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Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 23, 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

At 7:00 p.m., only Chairman Goodin, Selectman Pimenta, and Town Administrator Selig were in attendance. Selectman Carlstrom arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Brent Armstrong of the New Boston Fourth of July Association came before the Board of Selectmen at 7:01 p.m. to inquire as to whether the Board would sponsor the Fourth of July Association's up-and-coming dance at the Central School. This would be a haloween BYOB dance. Selectman Pimenta made a motion to sponsor the Fourth of July Association haloween dance. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:15 p.m., Laura Todd of 336 Francestown Road came before the Board to interview for a two year alternate position on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mrs. Todd stated that she was interested in the position, wanted to give back to the community, and had the time to give. Mrs. Todd felt that she would not have a problem taking a strong stance on the ZBA when the law required, even if people she knew were appearing before the Zoning Board. In addition, Mrs. Todd has some knowledge of the land use process due to her husband's business. Mrs. Todd said she would step down from the Zoning Board if an issue affecting her husband came up. Selectman Pimenta made a motion to appoint Laura Todd as an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a two year term to expire in March of 1998. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune came before the Board for her monthly meeting with the Selectmen. Selectman Carlstrom also arrived at the meeting at this time. The Board reviewed and approved designs for concrete work as per Warrant Articles 7 & 8 - 1996. The projects will be put out for bid as soon as the building office inspects the plans.

The Board briefly reviewed the current seasonal/temporary part-time status of Sherrie Bruno and Ginger Graves. This issue will be dealt with more in the near future. Manager Bethune also discussed whether there were sufficient hours available at the present time to successfully man the Transfer Station.

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1996 Household Hazardous Waste Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 28, 1996 at the Transfer Station. Selectman Carlstrom will be on call for the event in case problems develop which require a Selectman's attention.

Manager Bethune reported that Don Chapman was extremely helpful in sealing around the waste oil furnace pipe on the roof of the Transfer Station. Selectman Pimenta questioned Mrs. Bethune to ensure the sealant was applied safely.

New taxpayer/resident I.D. stickers for 1996-1999 have been ordered for use on automobiles utilizing the Transfer Station.

Manager Bethune reported that the estimated diversion rate of material out of the waste stream in New Boston is 33% - the Town's highest diversion rate ever.

At 8:00 p.m., Bud & Irene Boudreau of 84 Thornton Road came before the Selectmen to discuss their various concerns in regard to speeding traffic on Thornton Road. Other Thornton Road residents in attendance were: Debra Blanchard, Paul Aikens, and Michael Humphries. Mr. Boudreau felt that traffic was traveling too fast on Thornton Road and wanted to know what the Selectmen could do to remedy the problem. Selectman Pimenta explained that there are many laws which the Selectmen must follow concerning speed limits. In many cases, he explained, the Board is very limited in terms of what it can do. Mr. Boudreau felt that the Selectmen were passing the buck and expressed his dismay. Selectman Pimenta more specifically outlined the situation and stressed that the Board was not passing the buck, but that there are laws which the Selectmen must follow concerning speed limits. Possible solutions put forward included: lowering the speed limit, better speed zone signage, increased police coverage, residents reporting license plates of violators to the Police Department, getting neighbors to voluntarily and collectively slow down when driving the road, and closing the road to thru traffic. The Selectmen indicated that they would look into the matter and get back to Mr. Boudreau in the near future concerning the issue.

At 8:30 p.m., Fire Chief Jim Dodge and Fire Ward Cliff Plourde came before the Board for the Fire Department's monthly meeting with the Selectmen. Issues discussed included: 1) The Fire Department has discovered an illegal apartment on an emergency call over the last weekend - this will be reported to the building office. 2) Many questions were raised concerning the fact that Continental T.V. bought out Showcase Cable and has increased cable rates for the Town without first approaching the Selectmen - the Selectmen are looking into the situation and will meet with Continental T.V. in October. 3) The Old Foster Place at 375 Bedford Road (Tax Map 009-024) has been purchased by the Robert and Susan LeClaire. The LeClaires would like to have the Fire Department burn the Old Foster Place down as a training exercise, and in the interim have permission from the Board of Selectmen to begin construction on a new homestead on the lot. Until the Old Foster Place is removed, the new building will be in violation of Section 303 of the

New Boston Zoning Ordinance. The Selectmen agreed that as long as Town Counsel Leslie Nixon drafted the necessary agreements between the Town and the LeClaire's, the second structure would be permitted until the Fire Department is able to burn down the Old Foster Place. Mr. Selig was asked to make the necessary arrangements.

