

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 25, 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 Selectmen discussed the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes of June 16, 1997. Selectman Strong made a motion not to include the resumes of the final two applicants for the Planning Board Recording Secretary position with the minutes of June 16, 1997, nor to allow them to be disclosed to the public. Chairman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - no. The motion passed. Selectman Strong then made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from June 16, 1997, as written. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from July 14, 1997 and August 11, 1997. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from July 28, 1997. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - abstained; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. The motion passed.

Selectman Strong made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from August 21, 1997. Chairman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - abstained; The motion passed.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board of Selectmen, Building Inspector Dennis Sarette, and Town Administrator Selig met with Mr. John Winslow to inspect the former Winslow Property at 248 River Road to ensure it was in compliance with Town and State junkyard laws. Building Inspector Dennis Sarette made an inventory of items which will have to be removed so as not to qualify as a junkyard. The Board stressed to Mr. Winslow that they would hold him to his promise and assurance made to them on July 28, 1997 that the property to be cleaned up by the end of October 1997. The Selectmen will send Mr. Selig and Mr. Sarette to inspect the site again to keep track of clean up progress within the next two weeks or so.

At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Cindy Romano came before the Board of Selectmen to interview for the position of Recreation Department Secretary. Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(b) to discuss the hiring of a person as a public employee.

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Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. The motion passed unanimously. Town Administrator Selig was present for the interview.

The Selectmen met with Cindy Romano and discussed the part-time 25 hour per week Recreation Secretary position paying \$7.25 per hour. Selectman Clay made a motion to hire Cindy Romano as the Recreation Department Secretary. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed their inspection of the Tingley gravel pit with Walter Leach on August 21, 1997. It was decided that the old cars which do not belong to either Mr. Leach or the Tingleys would have to be removed. Also, the Selectmen are concerned about the lack of separating and stockpiling of loam at the pit. The Selectmen will discuss in the future the issue of whether bonding for new open area is required under the Town's gravel ordinances.

The Board authorized using Mr. Skip Gomes for repairs which must be done to the New Boston Central School dry hydrant located across from the school on Route 13. The estimated cost of repair is \$4,750.00. Fire Chief Jim Dodge has recommended using Skip again as he repaired the hydrant last year and is familiar with the work.

The Selectmen asked to have the Police Department prevent children from skateboarding in front of the Whipple Free Library due to the safety hazards which this activity creates for both motorists and children. A temporary alternate site has been specified as the curbed area behind the Historical Building. This privilege will be revoked if the children abuse the site or its surroundings. Over the long term, the Town is looking into creating a skateboard park off of Depot Street.

The Selectmen discussed whether "Davis Drive" or "Davis Lane" was the correct street name for the old Wilson Lane located in New Boston. This problem has arisen due to the fact the records the Town has say "Davis Drive" while the street is marked "Davis Lane." Selectman Clay made a motion to change the name of the road officially from Davis Drive to Davis Lane. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow evening, August 26, 1997. Harold "Bo" Strong is up for reappointment as New Boston's representative to the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) for a four year term. He must first, however, be nominated by the Planning Board before he can be reappointed by the Selectmen. Selectman Clay will bring this matter up before the Planning Board to see if they plan to renominate Mr. Strong.

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In addition, the SNHPC annual meeting is scheduled for September 19, 1997 at 7:15 p.m. at the Chateau Restaurant in Manchester. Selectman Clay also brought up two of her concerns that the Planning Board uses far too much paper in making unnecessary photocopies for its members, and that the demeanor of members should be more professional at Planning Board meetings.

An all boards meeting is scheduled to take place at the next Selectmen's Meeting on September 8, 1997 to discuss the proposed Library expansion project.

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. All of the Selectmen indicated that they would like to attend.

Mr. William Ingram has resigned from his position at the New Boston Transfer Station and Recycling Center. The Selectmen authorized a search to replace Mr. Ingram.

Mr. Warren Houghton recently purchased his brother Carl's property located on 4 Lyndeborough Road and would like to know whether the Selectmen would be willing to forgive some of the past interest so that he could pay off the overdue 1995 & 1996 taxes on the property more quickly. Mr. Houghton just paid off the 1994 taxes and interest. Mr. Houghton was informed that this was not routinely done by the Selectmen and that it ultimately would be up to the Selectmen. The approximate taxes due are as follows: 1995 Taxes - \$2828.17; 1995 Fees - \$36.00; 1995 Interest - \$680.62; 1996 Taxes - \$3064.44; 1996 Fees - \$10.00; 1996 Interest - \$187.39; 1997 1st 1/2 Taxes - \$1,422.00. The Board decided that it would not make any special arrangement with Mr. Houghton as requested. The Selectmen attempt to treat all taxpayers equally and fairly and it was felt that treating Mr. Houghton as a special case would be unfair to the other taxpayers of the community.

The Board discussed concerns over making Mill Street one-way expressed by Mrs. Ella Daniels. This issue will be discussed further on September 8, 1997.

The Board discussed the possibility of nominating Ella and Leon Daniels of New Boston for the New Hampshire Municipal Association Volunteer Award. Mr. Selig will prepare the necessary paperwork.

The Board scheduled a gravel pit inspection at the New Boston Aggregate pit located on River Road for Friday, September 5, 1997, at 1:00 p.m.

The Board decided to replace, rather than patch, the floor in the New Boston Building Department for an additional cost of \$145.00.

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The Board also decided to cut trees and excavate sand for 1997 winter use in the Town gravel pit located on Old Coach Road behind the landfill between the pit and Old Coach Road.


The next regular Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 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 9:25 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

 9/29/97
Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator