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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

MAY 16, 1994

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

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

REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS:

Steve Peach, Architect, for the Gazebo project, was in to drop off the bid packages. The Board asked that the bids be submitted by May 27, 1994 at 4:00 p.m. The bids will be opened at the Selectmen's meeting on Tuesday, May 31, 1994 at 7:00 p.m.

Bonnie Bethune, Transfer Station Manager, was in for her monthly meeting with the Board. The following issues and items were discussed with the Board:

(1) Sprinkler System: Ms. Bethune reported that this project will be completed by the end of next week.

(2) Security Fence: A representative from Standard Fence had to cancel their appointment this evening. It has been rescheduled for next Monday at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Bethune mentioned a concern she had about the location of a trailer that the Fire Department would like to use for training. It needs to be moved before the fence can be installed. Chairman Johnston said they will speak to the Fire Chief and the Road Agent to have it moved before the fencing company begins the installation.

(3) Staff hours: Ms. Bethune provided an update on staffing hours at the Transfer Station. There was some question by the Board over the status and number of hours that each employee was working. Ms. Bethune explained that there are unexpended wages from the winter months due to employee illness and these funds will be used to cover extra hours needed during the summer months.

(4) Maintenance contract: The Board approved Ms. Bethune's request to have a maintenance contract on the compactor and bailer.

(5) Solid Waste Commission: Chairman Johnston inquired if Ms. Bethune had heard any new developments regarding the proposed septage treatment facility in Henniker. She replied that she had not since March. He asked that Commission continue to make contact and pursue the proposal. Ms. Bethune noted that David

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Woodbury has resigned from the Commission and Jed Callen has expressed interest in serving on the Commission. He will be attending the next meeting. Chairman Johnston said that if he is interested, he should come in to speak the Board to discuss the appointment.

Mike Richards, Coordinator of the Household Hazardous Waste Day, was in to submit invoices for reimbursement and to report that everything is set for the Collection Day on June 4. Chairman Johnston inquired if police coverage has been arranged. Mr. Richards said he would speak with the Police Chief to verify the coverage for that day.

David Wilson and Brent Armstrong were in to discuss their thoughts and plans for a Fourth of July celebration in New Boston. They asked if the Board would be supportive of the formation of an ad hoc committee to handle the festivities for this year only. Mr. Armstrong said at this preliminary stage, they are thinking of combining the fireworks display with the 4-H Foundation dance on Saturday night, July 2. On Monday, July 4th there would be a parade, chicken barbecue, softball game, etc. , to complete the celebration. Chairman Johnston said he was in favor of the formation of an ad hoc committee not only for this year but for future years as well. The Board will require a permit for the parade and a certificate of insurance for the fireworks display. Mr. Armstrong asked if he could obtain a copy of a certificate submitted in previous years. Mr. Wilson said he is asking for private donations to fund the fireworks display.

Bill Boisvert was in to meet with the Board regarding the renewal of his gravel permit. His major concern related to the route limitation on Riverdale Road that the Board and Road Agent had set for this year. This limitation would add six additional miles to his hauling costs which would be very expensive. Chairman Johnston referred back to the 1989 permit language. The permit stated that the trucks will travel only in a northeast direction on Riverdale Road and if the road is damaged, the Board of Selectmen will make an assessment and charge the costs to permit applicant. The Board asked that this original language be included in the renewal permit. A new permit will be sent to Mr. Boisvert for his signature.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Intent to cut forms for Map 14, Lot 27 and 29 were approved and

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The Board granted the following abatements:

- (1) Peter and Cynthia Fottler, Map 015-030
- (2) Maureen Mansfield, Map 011-048 and Map 011-049
- (3) Donald Richer, Map 003-091
- (5) Kevin Ryan, Map 008-058

The following abatements were denied by the Board:

- (1) Roger Gagnon, Map 019-044
- (2) Charles Bowland, Map 004-096
- (3) Verna Ferrington Hall, Map 008-114
- (4) Richard & Ellen Graham, Map 007-076
- (5) Maureen Mansfield, Map 011-047 and Map 002-028
- (6) Walter Laudenslager, Map 005-045
- (7) Albert & Jeannette Couture, Map 003-138-002

The Board approved and signed the reappointment of John Ryan to the Forestry Committee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Cleveland reported that the Road Agent had inspected the Class VI entrance and portion of Cochran Hill Road. The gate had not been welded shut. The bar does move in and out of the holder. Timber is being cut for cordwood. There are several four ft. sections laying in the road which will be cut up at some point. The Board asked that a followup letter be sent to Dan Teague stating that his complaint was investigated by the Board and what the results are. A letter should be sent to Peter Morgan asking him to clear wood out of the road.

Jim Dodge came in to the meeting to discuss the removal of the trailer from the Transfer Station. He said the Fire Department intends to use it as a smoke house for training purposes only. The Board asked him to find a new place for it if he intends to use it and have Lee help him move it there.

Mr. Dodge informed the Board that the Fire Department has received numerous complaints of brush burning by the Messinas at all hours. The Department will be sending them a letter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to accept the May 9 minutes as written. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS


Ms. Cleveland reported that Michelle Koch will no longer be cleaning the Town Offices and the Police Station. She asked for suggestions from the Board of who might be available to fill the position. There is a need for someone do handle building maintenance and trash removal in addition to cleaning. Chairman Johnston agreed that there should be someone to handle these needs for all Town buildings. The Board suggested speaking with Sandy Gallup.

Selectman Goodin raised concerns on behalf of the Building Inspector regarding commercial/directional signs that are off the premises. Only one is allowed per business. It was the Board's feeling that the Building Inspector interpret the zoning to determine if these signs are in violation. If the signs are in violation, he should take the appropriate steps to enforce it. The Planning Board will be addressing the sign ordinance language this year.

Chairman Johnston relayed a conversation he had with Dirk Drew regarding the issue of maintenance and the Class VI status of Helena Drive. The Drews are asking the Town to grade the road a couple of times a year. However, by statute, the Town can not legally expend funds on a Class VI road, unless it is for forest fire purposes. In order for the road to be changed to a Class V status, the Drews would need to petition the Town through the road layout procedure in accordance with RSA 231:28. The status change seems justified due to the number of homes that are located on the road. From another perspective, there are a number of dead end, Class V roads (driveways) that serve only one household. The dilemma is how to balance the costs to serve the best interest of the residents involved. Chairman Johnston asked Ms. Cleveland to copy the RSAs for the Drews.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator



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SELECTMEN'S MEETING AGENDA

MAY 9, 1994

Bid Opening: 7:00 Security Fence
Requested Appointments: 7:00 Lee Murray, bi-weekly meeting
7:30 Dottie Fillmore
8:00 Dave and Leslie Nixon

Approval of Minutes: May 2, 1994

Administrative: For signature: Payroll & Accounts Payable
Yield Tax Certifications
Map 014-119
Intent to Cut
Map 014-119
Audit Representation letter
Bid contract for Fire Station roof
Pistol Permits
Annual Concurrence Form for
Emergency Management Plan
1994 Appointments
Boisvert gravel permit
1994 Gazebo Grant paperwork

Unfinished Business: Highway Truck/Memo on encumbrances
Bridge Update - 65% reimbursement only
Tax Lien Search proposals
Well drilling prices for Police Station site
New transter station employee - hiring decision
Letter from William Mercer

New Business: Letter from Rich Matthews
Report on 1993 Total Equalized Valuation
NHMA PLIT - upgrade in building/content values