At 9:00 p.m., the Selectmen met with the Clark Hill Road Study Committee in the Town Hall Conference Room to hear the Committee's long awaited presentation concerning possible alternatives for the future upgrade of Clark Hill Road. The Committee was formed as per Warrant Article 19-1996. Committee member Ed DiPietro led an overhead projector presentation followed by a brief question and answer period with the Selectman. A hard copy of the presentation was also distributed. Finance Committee Chairman Dan Rothman was in attendance, as were various interested citizens from Clark Hill Road. Chairman Goodin thanked the Committee for all of the hard work which it had undertaken. Chairman Goodin explained that the Selectmen, Finance Committee, and Capitol Improvements Program would each review the report as part of the budget process for 1997. The Committee indicated that a longer version of the report would be forthcoming in the next few days. It was in the process of being typed. A brief discussion also ensued concerning the speed limit on Clark Hill Road. The Selectmen indicated that they would look into the Committee's request to reduce the speed limit on the road to 25 MPH.

The Selectmen discussed the fact that the tax deed date is Wednesday, September 25, 1996. The Board plans to schedule a time to physically inspect the properties which may have to be deeded.

The Board approved of the Town Administrator surveying employees to determine whether they would be willing to participate in an optional "Dealing With Difficult People" course if one-half of the course was held on Town time and one-half was held on the employee time.

Mr. Selig presented the Selectmen with a draft personnel policy manual to review

The Selectmen approved the Library's use of the Town's bulk rate postage stamp for a survey concerning the library expansion project.

The Board reviewed a letter from Wenger & Cronin, Attorneys at Law, concerning supposed "impact fees" collected from the John B. Sullivan Jr. Corp. subdivision on Joe English Road. The letter will be referred to the Planning Board and Town Counsel for review.

The Selectmen discussed the fact that work has been taking place at the Old Coach Road Ballfield over the last two weekends. In addition, the UNH students who are working with the Town were at the field recently to take inventory of visible flora and fauna. It should cost between \$300.00 and \$500.00 for the study the students are conducting. UNH pays for approximately \$150.00 of this amount.

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The Board reviewed various bid packages for repairs to the Town Hall: A) Ken Colbert's price for floor repair - the Board requested two additional quotes; B) Specifications for attic repairs and basement repairs.

The Board reviewed a letter from Independent Assessor George Hildum dated August 29, 1996, concerning the tax exempt status of property owned by The Kingdom. The Board accepted Mr. Hildum's recommendation.

The Selectmen have received numerous complaints about children skateboarding in front of the Library. Recreation Director Sandy Gallup is looking into an alternative location for a skateboard park.

The Selectmen indicated that they would be willing to accept a trust on behalf of the Town from the Caroline Clark Trust/Richard J. Whipple Memorial Fund. This trust would be managed by the Trustees of the Trust Fund. The interest from the trust would be used to benefit the students of the Central School for the purchase of reference books. The Trustees of the Trust Fund have indicated that they are willing to administer the trust. Once the fund's current trustees receive permission to donate the trust to the Town from the N.H. Court System, the Selectmen will be asked to formally accept the Trust.

The first C.I.P. Meeting will be held on October 1, 1996

The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to invite the Finance Committee to meet with them next Monday evening to discuss the 1997 budget process.

Department heads will present their short and long term goals to one another on Wednesday, October 2, 1996.

The Selectmen received a letter stating that the Milford Co-Op Bank/CFX Bank can no longer provide a "grandfathered status" to the Town's bank account where it ensures three signatures are present on each check to activate them. From this time forward, any one of the four authorized signatures will activate a check. Chairman Goodin has spoken with an official from the N.H. Banking Commission about the matter.

Selectman Carlstrom updated the Board on Planning Board issues including: Middle Branch Road.

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to change the hours of polling at all future Town, State, and Federal elections, including the November 5, 1996 Presidential Election, from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Road Agent Lee Murray has been selected for jury duty for the entire month of October.

The SNPC Annual Dinner is being held this Friday, September 27, 1996, at 7:15 p.m. at the Chateau Restaurant in Manchester. Chairman Goodin plans to attend to represent the Board.

Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Selig", with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator