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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 29, 1996

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

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

The Selectmen did not have an opportunity to review either the April 15, 1996, or April 22, 1996, public or non-public Selectmen's Meeting minutes.

At 7:10 p.m., Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge came before the Board of Selectmen and asked if the Selectmen would permit the Planning Board to sponsor a "Strategic Planning & Budgeting Seminar" for all of the Town officials involved in the budget process on a regular basis. Mr. Richard Hodgkinson would present the seminar and charged \$50.00 per hour for his services. Two proposed dates of May 21st or May 28th, 1996, were discussed. The Board approved the project by consensus.

At 7:30 p.m., Police Chief Jim McLaughlin came before the Board of Selectmen and discussed possible placements for the emergency generator at the New Boston Central School. Principal Rick Matthews was not aware of any past wiring or conduits which could be utilized to facilitate the installation of the generator. Chief McLaughlin reported that Mr. Mike Trimbur would be willing to clean and paint the generator for \$100.00. Also, Principal Matthews will check with the School Board to determine who will be responsible for maintaining the generator. Selectman Pimenta suggested that the Town could place a line under the Emergency Management budget to pay for routine maintenance on the generator if the School Board was unwilling to do so under their budget.

Chief McLaughlin reported that on Friday, May 3, 1996, at 10:30 a.m., AT&T/NYNEX would visit the Town to determine if the central telephone wire box located in front of the Fire Department could be raised as it currently lies within the Town flood zone. The Selectmen were invited to attend the meeting.

Chief McLaughlin is recommending that Officer Matthew Fleming be accepted into the N.H. State Police DARE training program.

The Board of Selectmen decided to place the new computer for the Police Department out to bid. Once bids are received, the prices

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of various options and configurations will be reviewed to determine exactly what the Town can afford utilizing a budgeted allocation of \$1,300.00 and approximately \$500.00 of pistol permit funds.

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

Police Chief McLaughlin recommended to the Board of Selectmen that Police Prosecutor Sharon Bogins be terminated as per the procedure set fourth in her contract with the Town. Selectman Pimenta made a motion to give Chief McLaughlin permission to terminate Ms. Bogins as per said contract. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. No reason for termination will be stated as per Ms. Bogins' contract.

Police Chief James McLaughlin then presented the Board of Selectmen with a memorandum addressed to Chairman Darlene Goodin dated April 29, 1996, in regard to Selectman Pimenta and a part-time New Boston Police Officer. The memorandum read as follows:

"I request that the Board of Selectmen review the attached incident. It is self evident within the attached, that Selectman Pimenta's discussions with a New Boston part-time employee was not only inappropriate but caused numerous personnel issues and was clearly contrary to RSA 105:2-a. I am entrusting that the Board will acknowledge the need for controls in an effort to maintain accountability. I have faith that the Board will substantiate the need to create and implement a policy in place to prevent any such future incidents."

A detailed report dated January 29, 1996, describing the January 28, 1996, incident was also presented to the Selectmen for review. The report raised many issues which were personnel matters in nature, thereby effecting a part-time New Boston Police Officer.

A number of items pertaining to the above referenced police report were discussed. This portion of the minutes was sealed by a 2/3 vote of the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to seal the non-public minutes of the meeting pertaining to the 1/29/96 police report, as well as the report itself, involving a part-time police officer and Selectman Michael Pimenta, until the board has had an opportunity

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to review the document thoroughly due to the fact that the report involves a personnel issue. This motion was made in accordance with RSA 91-A:3III. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - no. The motion passed by a 2/3 vote and will stay in effect until a majority of members of the Board of Selectmen deem that the circumstances which cause this to be a personnel issue no longer apply.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to exit non-public session. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 9:00 p.m., the Selectmen met in the Conference Room with the Clark Hill Road Committee. Present were: Bo Strong, Bill Mount, Jackie Kelly, Ed DiPietro, Kim DiPietro, Greg Maglathlin, Dick Moody, Ed Lee, Road Agent Lee Murray, Pat Quinnett, and Christine Quinnett. Chairman Goodin explained to the group that the Committee would have to appoint a Chairman and Secretary. It was pointed out that Dick Moody had been appointed Chairman by the Committee and Kim DiPietro would take minutes at the meetings. In addition, the next meeting of the Clark Hill Road Committee would be on May 8, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Board of Selectmen met with the following individuals who have expressed an interest in filling two vacancies on the New Boston Forestry Committee: Ellen Reilly, 56 Woodbury Road - 9:15 p.m.; Lyn Lombard, 11 Pine Echo Road - 9:30 p.m.; John Brooks, 81 Pine Road - 9:35 p.m.; David Allen, 251 Bedford Road - 9:40 p.m.

Fire Chief Jim Dodge came before the Board of Selectmen at 10:00 p.m. to discuss two fires which had almost gotten out of control at the Transfer Station brush dump over the last weekend. Chief Dodge felt that something finally needed to be done about the burning situation at the Town brush dump. He recommended installing some type of sprinkler system to keep brush fires under control. Over the next few weeks, the Town will investigate ways in which the brush fire situation at the Transfer Station can be kept under control.

The Board asked Mr. Selig to write Ed Lee of 260 Clark Hill Road a letter explaining the rules concerning parking vehicles in Town right-of-ways.

Selectman Pimenta and Town Administrator Selig discussed their partial boundary perambulation with representatives from the Goffstown and Bedford Boards of Selectmen off of Pulpit Road in New Boston.

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The Board of Selectmen by consensus decided that the Planning Board would not be issued a key to access the Selectmen's Office after hours.

The Board of Selectmen discussed maintenance on the Town Common and municipal ballfields. It was decided that the only responsibility the Highway Department will have with respect to the Town Common and ballfields will be to mow these properties. The Highway Department will not mow these parcels on a set schedule but will be expected to make every effort to mow the Common and ballfields on an as needed basis, taking into account their other responsibilities for road maintenance in New Boston. All work on these properties beyond mowing will be the responsibility of the Recreation Department.

Selectmen Carlstrom made a motion to limit the discussion at department head meetings to 1 hour, with the ability to run slightly over one hour in order to accommodate necessary topics. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - no. The motion passed.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

The Board reviewed other correspondence and miscellaneous items.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator