25, 1994

A regular business meeting of the New Boston Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Arthur Johnston.

PRESENT: Arthur W. Johnston, Chairman
Michael S. Pimenta, Selectman
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman
Lorraine A. Cleveland, Town Administrator

REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS

Lee Murray, Road Agent was in for his bi-weekly meeting with the Board. The following issues and items were discussed:

1. McCurdy Road: Mr. Murray will be marking trees in preparation for the upcoming paving of McCurdy Road. It was agreed by the Board and Mr. Murray that they will meet with Maggie Flansbury at 6:30 p.m. next Monday night to discuss the proposed road shoulder cuts near her property.
2. Mr. Lee Murray has begun preparations for the arrival of the new highway building.
3. Mr. Lee Murray said the paving bids will be going out this week.
4. Mr. Lee Murray reported that Fairfields will be out fitting the new truck and Donovan Spring will be doing the body work.
5. The Board and Mr. Lee Murray discussed plans to remove the existing pavement between the Town Hall and Historical Society buildings and the Common. The project will entail removing the pavement and replacing it with clay, loam and grass seed. The curbing will be hot top. The water line between the two buildings will also have to be replaced. Everyone was in agreement that the project should be done by mid-May.
6. Ms. Cleveland made note that the Boisvert gravel permit is up for review in May. Mr. Murray expressed the need to state clearly what portion of Riverdale Road is to be used by the gravel haulers. The scenic portion of Riverdale Road has been used in the past and can't withstand the gravel truck traffic. Chairman Johnston said he will review the permit file and previous Selectmen's minutes to determine what stipulations were set.

Harold "Bo" Strong was in briefly to bring the Board up to date on the status of the police facility site. Now that the clearing is complete, the sand from the ballfield can be hauled over and spread out. Mr. Strong felt it would take three trucks at \$35/hour to complete the task. He also noted that Don Wheeler is willing to donate some boney gravel to the project. The Selectmen were all in agreement that this site work should continue up to the point where the foundation and building are ready to go out to bid. Mr. Strong said he would be willing to call three well drillers in the area to obtain quotes for the well installation.

At 7:45, the Board of Selectmen adjourned to the conference room for an informational hearing on the Junior Athletic League's proposal to place ad signs on the fencing. Chairman Johnston opened the hearing with all Selectmen present. He read the public notice of the hearing, which was posted in two places in Town and sent to all property owners on Old Coach Road beginning at the intersection of Greenfield Road.

Chairman Johnston stated that the Town's Zoning Ordinance does not address this issue. Since the ballfield is Town property, the Board wanted to have a hearing to set guidelines in this case until the zoning ordinance is amended.

The Junior Athletic League is proposing to sell advertising signs as a fund raiser for the maintenance and operation costs of the field not funded by the Town. The Town will be paying for the security light electricity and field mowing.

The Board of Selectmen proposes the following guidelines:

1. Hold a public hearing
2. The entire ballfield has to be completely fenced in.
3. The signs will be located on the back portion of the fence only.
4. The back of signs is to be painted dark green to blend in with the surroundings.
5. The Junior Athletic League will maintain the signs as they will be inspected annually.
6. The signs will be 4'x8' in size only.

The Board asked for comments or questions from the public.

Mr. & Mrs. George St. John, abutters to the ballfield were present. They voiced no objections to the proposal. They did inquire about the status of the monitoring well results on the ballfield property. Chairman Johnston said the levels continue to go down according to Tim Cady of GZA.

Chairman Johnston mentioned that there is the possibility of a smaller practice field being laid out in the future. The Selectmen need to walk the land. Mr. St. John asked to be notified so that he can walk the land with them.

The hearing was closed at 7:55 p.m.

Chairman Johnston then proceeded to call for a vote to adopt the above noted guidelines: Chairman Johnston - yes, Selectman Pimenta - yes and Selectman Goodin - yes.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board approved the weekly payroll and accounts payable.

The following current use applications were approved by the Board: Map 7, Lot 68; Map 7, Lot 76; Map 14, Lot 62; and Map 14, Lot 83.

Pistol permits were signed by Chairman Johnston.

Yield tax certifications were approved and signed by the Board.

An Intent to Cut for Valerie McDonald Map 7, Lot 9-1 was signed by the Board.

A Declaration of Consideration for the exemption on real estate transfer tax stamps related to the transfer of the Chickering/Dodge property to the Town was signed by Chairman Johnston.

Driveway permits for lots 009-021-004, 009-079-001, 009-079-002, 009-079-003, 009-079-004, and 009-079-005 of the Easy Way Home & Clifton Labree subdivision on Wilson Hill Road were approved and signed by the Board.

The Board signed a letter to Mr. William Mercer regarding the issue of the beaver dam work on his property last week. Another letter, also signed by the Board was sent to Peter Atamian regarding the problem of drainage from his basement into the Town right of way.

The Board approved property tax exemptions applications from Crotched Mt. Foundation; New England Forestry Foundation and the Kingdom.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the recent response from the Supreme Court which states the Quirk appeal will be heard by the court.

Selectman Goodin informed the Board that the flag light wire is broken. Chairman Johnston said a new line will be installed when the Gazebo is built.

The Board then addressed the agreement to transfer Herbert Scott's gravel permit to New Boston Aggregate Corp. (#93-22). Both parties signed the agreement prior to tonight's meeting. Chairman Johnston made a motion to transfer gravel permit #93-22 in the name of Herbert Scott, Map 6, Lot 45 to New Boston Aggregate Corp. for a period of no longer than 60 days from the date of the signed agreement and in accordance with RSA-155E and the terms of the above noted agreement. The motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cleveland presented a proposal to have Benefit Strategies prepare documents for a Section 125 plan. Under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code, employees must establish a Section 125 plan when cash incentives are offered to employees that choose not to received health insurance coverage. The cost of the document preparation will be covered by the NHMA Health Trust. Ms. Cleveland also discussed other benefits covered under the Section 125 plan - the health care reimbursement plan and the dependent care reimbursement plan. The Board deferred the acceptance of these programs until 1995; however the document language will cover these benefits now so that it will not need to be revised in 1995.

Ms. Cleveland informed the Board of a certification program being offered by the N.H. Government Finance Officers Association for municipal bookkeepers and accountants. Ms. Cleveland said a request for financial aid has been submitted so that Karen Craven may attend. The program entails a series of three workshops which will cost \$150/workshop. The Board approved the \$150 request in the hope that some or all of the fee will be paid by GFOA.

Ms. Cleveland notified the Board that Plodzick and Sanderson will be here next week to perform the 1993 audit.

The Board approved a request from Ms. Cleveland to purchase a Work Perfect word processing package for \$250.

Chairman Johnston asked that all Town officials that are up for reappointment in 1994 be contacted so that the Board can make he appointments next week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Johnston made a motion to accept the minutes of April 18 as written. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator.

Lorraine Cleveland