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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 21, 1994

A regular business meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Chairman Pimenta.

**PRESENT:** Michael S. Pimenta, Chairman  
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman  
Harold C. Strong, Selectman  
Lorraine A. Cleveland, Town Administrator

**RECORDING SECRETARY INTERVIEWS**

Chairman Pimenta asked for a motion to adjourn into nonpublic session to conduct four job interviews. Selectman Goodin made the motion that the Board adjourn into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa for the purpose of conducting the Planning Board Recording Secretary position interviews. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The roll call was: Michael Pimenta-yes; Darlene Goodin-yes; and Harold Strong-yes. Claire Dane, Planning Coordinator was present for the interviews. Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator was present to take the minutes.

Selectman Goodin made a motion to adjourn out of nonpublic session for the purposes of resuming with the public meeting. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS**

Members of the New Boston Junior Athletic League Board of Directors were present for a second meeting with the Selectmen regarding their request to become under the auspices of the Town. Present from the JAL were Margit Hooper, June Hicks, Drew Kappus, Louis Rumore, Sharon Gagnon, Mike Pavesi, and Lee Brown.

Chairman Pimenta reported the results of the meeting between the Recreation Commission, Recreation Director and the Selectmen. He stated that the group reviewed minutes of previous meetings when this issue was addressed before. It is the feeling the Recreation Commission that the JAL should come under the Recreation Department. Two members from the JAL would be appointed to the Recreation Commission by the Selectmen. There would be a coordinator of the sports activities that would report to the Recreation Director. In reference to the funds, all funds would be pooled together. Any needs for equipment, supplies, etc. . . would be requested like the other programs. Fund raising would be for Recreation as a whole. The Recreation Commission would like to see everyone work together to pool the resources. Chairman Pimenta said he would not recommend those volunteers who serve as coaches serve as Recreation Commission members.

Drew Kappus stated that the JAL's concern is the difference in philosophy between instructional and recreational sports. There is a need to maintain the present level of instruction. Chairman Pimenta stated he did not feel the Rec. Dept. would come in and tell them how to run the sports. However, he did say this is a good question that should be brought up to the Recreation Commission. Margit Hooper expressed her feelings that the JAL should remain as a separate entity under the Recreation Commission rather than the Director. The JAL should answer directly to the Commission. Why should there have to an intermediate step.

Selectman Strong stated that we are working on this for the kids. The Town has a Recreation Commission of five people. The JAL should submit names of people willing to serve on the Commission to the Board. Lee Brown said he had spoken with a Recreation Commission member recently. The goals and desires of both groups are the same. The Commission does not want a power struggle. They want to help the JAL and promote good activities for the kids. He felt it would take a leap of faith but it would be worth it.

Drew Kappus expressed his concern that the JAL volunteers may be lost. This program requires a great deal of work on the part of volunteers. Mike Pavesi said that JAL is doing a great job in the program and the leadership from the community is outstanding. His concern that the creativity and flexibility of this program will be lost under a recreation department setting. Chairman Pimenta said the volunteers would have to get involved with Friends of Recreation.

Selectman Strong asked how the JAL feels about dissolving. Drew Kappus said there are present provisions in the by-laws to do that. Selectman Strong said he felt there would be many advantages to the JAL dissolution. Grants can be applied for through the Town. The Friends of Recreation and the Rec. Department would offer more help and work together with the sport programs. Sharon Gagnon asked if the JAL can continue to meet on their own. Right now 9 members get together to discuss the mechanics of the program. These meetings can last 2-3 hours. Many of the members do not want to give up this meeting process which has worked so well. Will it be possible for these two entities to come together? Mike Pavesi said he wants to maintain the "family" board under the Recreation Commission and does not want to give the JAL structure.

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Selectman Goodin stated that she feels the JAL should remain as a separate entity due to the instructional philosophy of the program. If it can't, it will have to be up the JAL to decide. The JAL program has been phenomenal. Chairman Pimenta said the Recreation Dept. will not change the instructional philosophy.

Lee Brown asked if it is time for the JAL to have a joint discussion with the Recreation Commission. June Hicks said she has worked extremely hard. The JAL members do not want to do more work. They can't afford to lose people. Margit Hooper asked how the JAL volunteers can take on other things? They want to work just on the sports program and not on other fund raisers. She stated that she does not want the core group to dissolve.

Selectman Strong recommended that the JAL pick three people to meet with three Recreation Commission members, the Selectmen and the Recreation Director so the group can sit down and talk these things out. It was agreed this should happen before the end of the year.

Brent Armstrong was in to request a nonpublic session with the Selectmen under RSA 91-A:3IIe. Chairman Pimenta asked for a motion. Selectman Strong made a motion to adjourn into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIe to discuss a legal matter involving threatened litigation against the Planning Board. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The roll call was Michael Pimenta-yes; Darlene Goodin-yes; and Harold Strong-yes. Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator, was present to take the minutes. There were no decision made during this session.

Selectman Goodin made a motion to adjourn out of nonpublic session for the purposes of resuming the meeting. Selectman Strong seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board agreed to schedule a site review of Richard Messina's gravel pit on Monday, November 28 at 8:00 a.m. Ms. Cleveland will confirm with Mr. Messina.

The Board deferred their discussion on the 911 road renaming until next week.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE**

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

Chairman Pimenta approved weekly pistol permits.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Selectman Strong made a motion to accept the November 14 minutes as amended. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Pimenta reported that Jay Marden would like to donate some furniture to the new Police Station building. Mr. Marden would like to receive a letter of acknowledgement from the Board for tax deduction purposes. The Board agreed to accept the donation.

A memo from Dan McDonald regarding the purchase of cellular phones was taken under advisement until the Board can speak with Chief McLaughlin at his next monthly meeting.

Chairman Pimenta reported that he has received an estimate to repair the town clock cables for \$495.00. The strike cable is frayed. Otherwise the clock is in good shape. Chairman Pimenta said he would like to see the repairs made. Selectman Goodin and Selectman Strong agreed with Chairman Pimenta. The Board came to a consensus to have the necessary repairs made for \$495.00.

Ms. Cleveland informed the Board that Robert Grzymala has expressed interest in the vacancy on the Finance Committee. The Board asked to schedule Mr. Grzymala on the agenda next week.

The Board asked to schedule a meeting with the Department Heads on December 7 at 8:30 a.m.

The Board agreed that screening of the Town Administrator applications will be complete by next Monday. Interview will be scheduled next Thursday and Friday.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Lorraine Cleveland, Town Administrator.

