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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

MAY 31, 1994

A regular business meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 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:

David and Rebecca Penny were in to meet with the Board to discuss their bid for the security fence at the Transfer Station. Bonnie Bethune was also present for the discussion. Chairman Johnston reviewed the lineal footage and options in the bid. Mr. Penney did not recommend the top tension wire due to the grade changes. He prefers the top rail which will be 1 5/8 inches. He did recommend the bottom tension wire which added .05/ft. to the cost or \$68. The Board was in agreement to add the bottom tension wire. Ms. Bethune inquired if corner bracing would be necessary. Mr. Penney said no. The post diameter will be 2.5 inches and will be set at 36 inches deep not 24 inches. In the area of the compost pile, the fencing will stay on the level ground (4 ft. from the banking) and not go over the bank as originally planned. The bottom line figure for the cost of the fence which was agreed upon by everyone present is \$12,571. The installation is scheduled for the week of July 11, 1994. Mrs. Penney will send a standard contract with a certificate of insurance prior to the installation.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board of Selectmen held the bid opening for the Gazebo on the Common. Sandy Gallup, Recreation Director, and Tony Hall were also present for the bid opening. There was only one bid submitted by Tony Hall and Tom Condon. The amount was \$63,865. The Selectmen agreed that no action would be taken this evening on the bid until the Gazebo Committee has a chance to meet and discuss the bid as it exceeds the projected budget of the project. The Board asked Mrs. Gallup for a specific financial statement on the projected revenues.

Ken Parnell was in to meet with the Board regarding his interest in serving on the Finance Committee. He said he has the time to volunteer and wants to be involved in the review of the Town's finances. He has a business background and has lived in New Boston since 1985. Chairman Johnston inquired what his approach would be as a Committee member. Mr. Parnell said he would look at each department's needs. He does not have a personal agenda. He wishes to have an understanding of how the Town finances work.

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Steve Allen, the Town's independent appraiser, was in to provide a progress report on the Valuation Update and to submit the sales analysis, land schedules, replacement cost schedules, and depreciation tables to the Board for their review. Mr. Allen submitted his sales analysis but did not have the other items completed yet. Mr. Allen said the other information would be forthcoming. Mr. Allen continued on to explain the results of his sales analysis to the Board. Ms. Cleveland requested that a complete report with all the schedules be submitted before the project proceeds any further.

Louis Rumore, representing the Junior Athletic League, was in to report to the Board regarding the dilemma of watering the ballfield. The Fire Department is not able to do it. The Board recommended speaking with Lee Murray or Don Johnston. Mr. Rumore also requested a meeting with the Board to discuss plans to expand the present field. Ms. Cleveland set an appointment for 7:30 p.m. at the June 13th Selectmen's meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

An Intent to Cut form for Map 014, Lot 033 was approved and signed.

Approved pistol permits were signed by Chairman Johnston.

The Board signed a gravel permit renewal for W. Boisvert & Sons.

The Board approved and signed a driveway permit for John Colburn, 7 Woods Lane.

A Highway Safety Project Application for bicycle helmets was approved and signed by Chairman Johnston.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Board reviewed the results of the water samples that were taken at the Tostevin residence on Wilson Hill Road. The results showed that the sodium and chloride levels were low in the well sample and elevated in the tap sample. The Board concluded that the water treatment system/plumbing in the house must be the cause of the elevated levels, not road salt. The Board requested that copies of the results and a cover letter be sent to the Tostevins. Ms. Cleveland said the information will be mailed tomorrow.

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The Board briefly discussed the purchase of land that will be necessary to relocate the intersection of McCurdy Road and Bedford Road. Ms. Cleveland said she will work with Lee Murray to determine the approximate area that will have to be purchased from Maggie Flansbury. The Board can make a final decision next week.

The Selectmen approved William Weigle's bid for tree cutting on McCurdy Road.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Allison's on Mill Road regarding the posted speed limit. They are requesting that the speed limit be lowered to 15 mph like the Youth Center road. The Board asked that a response be prepared stating that the Youth Center road is private and it can be posted at the owner's discretion. The Town does not have the authority to post speed limits below 35 mph unless a traffic study is done and approval is given by the State.

The Board received a petition to change the Class VI classification of Helena Drive to Class V as far as the Drew's property. The Board agreed to have Ms. Cleveland begin the hearing process by preparing abutter notices, etc. . . Michael Stickney will be in next week to discuss the petition.

A discussion ensued regarding the type of gate at the entrance of Cochran Hill Road. A concern was raised by Dan Teague that the gate can not be easily opened due to the weight of the gate bar. The Selectmen said they would check the gate and report back.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to accept the May 23 minutes as written. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board then recessed their meeting to join the Planning Board for a discussion of a letter from Richard Messina, dated 5/26/94 in reference to the Dane Road bond. Claire Dane, Planning Coordinator, gave a summary of the standard procedure taken before a road bond is released. Before any bond is released, a final inspection and compliance hearing must be held. Mr. Messina was told this and this procedure was followed for the Phase I portion of the road. Ms. Dane provided a complied set of past records and present regulations which support this statement. Mr. Messina feels that the Road Agent has already signed off on the road and therefore the security can be released. Mr. Murray has given only an acknowledgement that Mr.

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Messina can continue to the next step of the road construction. It was agreed that Ms. Cleveland and Ms. Dane will draft a response to Mr. Messina stating that (1) both Boards discussed his request; (2) he can not expect to use security bonds as payment for his contractors prior to the completion of the project; and (3) a final inspection and compliance hearing will be held prior to any release of bond as before with Phase I.

The next item discussed by both Boards was a letter from Debbie Rice concerning the pile of sand material located to the right of Robert and Donna Chase's property. She is wondering if the material was contaminated and why it has not been removed. No one was sure what the status is on the material, but Ms. Cleveland was asked to contact CFX Mortgage (formerly Colonial Mortgage) as they owned the property when the excavation and testing was done.

Selectman Pimenta asked Ms. Dane about the status of the traffic speed studies as the Selectmen have received a number of speed complaints recently. Ms. Dane said much of the information has been given to the Police Chief. He would have the State requirements for the petition to lower speed limits.

The Board returned to their meeting. There were no further items to be acted upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator

