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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 13, 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
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman
Lorraine A. Cleveland, Town Administrator

ABSENT: Michael S. Pimenta, Selectman

REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS:

Steve Allen, the Town's independent appraiser, was in to meet with the Board to submit a revised sales analysis for the revaluation update. David Bolton, Assistant Director of the Property Appraisal Division, Department of Revenue Administration, was also present as an impartial observer to review the new listing. Mr. Allen gave a brief overview of what he has prepared. A number of problems that were detected in first report has since been corrected. Mr. Bolton made several inquiries about Mr. Allen's methods in the preparation of the analysis such a review of neighborhoods, time adjustments for older sales prior to 1992, and the use of standard deviation versus the coefficient of dispersion. When Selectman Goodin asked if the tax map will be color coded to reflect changes in value between neighborhoods, Mr. Allen replied yes. No time adjustments were made to 1991 sales according to Mr. Allen because there are so few in the analysis. Mr. Allen has used standard deviation in his analysis because of his software capabilities. At the end of the discussion, it was agreed by all present that Mr. Bolton will review the new analysis and report back with his comments to Ms. Cleveland in a few days.

Louis Rumore, representing the Junior Athletic League, came in to see the Board regarding a proposal to build two additional baseball fields and one soccer field. There is a demand for more space as the number of ball teams continues to increase. It is estimated that there will be 20 teams next year. Soccer is being played at the Goffstown field at the present time. Chairman Johnston and Selectman Goodin voiced their support of this proposal. Chairman Johnston said the proper steps to take would be to schedule a meeting with the Forestry Committee to walk the property and view the proposed boundary lines. Due to long-term maintenance costs, the project would then need to be proposed as a petition warrant article for the 1995 Town Meeting. No town monies would be used to construct the fields; the proceeds from the timber would cover those costs. The Board requested that a meeting be scheduled on Monday, July 18 at 6:30 with the Forestry Committee to walk the property.

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David Rugh of Wood Visions, came to speak with the Board regarding his desire to bid on the Gazebo project. Steve Peach was present as a representative of the Gazebo Committee. Mr. Rugh felt he should have the right to bid on the project for a number of reasons. Chairman Johnston stated to Mr. Rugh that the project would be going out for re-bid this week. It was not the intent of the Selectmen or the Gazebo Committee to exclude contractors outside of New Boston on that basis alone. This has been a grassroots project from the beginning with the majority of the project funds coming from New Boston donations. Therefore, invitations were sent to local contractors only. It was also the Town's understanding that this bid was in compliance with federal requirements as the Town is receiving less than \$25,000 in federal grant money. However, the State informed the Board that the Statement of Assurance was out of date. Nevertheless, the one bid submitted was too high and the process will begin again. Ms. Cleveland informed Mr. Rugh that he will be able to purchase a set of plans from the Selectmen's office for \$50 at the end of this week.

ADMINISTRATIVE

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

Intent to Cut forms for Map 07, Lot 77 and Map 03, Lot 53 were approved and signed.

The Selectmen signed Matthew Fleming's appointment form as a New Boston part-time police officer.

A driveway permit for Joshua Young was approved and signed.

Signature of the Penney Fence proposal was deferred one week until Ms. Cleveland prepares the Town's contract which will be attached to the bid proposal.

Chairman Johnston signed revised Statement of Assurances forms from Joe Quinn, Department of Parks and Recreation for the Gazebo grant application.

A renewal gravel permit application for Jade Realty was approved and signed by the Selectmen.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Goodin made a motion to accept the June 6 minutes as written. Chairman Johnston seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ms. Cleveland asked the Board if they had any comments or corrections for the draft version of the 1994 Town Meeting Minutes. Chairman Johnston submitted his corrections. Selectman Goodin did not have any additional comments or corrections. Action on the appointment of the new Finance Committee member was deferred until next week.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Cleveland informed the Board that the Tax Collector will be sending impending tax deed notices out next week.

The Board reviewed a letter from Dottie and Frank Fillmore dated June 9, 1994. The Fillmores are asking the Board to grant another extension until next March so they can petition the Town to rezone their property back to residential. No action was taken by the Selectmen. Chairman Johnston asked to have copies made for the Planning Board to review at their meeting tomorrow night.

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

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator

