

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 6, 1997

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

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

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from December 23, 1996, with amendments. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from December 30, 1996, as written. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:00 p.m., Police Chief Jim McLaughlin came before the Board of Selectmen for his monthly meeting. New Boston Police Sergeant Tim Lamy was also in attendance.

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91A-3II(a) to discuss a personnel matter at the Police Department. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - absent; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - yes. The motion passed. Town Administrator Selig, Police Chief McLaughlin, and Sergeant Lamy were also in attendance.

The Selectmen discussed some concerns and possible solutions in regard to cleaning personnel at the Police Department and authorized the Town Administrator to send the Town Hall cleaning person to the Police Department on a temporary basis in the interim.

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The Selectmen and Police Chief discussed the wage of newly hired part-time officer Stanley Zapanas. It was decided the Mr. Zapanas would be paid \$11.04 per hour for his part-time police work and \$10.00 for all hours worked as Animal Control Officer.

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Also discussed with Chief McLaughlin were the following items: adding additional telephone lines for use during emergencies at the New Boston Police Department; Chairman Goodin's idea of establishing a hot line manned by Selectmen during emergencies; completing the Police Station; and hiring a fourth full time police officer. The Board also discussed placing a non-public line at the Police Department to which Town Hall, Highway Department, and Fire Department calls could be transferred. No decisions were made regarding any of these issues.

Chairman Goodin arrived at this point in the meeting at approximately 7:25 p.m. An evaluation prepared by New Hampshire Municipal Association consultant, former Police Chief Charlie Reynolds, was reviewed by the Selectmen. The report, dated December 28, 1996, reflects very highly on Police Chief McLaughlin and the organization of the New Boston Police Department as a whole.

The Selectmen talked with Chief McLaughlin until 8:30 p.m. concerning his rationale for an additional police officer.

At 8:45 p.m., Armand and Roberta Hebert of 244 River Road came before the Selectmen to inquire what was happening in regard to their complaint concerning the alleged Winslow junkyard located at 248 River Road next to their home. The Selectmen read to them the contents of a letter to John and Mona Winslow dated January 6, 1997, which thoroughly outlines the situation. The Heberts expressed that they wanted to be sure that the Selectmen were going to take some action on the matter.

At 9:15 p.m., Fire Chief Jim Dodge came before the Board of Selectmen. Chief Dodge explained that a number of contractors have approached the Fire Department concerning purchasing the frame of the Old Foster Place located on Bedford Road after all practice burning by the Fire Department has been completed. Chairman Goodin indicated that she would have to think about this possibility before making a decision. Chief Dodge said that he would keep the Board up to date as the matter progressed.

Chief Dodge also explained to the Selectmen that he planned to speak with the Building Inspector about inspecting chimneys during new construction of homes. This was due to the fact that recent Francestown Road and Lull Road chimney fires had recently started due to poorly made chimneys. The Fire Department feels that if the Building Inspector issues a certificate of

occupancy, he should first inspect chimneys at least two times to ensure that they are made properly and according to code.

The first day for candidates in towns with non-partisan official ballot systems to file for office is January 22, 1997. The end of the filing period is January 31, 1997.

The Selectmen reviewed a packet of thank you notes from the children at the New Boston Central School to the Highway Department for the "plow safety" course which was put on for them a number of weeks ago. The pictures and notes from the students were very interesting.

The Board reviewed a letter from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services dated December 30, 1996, concerning sloughing at the New Boston Landfill.

Chairman Goodin will be interviewed by Channel 13, New Boston's new community access channel out of Nashua, this Saturday, January 11, 1997, at 12:00 p.m.

The Annual Fire Department Oyster Stew is scheduled for this Wednesday, January 8, 1997, at 6:00 p.m.

The Whipple Free Library Building Committee will hold a public information session on the proposed Library expansion for New Boston residents on Sunday, January 12, 1997, at 2:00 p.m. at the New Boston Community Church.

The Selectmen authorized the Road Agent to purchase a 4000 watt welder/generator for a price of \$2,800.00. This figure will be added to the Highway Department's 1997 budget.

The next department head meeting will be on Wednesday, January 8, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.

The Selectmen discussed the possibility of revising the Town's current Holiday Schedule to include a floating holiday. It was felt that the matter should be discussed with the department heads at this week's meeting.

The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Selig to have the Road Agent provide them with a written list of unfinished projects for the Board to review.

Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

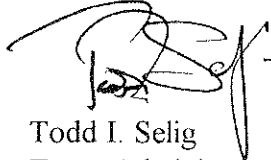
The Board reviewed and/or signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.



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Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to adjourn at 10:25 p.m. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator