

Approved 5/31/94

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

MAY 23, 1994

A regular business meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 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 in for his bi-weekly meeting with the Board. The following issues were addressed:

(1) Progress is being made on the installation of the curbing around the Town Hall parking lot. Chairman Johnston discussed the logistics of installing the conduit for the Common lighting.

(2) The installation of the new highway building should be complete this week.

(3) Chairman Johnston asked to review Helena Drive under unfinished business. He reported on the conversation he had with Linda and Dirk Drew regarding the Class VI status of Helena Drive. He instructed them on the petition procedure that is required to change the classification to Class V.

Chairman Johnston asked Mr. Murray to inspect Helena Drive and provide a report on the present condition of the road. Mr. Murray voiced his support to have the classification changed. The road should be upgraded to a through road. While there is major brush to be cut and the road is very rough, some highway block grant funds could be put toward the upgrade each year. This issue and others involving the upgrade will be discussed at the public hearing once the petition is submitted.

(4) The Board inquired if the test results from the Tostevin water samples were in. Ms. Cleveland said no. She will call the lab to check on the status of the results.

In light of Standard Fence not coming for their 7:00 p.m. appointment, the Selectmen rejected their bid for the security fence at the Transfer Station. In turn, the Board asked to schedule the next lowest bidder, Penney Fence, for an appointment at next week's Selectmen's meeting.

Bonnie Bethune updated the Board on the terms of the proposed maintenance contract for the compactor and baler. The contract

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provides for one preventative maintenance call per year at a cost of \$400. The Board did not approve this contract. They recommended to Ms. Bethune that she find someone local who can provide maintenance on a regular basis. Mr. Murray said he could check the hydraulic pressures. He also recommended have certain parts in stock should any of the switches fail.

Dave Wilson was in briefly to ask the Board's permission about the placement of a temporary sign for the 4th of July celebration. The Board said there would not be a problem but he should be sure that traffic visibility is not affected.

Lloyd Hill was in to discuss his interest in serving on the Finance Committee. He has presently served on the Zoning Board of Adjustment for five year and has enjoyed participating in the Town Government. He is a financial planner by profession and has been in the field for 15 years. The Board asked his views on town government operations, capital improvements planning, and the role of a finance committee member. Mr. Hill stated that he would be objective, advocate long-term financial planning, and support services that fulfill the visible needs of the community as a whole. Chairman Johnston said there is one other individual interested in the position. The Board will notify him of their decision next week.

Jed Callen was in to meet the Board regarding his nomination to the Solid Waste Committee. He has a private law practice specializing in environmental law and would like to volunteer his time to the community. Mr. Callen said he has attended one Committee meeting and he was very impressed with the variety of expertise and knowledge of the Committee members. Chairman Johnston said they will act on the Committee nomination tonight and will send him notice of his appointment this week.

Linda Drew was in briefly to submit her petition for Helens Drive. Chairman Johnston advised her to speak to the other abutters as a majority of the abutters could petition the Board not to change the classification if they are in disagreement with the change. Ms. Cleveland said she will have a list of the abutters prepared for Mrs. Drew to pick up on Wednesday morning.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

An Intent to Cut farm for Map 005, Lot 040 was approved and signed.

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The Board granted the following abatements:
(1) William Boisvert & Sons, Map 003-007-001
(2) Stephen & Mary Buergin, Map 008-084-004

The following abatements were denied by the Board:
(1) FDIC/Bonham, Map 008-084
(2) First New Hampshire Development Corp., Map 003-071/003-072

Approved pistol permits were signed by Chairman Johnston.

The surplus distribution signature form was approved by the Selectmen.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed correspondence from Mrs. Winifred Brown regarding her land, Map 014-006 and Map 014-010. She is interested in donating it to the Town as it is wetland. The Board was in agreement to consider taking the land as a gift. They asked to have the Conservation Commission handle the deed work with the owner and Town Counsel. Ms. Cleveland said a public hearing will have to be scheduled to accept the gift once the paperwork is in order.

The Board approved Ms. Cleveland's request to have Debbie Thornblad take over the cleaning of the Town Hall and Police Station.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to accept the May 16 minutes as written. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cleveland informed the Board that the Junior Athletic League will be holding the New Boston Athletic Field dedication on Saturday, June 25, 1994 at 12:00 noon.

Roger Edholm stopped in to file a formal complaint regarding vehicles that are entering the Mill Street Conservation Area. The lock on the gate has been broken again. The Board asked that he contact the Conservation Commission as they manage the area and the Police if there are parties, drinking, etc. . .creating a disturbance.

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The Board voted unanimously to appoint Jed Callen as a member of the Solid Waste Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland Town Administrator

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lorraine Cleveland". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Lorraine Cleveland" in the signature line.