

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 11, 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, Chairman
Harold C. Strong, Selectman
Susan J. Clay, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

The Board did not have an opportunity to review the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from June 16, 1997, July 14, 1997, or July 28, 1997.

At 7:00 p.m., Road Agent Lee Murray met with the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Selig for his monthly meeting. At present, all wetlands permits pertaining to work within wetland jurisdictions which must be conducted by the Highway Department on the following projects are on hold pending wetland permit approval: McCurdy Road, Clark Hill Road, Meadow Road, Colburn Road Bridge. Cutting will commence on Clark Hill Road in the next week. On Clark Hill Road, Mr. Murray stated that the Town will stump, widen, replace culverts, and gravel as far as appropriated funds will take us along Phase I of Alternative 4 as outlined in the 1996 Clark Hill Road Study Report. The Selectmen decided to ask contractors including Neville, Jenkins, Wheeler, D&S, Gomes, and LeBaron to give price estimates on the stumping, gravel, and ledge work along Clark Hill Road. Road Agent Murray and Selectman Strong will drive the road to determine the extent of what must be done.

The Selectmen and Road Agent Murray expressed their frustration with the inefficiency of the N.H. Department of Environmental Services in processing wetland applications at the present time. It was also their view that New Boston's representatives to the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee (PRLAC) should convey the Selectmen's concerns that if the PRLAC is going to be more active in reviewing applications, such as the Colburn Road Bridge project, it should meet every month to review applications. At present, the PRLAC's decision not to meet in August 1997 will delay the Town's Colburn Road Bridge project until its next meeting in September 1997.

The Selectmen discussed Mr. Wilfred Klardie's request to have PSNH/telephone poles installed along the Class VI Pulpit Road to his son's campsite located on Pulpit Road on the Klardie's land. The Selectmen did not have a problem with this as long as Mr. Klardie understood that the camp site may not become the son's residence per Town zoning unless the property was subdivided. In addition, the Selectmen were clear that if at some later date Mr. Klardie applies to the Planning Board for a subdivision, he may have to widen the road and relocate the polls at his expense. Town Administrator Selig stated that he and Building Inspector Dennis Sarette had explained to

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Mr. Klardie all of this information on site on August 7, 1997 at 1:00 p.m. Mr. Klardie had stated he understood all of this information. A written follow up will also be sent to Mr. Klardie by Town Administrator Selig.

The Selectmen discussed skateboarding problems in front of the Whipple Free Library. It was suggested by the Selectmen that perhaps the Police Department could send the kids to the parking area in back of the Historical Building for use as a skateboarding area. The Selectmen did not, however, want the kids skateboarding on the brick walkway near the gazebo on the Common. Mr. Selig said he would speak with the Police Department about the matter.

The Selectmen discussed the renaming of Helena Drive and Middle Branch Road to Newman Wilson Road and Twin Bridge Road, respectively. Present for the discussion were Laura Robbins of 76 Helena Drive and Road Agent Murray. There were also several abutters, Selectman Strong made a motion to change the name of the Middle Branch Road from Route 77 to the Weare Town line to Twin Bridge Road to improve Emergency 911 response. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Many of the residents along Helena Drive, including the Robbins, were against changing the name of Helena Drive. It was generally felt that unless the Town was going to open the road to through traffic to Newman Wilson Road in Weare, it made little sense to change the name of Helena Drive. The Selectmen agreed with this logic and were appreciative of the responses they received. Selectman Strong made a motion not to change the name of Helena Drive at the present time. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., the Selectmen met with representatives from the Recreation Department and the Friends of Recreation concerning whether to hire a volunteer, part-time, or full time recreation director to replace Sandy Gallup. This issue was discussed previously by the Selectmen on July 28, 1997. The following people were in attendance: Sandy Gallup, Sharon Gagnon, Nancy Clark, Pete Martinelli, Lydia Peak, Mike Pavesi, Al Romano, and Mark Frawley. Generally speaking, it was the consensus of all in the audience that the Town should stick with a full time director to coordinate the Recreation Department. Mike Pavesi voiced the volunteer's concerns that they already have a lot on their plates and could not also take on the director's responsibilities. Selectman Clay felt that it was important to discuss the issue since people call her regularly to complain about the high tax rate in New Boston. She wanted to be sure that the need really existed for the full time position before voting on the issue. Both Selectmen Strong and Carlstrom agreed that, given the views expressed this evening, it was important to hire a new full time director. Town Administrator Selig suggested advertising the position at between \$17,000.00 and \$26,400.00 per year, depending on qualifications and experience. Peter Martinelli and other members of the Recreation Commission warned against beginning someone at too low a wage, suggesting that it may turn away good candidates and decrease longevity. The Selectmen felt that the suggested wage span was appropriate. It was also decided that the search committee

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for the position would consist of Town Administrator Selig, Recreation Director Sandy Gallup, Commissioner Mary Ellen Compagna, Friend Lydia Peak, and Friend Al Romano. This five member committee will review all applications and recommend the top three candidates to the Selectmen for review and hiring.

Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune and Mr. Selig are putting together information and figures for improvements to the burn pit area.

The Board did not have any objections to John Winslow donating some old chain link fence to the Police Department to put around the NBPD generator. John Winslow spoke with Chief McLaughlin about this last week and unexpectedly dropped the fence off within a few days. Chief McLaughlin has stated that he would like to use the fence.

Selectman Strong made a motion to award the 1997/98 Total Revaluation to AVITAR who has agreed to do the job for \$86,700.00. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town's department heads discussed the Draft Personnel Plan last Wednesday morning and generally were very satisfied. A question which was brought up was adding benefits for part-time employees and enhancing retirement benefits for full time employees. The Board of Selectmen felt strongly that the Town could not afford to provide said benefits to either part-time or full time employees planning to retire.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for August 12, 1997.

Last month the Town applied to the NHMA-Health Insurance Trust to see if New Boston could have the Trust pay for on-site flu vaccine shots for full time employees for free. The Town has been notified that the application was approved.

The NHMA/SNHPC Municipal Law Lecture Series is scheduled for October 15, 22, & 29, 1997 at the UNH Auditorium in Manchester from 7-9:00 p.m. This is a worthwhile series which focuses on land use issues. Selectman Strong and Town Administrator Selig both plan to attend.

The Town has received three quotes for work on the slough at the Town Landfill: CSSI - \$16,500.00 (+ \$4,000.00 maintenance contract if the Town is interested); D&S - \$24,850; R.E. Jenkins - \$34,000.00. The Town's engineer GZA recommends CSSI and is not sure the extra \$4,000.00 maintenance contract is worth while providing mowing, fertilizer, water, etc. GZA is talking to the State Department of Environmental Services one more time this week to see if there are further comments from them. Work will therefore begin toward the end of the month. Selectman Clay made a motion to utilize CSSI for \$16,500.00. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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The International City/County (ICMA) Management Association has appointed Town Administrator Selig to a task force which will look at what ICMA can do to better provide first time administrators with the resources they need to be effective managers. The Committee's first meeting will be in Vancouver, Canada at the ICMA Annual Meeting this September.

The Board discussed what it wants to do with the Landfill Closure Reimbursement Funds the Town has received from the State. In September the Selectmen will set the tax rate and must determine whether these funds will be used to reduce taxes or be saved for discussion at 1998 Town Meeting. The Selectmen would like to have the funds available for discussion at 1998 Town Meeting.

Two Gravel pit inspections must be scheduled by the Selectmen: 1) New Boston Aggregate - River Road; 2) Tingley Family Trust - Mont Vernon Road. The Selectmen will inspect the Tingley pit on Thursday, August 21, 1997, at 6:30 p.m. with Walter (Bucky) Leach.

The Selectmen decided to send Building Inspector Dennis Sarette to the Police Department to draw up specifications for the locker room and shower facilities in the building. This will be put out to bid this fall/winter in preparation for 1998 Town Meeting.

The Selectmen played a song called *New England To Me* on the tape recorder for all present to hear. Ms. Darlene Chamberlain has dedicated the song to the Town of New Boston as it was when she was driving through the community that she was inspired to write the lyrics. The melody was written by Mr. Steve Fredericks.

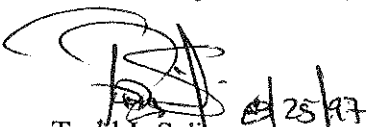
The next regular Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for August 25, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

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 at 9:45 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator

Town of New Boston

Joint New Boston School Board & Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes

August 21, 1997

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

Following the Board of Selectmen's 6:30 p.m. inspection of the Tingley Family Trust gravel pit located on Mont Vernon Road, Tax Map & Lots 008-106 and 008-107, with Walter Leach, the Selectmen met in a joint session with members of the New Boston School Board in the Town Hall Conference Room. **The following School Board members were present: Chairman Marti Wolf, Heidi Risman-Jones, Deborah O'Rourke, Elaine Tostevin, and Kevin Larmand.** Also present in the audience were John Gingrich of 39 Wilson Hill Road and Laura Robbins of 76 Helena Drive. The joint meeting began at approximately 7:00 p.m.

The two Boards discussed growth and expansion issues surrounding the New Boston Central School (NBCS). It was discussed that the School Board will not likely ask to bond a school addition at 1998 School Meeting, however, this issue has not been discussed thoroughly by the School Board. At the very least, the portable classrooms which have recently been placed at the NBCS will remain in place with a strong likelihood of another being added in 1998. Discussion took place concerning the failure of the bond proposal which was presented at 1997 School Meeting.

The Selectmen brought up the issue of utilizing sand from the hill behind the NBCS for winter snow operations by the New Boston Highway Department. It was decided that next summer the Highway Department would dig some test pits to determine whether there is sufficient sand in this location for winter use. If present, it will be excavated while the children are out on summer vacation.

The School Board is looking into the merits of forming/joining a Cooperative School District with Goffstown and Dunbarton. There will be a series of information sessions concerning the idea of a Cooperative District for residents of New Boston to attend this fall.

Marti Wolf brought up the fact that new laws have been passed which prohibit the use of tobacco products on school grounds. The School Board plans to enforce these regulations during the day time. It will be up to the Selectmen to enforce them in the evening. The Selectmen felt that perhaps Selectman and State Representative Susan Clay would look into the matter further to see if the new tobacco laws were intended to be imposed on a multi-purpose building such as the Thomas Mansfield Gymnasium. In a telephone conversation earlier in the day, Selectman Clay had felt that they were not.

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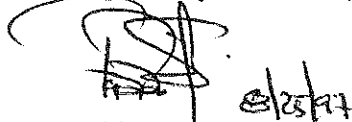
The Selectmen stated that responsibility for maintaining the new emergency generator at the NBCS would fall under the Board of Selectmen's Emergency Management/Civil Defense budget. The reason is that the generator is intended to power the Town's emergency shelter which is located at the NBCS.

Marti Wolf brought up the fact that although the Thomas Mansfield Gymnasium is used in great part by the Town, its maintenance and upkeep falls under the School Budget. The School Board asked the Selectmen to recognize and acknowledge this fact and provide some support for the School Board's Budget during budget season as it pertains to the Gymnasium. The Board of Selectmen did not have an issue with this request and acknowledged that the Gymnasium was indeed a community facility.

The two Boards decided to attempt to meet quarterly to stay in touch with each other's concerns/issues. The next joint meeting between the Selectmen and School Board has therefore been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 6, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Selectmen discussed miscellaneous other issues at the close of the joint meeting with the New Boston School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Selig', with a large, sweeping flourish above it.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator