

## Town of New Boston

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 24, 1997

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  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from January 3 & 8, 1997, with amendments. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Goodin opened a public hearing at 7:01 p.m. on proposed changes to the New Boston Elderly Exemption Ordinance to read as follows:

**1997 Warrant Article 4.** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of New Boston, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$10,000.00; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$15,000.00; for a person 80 years of age or older \$20,000.00. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$19,000.00 or, if married, a combined net income of less than \$27,000.00; and own net assets not in excess of \$60,000.00. *[N.H. law has changed requiring Towns to modify their elderly exemption ordinances to meet the new State statute. This article makes no substantive changes to the current ordinance except that the Selectmen have recommend an increase to the minimum asset level allowable to qualify for New Boston's elderly exemption from \$30,000.00 (excluding value of residence) to \$60,000.00.]* (Majority vote required).

Present were: Chairman Goodin, Selectman Carlstrom, Town Administrator Selig, and Harold "Bo" Strong. Chairman Goodin explained the implications of the proposed ordinance to Mr. Strong. There being no further comment, the public hearing was closed at 7:16 p.m.

Mr. Strong presented the Board of Selectmen his letter of resignation dated February 20, 1997 from the New Boston Planning Board, as well as his resignation dated February 20, 1997 from the New Boston Road Committee, both effective upon the close of the March 4, 1997 Planning Board Meeting. Mr. Strong explained that his resignation letters were due to the fact that he was running for the position of Selectmen at 1997 Town Meeting. Chairman Goodin made a motion to accept Mr. Strong's two letters of resignation. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The Board thanked Mr. Strong for his years of service to the Town of New Boston.

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The Board quickly reviewed a sample health ordinance submitted by the Planning Board to the Selectmen. The members of the Board of Selectmen will look over the material for a future discussion concerning the matter. Mr. Selig was asked to send a copy of the sample ordinances to Dr. Brenner, the Health Officer for New Boston.

The Board discussed potential individuals to whom a Certificate of Appreciation could be awarded at 1997 Town Meeting. A number of possible names were discussed.

Town Administrator Selig explained that he was in the process of putting together a Wetlands Application for the removal of two sections of the Parker Mill Dam from the Piscataquog River. The application would be submitted to the State Department of Environmental Services by the end of the week.

Chairman Goodin reported on a meeting which took place between PSNH and officials from the Town of New Boston on February 14, 1997 concerning the electric company's performance during an extended power outage in December of 1996. The officials from PSNH provided the municipality with a series of emergency contact numbers for use during future power outages. The company also promised to provide a liaison if requested by the Town to handle public inquiries and reported power outages during a future prolonged outage. Overall, it was a fairly productive session with the power provider.

The Board reviewed a letter dated February 24, 1997 from the Town of New Boston to the State Department of Environmental Services concerning sloughing at the New Boston Landfill as a result of flooding on October 21, 1996. Mr. Selig indicated that he would follow up on the letter over the course of the week with a series of telephone calls.

The Board briefly reviewed two proposed subdivision plans: Bradford Knight on Bedford Road; and Forest Hill Estates located on Wilson Hill Road.

The Board reviewed materials in preparation for 1997 Town Meeting. Town Moderator Lee Nyquist plans to come before the Board on March 3, 1997 to discuss Town Meeting preparation as well.

The Board did not have an opportunity to review the draft version of the New Boston Personnel Plan. If time permits, this will be discussed on March 3, 1997.

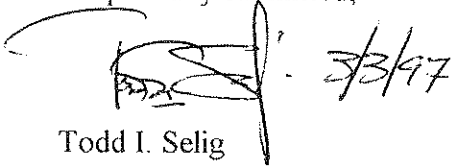
The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Todd I. Selig', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date '3/3/97' is written in a similar cursive style.

Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator