

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

May 12, 1997

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

PRESENT: Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman
Harold C. Strong, Selectman
Susan J. Clay, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Strong made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from April 21, 1997, April 28, 1997, and May 5, 1997. Chairman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes. The motion passed.

The Board of Selectmen walked to the New Boston Fire Department at 7:30 p.m. to view the New Boston internet page which a volunteer firefighter has set up for the community.

At 8:20 p.m., the Selectmen met with representatives from the New Boston Library Board of Trustees to discuss the Whipple Free Library Building Expansion Project. Trustee Chairman Ken Wiggin led the presentation with technical questions being answered by Tim Cady who utilized color drawings to illustrate the current plan alternatives. Parking was a major issue which was discussed and reviewed including varying options concerning parking between the Whipple Free Library and the New Boston Community Church (and Nan's House) along Mill Street. The Trustees expressed their feeling that although parking was a major issue for the Library, a separate committee consisting of many Town departments and officials should look at the overall parking issue. The Library Trustees would certainly be willing to participate on such a committee, but felt that this issue was far too broad for their time constraints and was largely beyond their jurisdiction. The Selectmen looked favorably upon the various parking plans discussed.

The Selectmen reviewed the draft 1997 Town Meeting Minutes in an effort to assist Town Clerk Margit Hooper in their preparation. Selectman Carlstrom felt that it would be nice to include the names of the individuals who seconded motions at Town Meeting next year. Selectman Carlstrom also felt that it might be nice to include the text of articles decided at the polls in the minutes themselves, as opposed to merely a reference to them in the warrant for a specified year.

Mr. Selig reported on the New Hampshire Main Street Program which he learned about last Tuesday, May 8, 1997 in Lincoln.

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Selectman Strong updated the Board on the May 6, 1997 Planning Board meeting. The Clark Hill Road Scenic Road Hearing as well as the public hearing on the Master Plan are scheduled for May 20, 1997. The Planning Board will hold the meeting at the New Boston Central School.

The Selectmen authorized the hiring of Marcy Elliott as a part-time cleaning employee at the New Boston Police Department. This is generally a 5 hour per week position.

The dedication of additional names for the War Memorial on the Town Common is scheduled for Friday May 30, 1997 at 9:00 a.m. The Selectmen are scheduled to attend a training session at the New Hampshire Municipal Association in Concord at this time and will therefore issue a proclamation to be read by Joe English Grange member Howard Towne.

The Selectmen discussed the ownership of the Parker Road Bridge which separates New Boston from Goffstown near the blueberry farm on Parker Road. Both Selectman Strong and former Road Agent Almus Chancey remember the buried granite marker for the Town Line in this location as being 30 feet or so on the New Boston side of the bridge along Parker Road. This would make the bridge a 100% Goffstown owned structure.

The Board decided to set up a site visit based on Building Inspector Dennis Sarette's review of the Tingley Family Trust gravel pit inspection report on Tax Map 008-106 & 008-107. Mr. Selig will set this walk up in the near future.

The Board received a copy of a letter from Don Grosso dated May 5, 1997 addressed to the Board of Licensors for Land Surveyors in New Hampshire regarding work done by a surveyor hired by Lee Brown and Lou Maynard on his property. The Board decided to take no action on this matter.

Selectman Clay had to leave the meeting at approximately 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Selig reported that Recreation Director Sandy Gallup had heard that a child fell through the railing of the Playground Association bleachers located at the ballfield in back of the Town Hall. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to have Building Inspector Dennis Sarette inspect the bleachers to ensure that they were safe for the public to utilize and to point out any repairs that would be needed to ensure their safety. The Selectmen will then forward this report to the Playground Association for their review.

Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that the Recreation Commission felt constrained by the 1996 UNH report dealing with the Old Coach Road ballfield area in which passive recreational uses were discussed and recommended. In 1996, the then Board of Selectmen decided that no further ballfield or active recreational development would be allowable on the property based on the UNH study. The present Board of Selectmen discussed the matter, however, and decided that the

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Recreation Commission should feel free to propose any project which it feels is appropriate for the property to the Selectmen. The Board will then review the proposal and decide whether the project will be allowed. Ideas/possibilities for the property are therefore only limited by the Recreation Commission's imagination.

Mr. Armand Hebert stopped in to see Mr. Selig earlier this week to inquire when the Board plans to inspect the former Winslow property for alleged junkyard and pollution violations. The Board asked Mr. Selig to contact Town Counsel Leslie Nixon to determine exactly what the Town can require on the property now that it has been tax dedeed by New Boston. The Board will await Leslie Nixon's response before scheduling an inspection date.

Due to parking constraints in the Town Hall parking lot, the Board discussed the possibility of storing/parking the Recreation Van at the Highway Department until its use is necessary, at which time the vehicle could be stored temporarily at the Town Hall lot. Mr. Selig will look into the viability of this idea in the next few weeks.

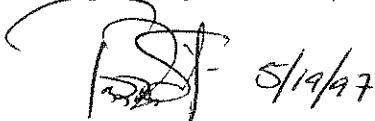
The Board briefly discussed the disposal process for used asphalt by the Highway Department. This issue will be discussed further at the next Monthly Meeting with Road Agent Murray.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator