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Town of New Boston

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

May 2, 1994

The Board of Selectmen convened at 6:30 p.m. with Maggie Flansbury and Cheryl Turner to discuss the upgrade of McCurdy Road, on site. Lee Murray, Road Agent was present to show the group the upgrade alternatives:

(1) pave to the edges of the stone walls, which will not correct the issue of visibility at the intersection of McCurdy Road and Bedford Road; or (2) move the layout of the road at a slight angle which will provide the width needed and correct the issue of visibility. The change of the roads layout may require the acquisition of approximately 1/2 acre of Ms. Flansbury's property. It was decided by those present that Ms. Flansbury would give some thought to the proposal and respond to the Board in the near future.

The Board reconvened at the Town Hall. A regular business meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman 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 present to follow up and discuss other pending issues:

(1) Mr. Murray reported that there are several concrete railroad ties stockpiled at a site in MA that could be used as curbing for the new grass areas around the Town Hall, Historical Society building and the common. The ties run \$1.00/ft. It was decided by the Board to order 300 feet of ties for the Town Hall and 100 feet for the new Police Station site.

(2) Mr. Murray inquired if it would be possible to use the allocated surplus equipment funds to purchase a 1989 Ford pickup to replace his present truck. The present truck has over 150,000 miles on it and has rust holes in the floor on the drivers side. The State has not had any surplus trucks worth considering. The auction proceeds from the present truck could be used to help offset the balance of the purchase - \$500-\$600. Chairman Johnston and Selectman Goodin voiced their support of the purchase. Selectman Pimenta was not in favor of the proposal. The vote was 2-1.

James McLaughlin, Police Chief was in at 7:30 p.m. for his monthly department head meeting. The following issues were discussed:

(1) Chief McLaughlin reviewed the progress of the new Police Station project. The drawings are coming together and are expected to be done by May 15. Another meeting prior to the specs going out for bid will be held the week of May 16.

It was noted by the Chief and the Board that Harold "Bo" Strong should be commended for the great job he has done and the time he has volunteered in coordinating the side work.

(2) Chief McLaughlin reported the Departments case load for April. The issue of animal control was the focus of his report. The Department has handled twice the number of rabies cases reported at this time last year.

(3) The Chief has received a request from the New Boston Elementary School to put on a gun safety program. He is researching various programs.

(4) The position for an interim prosecutor has not been filled yet. The search is continuing to find an individual that will work for New Boston/Weare/Francestown on a flat rate. The County's proposal is pending before the Deligation. It is not known when a prosecutor would be available to the Towns after the proposal is approved.

(5) The Chief is working to update Department rules and regulations, as well as the standard operating procedures in Goffstown Dispatch.

(6) The Chief reported he has a qualified and trained candidate to fill Doug's part-time position. He is waiting to hear one way or the other if the candidate will be available to take the position.

(7) Chairman Johnston, inquired about the evening patrol schedule and reported complaints he has received about speeders on McCurdy Road. The Chief replied that the present evening patrol runs 5-9 p.m. on a regular basis. If the Department is busier it will run to 11:00 p.m. There is no patrol on Monday night. The officers are on-call only. More hours are allocated during the summer months for night patrols. As for the enforcement of speeders on the back roads, he said the Department is doing the best it can.

Bruce and Elaine Tostevin of Wilson Hill road were in to discuss concerns about their water well at 8:30 p.m. Mr. Tostevin began their discussion by distributing water quality results between 1991 and April 1994. His bar graph showed increasing levels of chloride and sodium. The Tostevin's believe this is due to the use of road salt on the road after it was paved in October of 1991. The water samples were taken from the tap. Chairman Johnston inquired if there had been any work done on the well, water line, or if the water was treated. Mr. Tostevin said the well head was sealed when Ken Hamel replaced the water line with a new plastic line from the well to the house. There is a Culligan corrosive control system in place which injects soda ash in the water to neutralize the acidity of the water. This system however was disconnected earlier this year in March. The well is 14 feet deep and is located 50 feet from the center line of the road. Chairman Johnston asked if they would object if Mr. Murray and Mr. Pimenta came by to take two water samples - one from the well and one from the tap. The Tostevin's did not object. Mr. Tostevin said they would like to see the Town have a no salt posting along that section of road near their house.

ADMINISTRATIVE

The Board reviewed and approved the weekly payroll and accounts payable.

Yield tax certifications for Map 006-040-002 and Map 011-054 were approved and signed. Intent to cut forms for Map 011-054; Map 007-004; and Map 004-072 were approved and signed.

Pistol Permits were signed by Chairman Johnston

The Board signed the final draft agreement with Francestown for the joint Household Hazardous waste Collection Day on June 4, 1994.

The Board approved and signed re-appointments of George St. John to the Road Committee; Willard Dodge to the Road Committee; Judith Weatherwax-Knight to the Recreation Commission; and Betsey Dodge to the Conservation Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the Building Inspector's letter addressed to the Fillmore's regarding the zoning violations at 253 & 255 Mont Vernon Road.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board approved the purchase of two U.S. flags and one New Hampshire flag from the State Warehouse for Memorial Day.

Ms. Cleveland informed the Board that Bill Cote from Compensation funds of NH will be meeting with her on Thursday, May 5 at 10:00 to discuss the new worker compensation law reforms.

The Board approved the tax abatement settlement refund to the FDIC in the amount of \$7,199.74 which covers the following properties: Tucker Mill Road, 340 Francestown Road, 11 Lincoln Drive, Francestown Turnpike, and 111 Bog Brook Road.

Chairman Johnston asked that a container with sand be placed outside the Town Hall door for cigarette butts.

The Board requested that a letter be sent to New Boston Aggregate Corp. to remind them the hours they may haul gravel. There should not be any hauling outside of the hours specified in the permit.

There will be a pre-bid meeting on May 5 for the Gazebo Project.

The Board asked that a letter be sent to Ella Daniels which responds to her concerns over the pavement removal at the Town Hall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Johnston made a motion to accept the minutes of April 25 as corrected. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Lorraine A. Cleveland *Lorraine Cleveland*
Town Administrator