

**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**February 3 & 8, 1997**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 3, 1997 by Chairman Goodin.

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

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from January 13, 1997, with amendments. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board of Selectmen met with Building Inspector Dennis Sarette concerning possible illegal occupancy issues regarding property at 189 Parker Road owned by Mr. Richard LaBranch, as well as an application for a temporary trailer permit at 189 Parker Road (Tax Map 003-110). Concerning Mr. LaBranch's temporary trailer permit application, Mr. Sarette explained that the trailer in question was capable of being hooked up to septic and water and was not entirely gutted for storage purposes as the Board had been led to believe. With this additional information, Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to deny the temporary trailer permit application submitted by Mr. LaBranch as per local ordinance. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Selig was asked to notify Mr. LaBranch of the Board's decision. In addition, the Board discussed numerous occupancy issues which are outlined at great length in a letter from the Planning Board to the New Boston Building Inspector dated January 23, 1997. After careful consideration, the Board and Mr. Sarette concluded that the New Boston Planning Board's advice should be followed given the circumstances surrounding the issues. All present felt that if Mr. LaBranch disagreed with the decision, an appeal process would be open to him through the Zoning Board of Adjustment in New Boston.

At 8:00 p.m., John and Mona Winslow of 248 River Road came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss how the Board and the Winslows would like to proceed with past due taxes on this parcel (Tax Map and Lot 005-064). Mr. Winslow described his current financial situation and discussed various alternative payment plans which the Board has made available to him. Ultimately, the Board agreed to abate the 1990 and 1991 interest (totaling approximately \$3,284.17 as of 1/24/97) due on the parcel leaving approximately \$17,639.00 in unpaid taxes, interest, and fees due on the property now deeded by the Town of New Boston. This action was done as a matter of fairness due to the fact that interest on a number of parcels from this period was forgiven because the Town had not perfected its liens on those tax years. Mr. Winslow agreed to bring in a certified bank check by the end of the week for \$3,650.00 to be applied toward this sum. In addition, Mr. Winslow will bring in monthly payments of \$250.00 to be applied toward said sum

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to the Selectmen's Office by the first business day of each month. Interest and fees will continue to compound as per State law and local ordinance on unpaid taxes. Should Mr. Winslow miss 3 payments over the course of a twelve month period, he will be evicted from the Town owned property. Mr. Winslow will also be required to work with the Town Building Inspector to ensure that no violations of the Town or State junkyard ordinance exist on site. This arrangement is not intended to serve as a legal contract between the Town of New Boston and John & Mona Winslow. The Board merely holds these requirements as a current minimum standard for the Winslows to follow in order to continue to occupy and utilize said Town owned property.

At 8:30 p.m., Brenda Lind of 174 Joe English Road came before the Board of Selectmen to be interviewed as an applicant for the New Boston Conservation Commission. The Conservation Commission has recommended that Ms. Lind be appointed as an alternate member to replace William Ingram's vacant seat which expires in March of 1998. Ms. Lind explained that her professional background is in conservation related issues. She has wanted to get involved with the Conservation Commission for some time but only recently have her children grown old enough to give her the necessary spare time to serve. Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to appoint Brenda Lind to the remainder of William Ingram's term as an alternate on the Conservation Commission. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Selig reported that he had spoken with Phil Consolini on the telephone regarding the vacancy on the Planning Board left by Lucien Tessier's resignation as a regular member with a term expiring in March of 1998. Mr. Consolini stated that he would prefer that Diane Manson be appointed as a regular member position as her schedule makes her more available at the present time. Mr. Consolini also stated that since Harold Strong plans to resign from the Planning Board in March of 1997 to run for a two year Selectman's seat, Consolini could be appointed as a regular member of the Planning Board in March. Selectman Carlstrom also made a motion to appoint Diane Manson of 86 Jessica Lane as a regular member of the New Boston Planning Board. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Her term will expire in March of 1998.

Mr. Selig reported that Police Chief James McLaughlin was taking this week as a vacation week.

The Selectmen reviewed "1996 Milestones" prepared by Rena Davis and offered additional suggestions for the 1996 Town Report.

The Board received a letter of resignation from George St. John, Sr. dated February 3, 1997 in which Mr. St. John resigned from the New Boston Road Committee, effective as of this date.

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The Board discussed the possibility of placing a warrant article on the 1997 Town Warrant asking for a 1 year moratorium on sludge/biosolid applications in New Boston. Selectman Goodin was generally in favor of the idea. Selectman Carlstrom was generally against the idea. The entire Board felt that the Planning Board, Solid Waste Committee, and Conservation Commission appeared to be over reacting to the biosolid issue basing their concerns on a bulk mailing from a N.H. resident who has absolutely no scientific or technical background in regard to the issue. The Board generally felt that more investigation should be given to the issue before discussing the matter at 1997 Town Meeting in the form of a moratorium.

The Selectmen discussed their view that it is important to advocate community partnerships with neighboring townships and therefore decided to hold the 1997 Household Hazardous Waste Day with Francestown. Mr. Selig was asked to notify Francestown of the Selectmen's decision. The Board also discussed the fact that due to dwindling participation statistics, it may be wise to begin holding Household Hazardous Waste Day every other year. Selectman Goodin made a motion to hold HHWD every other year after 1997. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the possibility of handing out Certificates of Appreciation at 1997 Town Meeting. This issue will be discussed again in the near future.

The Board discussed the fact that it will make copies of the 1996 Clark Hill Road Study Report available to residents for perusal at the Town Hall and Whipple Free Library. A copy of the report will not be included in the 1996 Town Report.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the proposed 1997 Town Budget and related warrant articles and decided that a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, 1997, to make final budgetary decisions for the public hearing scheduled for Monday, February 10, 1997. Mr. Selig was asked to try to contact Selectman Pimenta to see if he would be able to attend. Mr. Selig stated that to date, he had not been able to contact Selectman Pimenta either by phone or pager.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting on February 3, 1997 was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 8, 1997, by Chairman Goodin to discuss the proposed 1997 Town Budget and related warrant articles.

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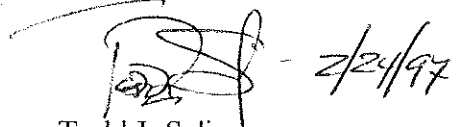
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All aspects of the 1997 Town Budget and related warrant articles were discussed in great detail.

After much discussion, the Board of Selectmen decided to give an across the board wage increase, with a number of exceptions, of 2.5%. All other decisions are noted on the official proposed 1997 Town Budget and Warrant as presented by the Board of Selectmen on February 10, 1997. Please see that document filed with other Selectmen's Meeting Minutes in the Selectmen's Minutes Folder located at the Town Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

 - 2/24/97  
Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator