

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

June 2, 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

The Board of Selectmen did not have any appointments this evening.

The Selectmen reviewed pages 14-23 of the New Boston Draft Personnel Plan and made changes where appropriate.

The Board discussed the Memorial Day Ceremony and dedication of additional names to the New Boston War Memorial which was held on the Town Common on Friday, May 30, 1997. All appears to have gone well.

Selectman Susan Clay and her husband Tom Speck have planted new grass seeds on portions of the Town Common. Generally speaking, people Selectman Clay and Town Administrator Selig have spoken with prefer keeping the grass in the current locations on the Common. If the quality of grass is not improved this year as a result of Susan and Tom's efforts, the Selectmen will look again at the ideas presented by the Recreation Department.

Trash pickup on the Town Common has become a problem. The Recreation Department no longer wants to be responsible for picking up the garbage in this location as promised when the Board gave permission for trash receptacles to be placed on the Common. Instead, they would like the Highway Department to take on this additional responsibility. Town Administrator Selig explained that he had asked the Town Hall Cleaning Person to empty the trash bins but she had been unable to comply because the bags were too heavy to lift and too smelly to put in her car. Mr. Selig recommended going back to a carry-in/carry-out policy similar to the one used by the Park Service, coupled with an extensive ad campaign to make residents conscious of the fact that the Town Common belongs to all of us should be kept clean. Selectman Clay made a motion that unless the Recreation Department could find volunteers to take care of the trash receptacles on the Common on a regular basis as originally promised, the garbage cans would be removed and the Highway Department would bring down and then remove a 50 gallon drum during concerts as has been done in the past. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Town officials will meet with representatives from NYNEX concerning the recent E-911 failure on June 18, 1997, at 9:00 a.m., in the Town Hall Conference Room. The Town has asked a representative from the N.H. Bureau of Emergency Services to attend as well.

Police Chief Jim McLaughlin is looking into parking signs to regulate parking in back of the Historical Building as per the Selectmen's request. The Board will discuss this further once more information becomes available.

Selectman Clay reported on the "New Officials Workshop" sponsored by the New Hampshire Municipal Association which she and Mr. Selig attended on Friday, May 30, 1997, in Concord.

The next Department Head Meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday morning, June 4, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. A multi-media presentation concerning weather/storm system monitoring during emergency operations will be featured.

The Board decided it would send a postcard to all abutters along the section of Clark Hill Road where trees will be cut as part of Alternative 4/Phase I of the Clark Hill Road upgrade approved at 1997 Town Meeting. The postcard will inquire as to whether the abutters want to keep wood that is cut along the road.

The Board discussed the Horton residence at 20 McCollum Road which recently burned to the ground. The Fire Department raised \$1,500.00 for the family at yesterday's breakfast. The Friends of Recreation have donated \$500.00 to the family to help buy clothes. The Board discussed whether it would revise the property assessment on the parcel due to the fire. State law states that the Selectmen shall assess the value of a property as of April 1st each year. However, some towns such as Gilmanton do make adjustments due to fire after April 1st. New Boston Contract Assessor George Hildum recommends that the Board stick to the April 1st deadline. The Board decided that it would take no action at this time. If the Hortons desire to apply for an abatement after the second-half tax billing, the Board would be happy to consider the matter at that time. In this manner, all issues surrounding the property/building could be considered including the rebuilding schedule, financial status of the family, legal hardships, etc.

The following individuals have expressed an interest in serving on a variety of Town Committees:

Finance Committee (1)

Fred Surette
Kim DiPietro
Mike Pimenta
Darlene Goodin

FLESA (2)

Roger Gagnon
Tim White
Joe Constance
Tom Speck
Clifton Wilson
Kim DiPietro

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Forestry (1)

Ken Marvell

Tim Trimbur

Tom Speck

PRLAC (1)

None

Conservation Commission (1)

None - S/B Advertised.

Solid Waste Committee (2)

None

Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint Kim DiPietro to the New Boston Finance Committee for a three year term to expire in March of 2000. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - no; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. The motion passed. Mrs. DiPietro will fill the vacant seat formerly occupied by Mr. James H. Dane for many years. Mr. Dane chose not to seek reappointment to the Committee.

Selectman Strong made a motion to appoint Tim Trimbur as an associate member on the New Boston Forestry Committee for the remainder of Alan Briere's associate term expiring in March of 1998. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The N.H. Road Agent Association's "10th Annual Mountain of Demonstrations" is scheduled for June 20, 1997 at Waterville Estates in Waterville, NH.

Town Counsel Leslie Nixon has been sent a long letter asking questions about George O. St. John's expired temporary trailer permit, the former Winslow property on River Road tax dedeed by the Town, and the general handling and disposition of tax dedeed property in New Boston.

Town Administrator Selig and Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge are inviting three individuals in to meet with them tomorrow and Wednesday for the Planning Board Recording Secretary vacancy. Successful candidate(s) will be asked back at the end of the week for additional testing. Mr. Selig will recommend a finalist to the Selectmen on June 16, 1997, time permitting.

The Selectmen read over the "1997 Work Plan For The Johnson Lot" submitted by Forestry Committee Member Dave Allen.

U.S. Senators Bob Smith and Judd Gregg will send representatives to the New Boston Town Hall to meet with constituents on June 23 (2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.) and June 26, 1997 (2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.), respectively.

The New Hampshire Municipal Management Association has nominated Town Administrator Selig to serve on the "ICMA First Time Administrators Task Force" representing N.H. at the National level at the ICMA Annual Conference in September of 1997 in Vancouver, Canada.

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The Selectmen are scheduled to tour the N.B.A.F. Tracking Station at 7:00 p.m. on June 30, 1997.

Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that Mr. Lee Beers has died.

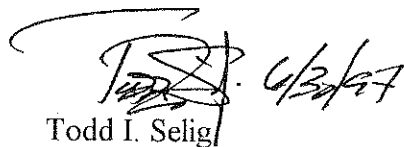
The next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for June 16, 1997.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

Selectman Clay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd I. Selig", followed by the date "6/3/97". The signature is written over a horizontal line.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator