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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 6, 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:

Lee Murray was present for his bi-weekly meeting with the Selectmen. The following items and issues were discussed:

(1) Maggie Flansbury met with the Board to discuss the Town's desire to purchase approximately .41 acres from her for the relocation of the intersection of McCurdy Road and Bedford Road. Chairman Johnston made the purchase offer of \$3,000 to Mrs. Flansbury. She said she would consider the price and get back to the Board. She raised concerns regarding the care of the Sunday rock which is part of her present deed. Chairman Johnston said the Town would be responsible for the care of the rock. She asked if she could have the final say on the end result of the landscaping once the road is constructed. Lee said the exposed areas will be covered with loam and seed. There are no stone walls to contend with.

(2) Mr. Murray reported that he will be replacing a culvert on Bedford Road tomorrow.

(3) Mr. Murray reviewed his inspection of the Class VI portion of Helena Drive. He anticipates the need to replace 2-3 culverts; install three new culverts and one driveway culvert; do extensive brush cutting; and haul in approximately 1,500 cu. yds. of gravel. He has not figured the total cost for this upgrade. He will have it for the public hearing.

(4) The Board approved and signed a letter to Richard Messina which responds to his request for the release of the security bond on Dane Road. This request was denied. Mr. Murray stated that he met with Mr. Messina and explained to him what he must complete before the final road inspection.

(5) In regards to Dan Teague's complaint, the Board was in agreement that the bar on the gate to the entrance of Cochran Hill Road is very heavy for one person to move. Mr. Murray suggested that the brush be cut on both sides of the gate so that horseback riders can walk around the gate to access the road. The Board agreed that this would be acceptable.

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Chief McCaughlin was in for his monthly meeting with the Board. The following issues were covered:

- (1) The Chief introduced Shaun Walsh to the Board who is being considered as a new part-time police officer in the Department. The Board reviewed his credentials and conducted a short interview. The Chief will complete the necessary hiring procedures before the final appointment is made.
- (2) The Chief also updated the Board on Matthew Fleming's training as a part-time officer. He is scheduled to attend the part-time officer training at Police Standards and Training in July.
- (3) The Chief reported on the Department's activity during the month of May. In reference to animal control, the number of calls has tripled as compared to this time last year. He made a strong recommendation to the Board to consider a full-time animal officer for next year.
- (4) Progress in being made in the search for a temporary prosecutor. The Chief has a candidate for the position and is conducting a background check at the present time.
- (5) The officers have received their inoculations for Hep. B and rabies.
- (6) The new cruiser is expected to be delivered June 20.

David Woodbury, Cemetery Trustee, was in to see the Board at their invitation as an opportunity to discuss any pending issues the Cemetery Trustees might have this year. The main topic of discussion was the need to proceed with plans for the new cemetery. There are only 15 lots remaining for sale in the present cemetery and it is estimated that they will be sold within the next five years. Mr. Woodbury said as the Town acquires fill from different sources, it should go the site of the new cemetery as the lot must be filled in order for it to be used. The Board recommended that the Trustees prepare a proposal for the CIP meeting this fall.

They also discussed the cemetery records. Chairman Johnston inquired about the possibility of computerizing the records. Mr. Woodbury suggested speaking with Bob Todd who may be familiar with software that could handle the plot records.

Brent Armstrong came in to see the Selectmen to file a complaint on the Greg Pasay property. The Pasay's foundation drain comes to the boundary line and flows onto Armstrong's property.

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In addition the property is being used as a duplex. Mr. Pasay never went through the permitting process for the proper approvals. Mr. Armstrong presented the circumstances to the Board and he summarized what corrective action has been taken to date. The Board directed Ms. Cleveland to ask the Building Inspector to send another certified letter to Mr. Pasay.

Michael Stickney of Helena Drive was in to have a discussion with the Board about the conditional road layout petition he submitted last week. Chairman Johnston stated that the Selectmen, Road Agent, and other Town Departments support the entire layout of the Class VI portion of Helena Drive. The petition asks for only a partial layout. The Selectmen will not support the creation of any more Class V "dead end" roads. All abutters on the Class VI portion will be notified.

Mr. Stickney explained the rationale for the partial upgrade. The Stickneys and Drews have paid for the upgrade of the road over the years and feel that is the only portion the town should take over. Mr. Stickney asked if there will be a betterment assessment. Chairman Johnston said the Board has not discussed that issue but a decision will be made during this evening. The Road Agent will have cost estimates for the public hearing.

Ms. Cleveland asked for clarification from the Board as to which RSA they would use for this petition. After some discussion, the Board was in consensus that they will do a conditional layout under RSA 231:28 which requires a betterment assessment. The hearing date was set for Tuesday, July 5, 1994 at 7:30 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

An Intent to Cut form for Map 02, Lot 133 was approved and signed.

Approved pistol permits were signed by Chairman Johnston.

The Selectmen signed the 1994 MS-5 Financial Statement.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Dave Bolton, Assistant Director of the Property Appraisal Division, regarding the DRA's verification of the sales analysis for the revaluation update. The Selectmen requested that Mr. Bolton meet with the Board at next Monday's meeting to discuss the verification. Ms. Cleveland will inform him tomorrow.

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As a follow up to the Gazebo bid opening last week, Chairman Johnston made a motion to reject the bid submitted by Tony Hall and Tom Condon as it exceeds available funds. The Board said the bid package should be reformatted to cut down the cost.

Ms. Cleveland informed the Board that there is a company out of Derry, NH that wanted to bid on our project. She spoke with Joe Quinn at the Department of Resource and Economic Development in reference to the Statement of Assurance and its requirements for an open and competitive bidding process. According to Mr. Quinn, the stipulation (which we were going by) that projects receiving less than \$25,000 in federal grant money do not need to go out for public bid is not correct. The only time a project does not need to go out for public bid is when any one vender will not receive more than \$25,000. When the project is re-bid, it will need to comply with this condition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to accept the May 31 minutes as written. Chairman Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator

