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**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**February 5, 1996**

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

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

The Selectmen did not have an opportunity to approve the minutes of the January 16, 1996, January 22 & 24, 1996, or January 29, 1996 Selectmen's Meetings.

Police Chief Jim McLaughlin came before the Board of Selectmen for his monthly meeting at 7:15 p.m. Chairman Pimenta informed the Chief that on the morning of February 3, he had seen one of the police cruisers parked at one of the officer's homes covered with snow as though it had been parked there all night long. Chief McLaughlin explained that the officer in question had worked a Friday evening shift until midnight and had then been on call for the rest of the evening. He had therefore kept the cruiser parked at his home for the duration of the night.

Chief McLaughlin informed the Board that the department had obtained a confession concerning a recent arson incident on Laurel Lane in New Boston. In addition, an arrest has been made in relation to a recent burglary at the Drewry residence.

The Board asked Chief McLaughlin what the effect would be if the Town did not purchase a new two-wheel drive cruiser as per the standard police department cruiser rotation schedule which calls for a trade in 1996. Chief McLaughlin felt that the cruiser would last for an additional year but that if mechanical problems occurred, the Board would have to understand that the "vehicle maintenance" line item would probably be overexpended to pay for the repairs. The Board understood that this might occur as a result of holding the cruiser for an additional year.

Chief McLaughlin discussed why he felt additional computers are needed at the Police Department.

Selectman Goodin made a motion to enter into non-public session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a). Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The roll call was: Chairman Pimenta - yes; Selectman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel issues concerning the New Boston Police Department were discussed.

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Selectman Goodin made a motion to adjourn out of non-public session. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 8:00 p.m., New Boston Planning Board member Harold "Bo" Strong came before the Selectmen to discuss Clark Hill Road. Paula Stockinger, Ed Lee, and Patrick Quinnett, all residents of Clark Hill Road, were also in attendance. Mr. Strong felt that the Board of Selectmen should ask Town Meeting for \$100,000.00 to begin an upgrade to Clark Hill Road as per the Master Plan and 1996 C.I.P. Program. Mr. Strong explained, however, that if the Selectmen were unsure whether or not the project would be proposed by them for 1996 Town Meeting, that they should ask the Planning Board to postpone the scenic road tree cutting hearing on Clark Hill Road until after Town Meeting. The Selectmen asked Mr. Strong to have the Planning Board postpone the scenic road tree cutting hearing until after 1996 Town Meeting.

At 8:55 p.m., Mr. Michael Stickney of 61 Helena Drive came before the Selectmen to discuss whether the Board would be willing to extend the Class V section of Helena Drive by an additional 950+ feet north of the current temporary hammerhead which is now at a point approximately 300 feet north of E. Lull Place. Mr. Stickney would like to upgrade this section of roadway to a 30 - 50 foot gravel road and fix the drainage where necessary. Mr. Stickney desires to upgrade the road so that he will be able to subdivide a portion of his land which is currently on the Class VI section of the road. The Selectmen explained to Mr. Stickney that although the Board had the power to reclassify the road, it would ultimately be up to the Planning Board to determine whether the road would have to be brought up to pavement before he would be allowed to subdivide. The Selectmen therefore advised Mr. Stickney that he should speak with the Planning Board about what it would require. Chairman Pimenta explained that he would speak with the Planning Board about the matter at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

The Board of Selectmen discussed a complaint lodged by Marie Valandro of 39 Summit Drive in New Boston against a highway truck which knocked over the stone wall at the end of her driveway. The Selectmen determined that Ms. Valandro's stone wall was within the Town's right-of-way, and that she would have to move the wall out of the right-of-way. Town Administrator Selig will draft a letter to Ms. Valandro for the Selectmen to sign in the coming weeks concerning this matter.

The Selectmen reviewed the petition warrant article which has been submitted concerning the designation of various Town lands as official Town Forests. It was decided by the Board that insufficient time had been given to this very important issue. The Selectmen therefore could not support the article at 1996 Town Meeting. The Board would, however, encourage the formation of a study project which would use the next year to look into the idea and sift through the positive and negative effects of such a designation.

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Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that Ed Benoit had completed his repairs to the slate on the Town Hall roof.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 8, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Selectmen discussed staffing patterns at the New Boston Transfer Station.

The Selectmen discussed whether any awards should be distributed at Town Meeting for meritorious service to the Town.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that the New Boston Landfill's Groundwater Management Permit had been renewed by the N.H. Department of Environmental Services.

The Selectmen discussed whether or not any job reclassifications would be necessary in 1996 for Town employees.

The Board discussed various issues concerning the 1996 Town Budget and relevant warrant articles.

It was decided that no Selectmen's Meeting would be held on February 19, 1996, in observance of President's Day.

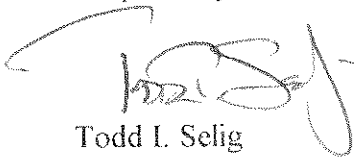
Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that the Francestown Board of Selectmen had signed and returned the agreement for 1996 Household Hazardous Waste Day.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

The Board reviewed and/or signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd L. Selig  
Town Administrator