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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

July 24, 1995

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Pimenta.

PRESENT: Michael S. Pimenta, Chairman
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman
Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

The Selectmen did not have an opportunity to review the regular minutes of the June 26, 1995 or July 10, 1995 Selectmen's Meeting. The Selectmen did not review the July 10, 1995 non-public meeting minutes.

At 7:00 p.m., Recreation Director Sandy Gallup and Recreation Commission member David Hulick came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss issues relating to the Recreation Department. Director Gallup asked if the Selectmen would be open to the idea of installing an underground sprinkler system on the Town Common to keep the grass watered surrounding the Gazebo and War Memorial. The Selectmen asked Ms. Gallup to get an idea of how much such a project would cost before they considered the idea seriously. Ms. Gallup also asked if the Selectmen would take the necessary steps to increase the water pressure on the water line running to the faucet on the Gazebo. Chairman Pimenta said he would look at the pipes in the basement when he gets an opportunity to identify the problem with the water pressure.

Ms. Gallup asked the Selectmen if she could call Lee Murray from time to time to remind him that the Town Common needed to be cut. Chairman Pimenta and Selectman Carlstrom did not have any objections.

Director Gallup asked the Board if it would be open to the idea of increasing the Summer Program counselor wages next year. She explained that it was getting harder and harder to keep counselors because grocery stores and other summer jobs pay substantially more than the Recreation Summer Program. Chairman Pimenta and Selectman Carlstrom felt that increasing summer wages would be a good idea. The change would put the starting wage for counselors at \$5.00 per hour and would mean an approximate \$.75 per hour increase for each current employee of the Summer Program.

Director Gallup explained that she was extremely frustrated because Christine Quirk of the Friendly Beaver Campground had

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offered the Recreation Department Summer Program the opportunity to use the Campground's facilities. However, because current site plan stipulations currently on file with the Planning Board prohibit such an endeavor at Friendly Beaver, it is not possible for the Recreation Department to take advantage of the offer. Chairman Pimenta explained that if Ms. Gallup was upset with the Planning Board's decision, she should make an appointment with the Planning Board to speak with them about the matter. Ms. Gallup said she would do so.

Ms. Gallup told the Board that the Baseball Field Committee was contemplating the possibility of installing a new field and running track in the area next to the current ball field diamond across from the Transfer Station. The Committee was scheduled to walk the land on Tuesday evening, July 25, 1995.

Director Gallup spoke with the Board about the possibility of developing alternative activities for teens in New Boston to undertake during their free time. Police Chief McLaughlin and she will work on this project throughout the summer.

At 7:55 p.m., Road Agent Lee Murray came before the Board to discuss various road issues. Mr. Murray discussed the road projects he will undertake in the next few weeks, as well as those he has already undertaken this summer. One major problem he is having is people putting basketball hoops up in public right of ways. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to place an announcement on Channel 8 and one with Marie MacDonald dealing with this issue. Mr. Murray felt the Francestown Turnpike paving came out very well.

At 8:30 p.m., Steve and David Elliott came before the Selectmen to discuss their proposed gravel pit on Map 4, Lot 16 in New Boston. Selectman Carlstrom updated the Board on his inspection of the site. The Selectmen scheduled a public hearing relative to this issue for Monday, August 7, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., in the Town Hall conference room.

Mr. Michael Richards, the Household Hazardous Waste Day Coordinator, came before the Selectmen to discuss the 1995 spring Hazardous Waste Day which was held on June 3, 1995. Mr. Richards reported that the day went very well. After all expenses, the Town was left with \$7,202.00 in its Hazardous Waste Day account. Mr. Richards asked the Selectmen if the Board would authorize another Hazardous Waste Day in the Fall on October 21, 1995. The Selectmen felt that this was a good idea. Selectman Goodin made a motion to hold a second Hazardous Waste Day on October 21, 1995. Chairman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Goodin made a motion to proclaim the week

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of October 21, 1995, Household Hazardous Waste Week #2 in New Boston. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Goodin made a motion to donate \$150.00 to the Central School Library for Hazardous Waste Day related books as per past practice on Hazardous Waste Day. Chairman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Carlstrom made a motion that the expenses incurred at the second HHWD on 10/21/95 should not exceed the allocated funds for this purpose. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Richards informed the Selectmen that the Town of Frankestown owes New Boston \$1,760.00 for participating in the spring HHWD.

Mr. James M. Smith of 428 Clark Hill Road came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss his interest in serving on the Finance Committee. There is currently one vacant seat on the Committee due to Cyr Daniel's recent resignation after completing her term which expired in 1995. Mr. Smith explained to the Selectmen that his work at Digital entails dealing with capital budgets and appropriations. Mr. Smith stated that his wife has begun to work and he now has more time on his hands which would enable him to volunteer on the Finance Committee. Mr. Smith's employer is located in Maynard, M.A., so he would need until 7:00 p.m. or 7:30 p.m. to get home for Finance Committee meetings. Later in the evening, Chairman Pimenta made a motion to appoint Mr. James M. Smith to the Finance Committee for a three year term which will expire in 1998. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the application Mr. David R. Craig had submitted for the vacant seat on the Zoning Board of Adjustment as an Alternate member. Mr. Craig met with the Selectmen on July 10, 1995. Chairman Pimenta made a motion to appoint Mr. Craig to the vacant Alternate ZBA position for the remainder of Mr. Walter Houghton's term which expires in 1996. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:40 p.m. Fire Chief Jim Dodge stopped in to discuss the State of New Hampshire salt shed near Depot Street which the Department will burn down in the near future. Chairman Pimenta confirmed that the Town carries Workers Compensation insurance for its volunteer fire fighters.

The Board discussed Mr. George St. John's expired building and temporary trailer permits for his property on 112 Butterfield Mill Road. Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that the Town had yet to receive any plan of action from Mr. St. John on his expired permits. The Board instructed Mr. Selig to have

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Building Inspector Dennis Sarette write Mr. St. John a letter instructing him to bring his property into compliance.

In a conversation with Town Administrator Selig, Mrs. Ann Dilley of New Boston pointed out that all Town committees and boards are required to publicly "notice" their meetings, as well as take minutes at them in accordance with the "Right to Know" law. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to contact each of the Town's board/committee chairpersons to remind them of this requirement.

The Selectmen discussed an issue which has arisen on Depot Street in New Boston. It seems that many of the residents on this street use "Depot Lane" as their address as opposed to "Depot Street." The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Selig to draft a letter to these residents informing them that their correct address should read Depot Street.

Town Administrator Selig reminded the Selectmen that the Town's fire extinguisher training day will be held on Friday, July 28, 1995, from 2-4 p.m.

The Selectmen set up a site walk for Mr. Billy Barss' property at 388 Joe English Road for Tuesday, August 1, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that the locking device they had requested for the Gazebo light switch in response to safety concerns which have been raised had been installed.

The Board of Selectmen decided to accept the New Boston Independent Assessor's revised 1995 property tax assessment on Map 11, Lot 120 in New Boston. The 1995 assessment on this property will drop from \$162,700.00 to \$144,000.00.

The Board scheduled three gravel pit permit renewal site walks for Thursday, August 10, 1995. They are as follows: 5:00 p.m. - New Boston Aggregate; 6:15 p.m. - Fillmore Pit; 6:45 p.m. - 4H Foundation. The Board asked Town Administrator Selig to set up these appointments.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that both Michael McCord and Jeff Rapsus of the Goffstown News had called him in regard to issues they had with the Town of New Boston. The Board told Mr. Selig that Mr. Rapsus should schedule an appointment with the Selectmen if he wanted to speak with them sometime in the future.

Town Administrator Selig updated the Board on the fact that Town employees could now take advantage of various training seminars offered by the State of New Hampshire. The State will send a

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listing of these seminars in the next few months.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that the Tax Collector has begun the tax deeding process for 1992.

Town Administrator Selig was asked to leave the office for a few moments so that the Selectmen could review his performance thus far as Town Administrator of New Boston. Mr. Selig's six month probationary period ended on June 19, 1995. Upon Mr. Selig's return, the Board discussed his performance. The Board presented Mr. Selig with a written evaluation which will be placed in his personnel file. The Board of Selectmen decided to retain Mr. Selig's services as Town Administrator and to keep him on as a regular full time employee of the Town following his six month probationary period.

The Town received three bids for completion of the booking room and downstairs entry hallway at the New Boston Police Department. They were as follows: Jerry Kennedy & Sons, Inc. - \$6,200.00; Mr. Don Chapman - \$4,500.00; Mr. John Ryan - \$6,432.00. Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to award the bid to Mr. Don Chapman for the aforesaid amount. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Pimenta - no, Selectman Goodin - yes, Selectman Carlstrom - yes. The motion carried. D & J Locksmith of 880 Candia Road in Manchester was selected to install the locks associated with this project for a price of \$2,493.00.

Town Administrator Selig stated that he may be taking August 11, 1995, off from work to travel to Tennessee to visit relatives. He will let the Board know if this will be the case.

The Board asked Town Administrator Selig to schedule Recreation Director Sandy Gallup for an appointment at its next regularly scheduled meeting on August 7, 1995.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

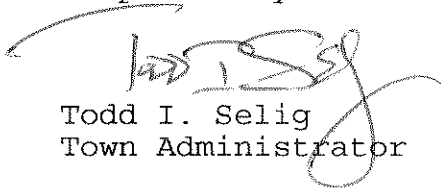
Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator