

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 30, 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

Mr. John Winslow of 248 River Road was scheduled to speak with the Board concerning overdue tax payments at 7:00 p.m. The Board had given Mr. Winslow an ultimatum that unless he attended the meeting, there was a strong likelihood his property would be tax deeded by the Town of New Boston. Mr. Winslow did not attend the meeting.

At 7:20 p.m., Librarian Sarah Chapman came before the Board for her monthly meeting with the Selectmen. The Selectmen approved a survey which the Library Trustees plan to send to New Boston residents using the Town's bulk rate postage number. Selectman Pimenta informed Mrs. Chapman that he had asked a friend of his who works with the internet to send the Town some information concerning getting on-line. Mrs. Chapman said she looked forward to reviewing this information. Finally, the Library is gearing up for the C.I.P. process in preparation for 1997 Town Meeting.

At 7:45 p.m., Ed DiPietro of 469 Clark Hill Road came before the Selectmen to express his frustration that the Goffstown News had not printed accurate information in a recent article it had run concerning the Clark Hill Road Study Committee's final report. Mr. DiPietro felt that perhaps incorrect information had intentionally been given to the newspaper by the Selectmen's Office for some reason not known to him. The Selectmen explained that their office had given the newspaper the correct information and that it had no control over how the newspapers interpreted or reprinted information. The newspapers often print information incorrectly which tends to become very frustrating. Selectman Pimenta and Chairman Goodin explained that two years ago, the Goffstown News printed a preliminary budget and represented it as the Selectmen's final budget. For weeks afterward, the Selectmen had to struggle to get the correct information out to the citizens of New Boston.

At 8:05 p.m., the Road Committee came before the Board of Selectmen. Present were: Lee Murray, Road Agent; Bo Strong, Road Committee; Brent Armstrong, Planning Board Chairman; Rick Riendeau, Road Committee; Dan Rothman, Finance Committee Chairman; Ken Parnell, Finance Committee; and Claire Dodge, Planning Board Coordinator. The Road Committee members discussed the following road projects: *Lyndeborough Bridge* - Lee Murray is still waiting for information from the State engineers concerning how much of the bridge can be

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reused. Mr. Strong suggested installing a temporary bridge until Town Meeting. The consensus among those present was that the Town should begin to move forward with a temporary measure as soon as possible. *Clark Hill Road* - Chairman Goodin thanked Mr. Strong for all of his time serving on the Clark Hill Road Study Committee. The Selectmen and Road Committee will review the final report of the Clark Hill Road Study Committee as soon as it is available.

Dougherty Lane - The Committee reviewed a letter of complaint from Marian Ullman of 12 Dougherty Lane dated September 11, 1996. The Selectmen and members of the Road Committee were going to try to drive out to the site individually to look over the concerns raised in Mrs. Ullman's letter. *Middle Branch Road* - All present discussed possible road relocation alternatives along Middle Branch Road as part of David and Steven Elliott's proposed subdivision. It was decided to wait until an engineering study focusing on how road placement would effect the river was completed before coming to any consensus on this issue.

At 9:25 p.m., representatives from the Planning Board came before the Selectmen for their monthly meeting. Present were: Brent Armstrong, Planning Board Chairman; Claire Dodge, Planning Coordinator; Dan Rothman, Finance Committee; Rick Riendeau, Road Committee; Ken Parnell, Finance Committee; Bo Strong, Planning Board. The Planning Board requested that the Selectmen give the C.I.P. Program some direction concerning an overall percentage increase that would be acceptable to the Board for budgetary purposes. The Selectmen felt that in two weeks, they would be able to give the Planning Board some further direction. Also discussed was the potential cost of replacing the Lyndeborough Bridge which has been closed due to structural damage and estimates of possible school expansion costs.

At 10:00 p.m., Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss a personnel issue. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - yes. The motion passed. Town Administrator Selig and Planning Coordinator Dodge were also present.

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to place Planning Secretary Deborah Wareham on FMLA Leave until she was authorized to return to work by her physician. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen also authorized Building and Highway Department Secretary Simone Hunter to fill in for Ms. Wareham's position whenever possible. The possibility of hiring a Temp Agency to fill in for Ms. Wareham was also talked about is Mrs. Hunter was unable to work additional hours in the Planning Office.

At 10:09 p.m., Chairman Goodin made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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At 10:10 p.m., The Selectmen met with the Finance Committee in preparation for the 1997 budget process. Present were: Ken Parnell and Dan Rothman. It was decided the first Finance Committee meeting would be held on November 7, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. Also discussed was the fact that a replacement would have to be found for Jim Smith who had recently resigned from the Committee.

The Selectmen reviewed a list of properties which are eligible for tax deeding.

The next department head meeting will be held on October 2, 1996. Department heads will present their long and short term planning reports to one another.

The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to send Town Counsel Leslie Nixon a copy of the Town's old franchise agreement with Showcase Cable.

Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that as part of his review of tax exempt properties, Assessor George Hildum had found that a large tract of land owned by the Croched Mountain Foundation had been allowed to remain in tax exempt status for many years in error. The Selectmen will get further information concerning this matter in the near future.

The 21st Annual Municipal Law Lecture Series is scheduled to take place on October 16, 23, and 30, 1996. The Selectmen were invited to attend by the SNPC.

Gravel pit scheduling was briefly discussed.

The Selectmen were also informed that the Forestry Committee was in the process of marking a walking trail on the Lydia Dodge Lot. As part of this endeavor, the Committee had stumbled upon some wetland area which appears to have been filled on land lying near the Friendly Beaver Campground. The Conservation Commission is concerned about this find and has asked the Selectmen to inspect the site with them. The Selectmen will try to find a date to walk the trail and inspect the site in the next few weeks.

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 10:55 p.m.



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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd I. Selig", with a date "11/2/96" written to the right of the signature.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator