

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 8, 1997

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

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

Chairman Carlstrom was ill and could not attend the meeting.

The Selectmen did not have an opportunity to review the minutes of August 25, 1997.

At 7:00 p.m., Selectman Strong opened a public hearing pursuant to RSA 31:95-b relative to the acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$330.00 from N.H. Country Fanfare "97." These funds will be used to reimburse New Boston Firefighters who took the time out of their schedules to supervise the Country Fanfare event which recently occurred at the Hillsborough County Fairgrounds. The public notice was posted in four public places and was advertised in the August 28, 1997 issue of the Goffstown News. No members of the public attended the hearing. Selectman Strong closed the public hearing at approximately 7:10 p.m. Selectman Clay made a motion to accept the \$330.00 donation. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., Tim Cady of the Library Board of Trustees presented various design possibilities for the Whipple Free Library expansion project to representatives from the Highway Department, Planning Board, Selectmen's Office, Building Department, Recreation Department, School Board, Finance Committee, and assembled Library Building Committee members. The desired outcome of the meeting was to solicit feedback from Town departments for Trustees to consider before initiating an engineering design plan for the expansion project. After much informative exchange among those present, it was strongly suggested that the Trustees proceed through the planning process in conjunction with the Planning Board's informal conceptual design phase. It was felt that the planning process would ensure that specific written feedback would be received by all relevant departments concerning the project.

At 9:00 p.m., the Selectmen, Mr. Selig, and Recreation Director Sandy Gallup met to discuss applications which had been received by the Town for the Recreation Director vacancy. Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(b) to discuss the applicants for the Recreation Director vacancy and interview finalist candidates. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. The motion passed. Mr. Selig and Mrs. Gallup were present for the discussion. Finalist candidates were interviewed by those present for the position. Following the interviews at 10:30

p.m., the Selectmen met with Lydia Peak and Al Romano from the Recreation Director Search Committee. After some discussion, Selectman Clay made a motion to hire Ms. Otilia "Toni" Pierce for the full time Recreation Director position, effective upon Ms. Pierce's acceptance of the offer of employment, at a salary of \$21,000.00 per year. This motion was contingent upon a successful motor vehicle and criminal background investigation of Ms. Pierce by the New Boston Police Department. Ms. Pierce would also serve a six month probationary period as a probationary employee as is customary of all newly hired full time employees. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Following the six month probationary period, the Selectmen will review Ms. Pierce's performance and may increase her salary to \$22,000.00 per year. The hiring committee concurred with this notion. Selectman Clay made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed the idea of making Mill Street one-way. After reviewing a letter from abutters who were generally against the idea dated August 27, 1997, it was decided to wait until the Library Trustees had a better idea as to the exact nature of the Whipple Free Library expansion project before proceeding further with the one-way proposal.

Price quotes from contractors for work on Clark Hill Road are due by the end of business on September 19, 1997.

The Selectmen discussed the fact that a number of residents along Dane Road and Clark Hill Road (Liz Furlong, Dawn Riendeau, and Dave Blanchette) are disturbed that the new school bus company is worried about the safety of carrying large bus loads of students over Clark Hill Road. The Selectmen's Office has referred these calls to the New Boston Central School.

The damaged dry hydrant across from the New Boston Central School has been repaired by Skip Gomes using designated FEMA flood funds.

The Selectmen discussed changing only a partial portion of Helena Drive to Newman Wilson Road as a result of a request by Police Chief Jim McLaughlin. The Selectmen will discuss the matter further at Chief McLaughlin's next monthly meeting.

The next meeting of the New Boston Planning Board is tomorrow, September 9, 1997.

Mr. Selig reported to the Selectmen that many residents appear to be disturbed with the Police Department for having had them take down "yard sale" signs which were posted around New Boston last weekend during the Hillsborough County Fair.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the form which budget season will take in 1997/1998. This issue will be discussed in more detail when Chairman Carlstrom is in attendance.

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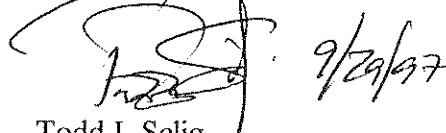
The Board reviewed a letter from the New Boston Conservation Commission to the Planning Board concerning deed restrictions regarding the Subdivision Plan of Map 9, Lots 54 & 54-1-8, Al Stevens et al, dated September 7, 1997. In general, the Selectmen were comfortable with the restrictions outlined by the Conservation Commission in the letter and indicated that they would accept the dedication if it conformed with said requirements articulated by the Conservation Commission.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

Selectman Strong made a motion to adjourn at 11:20 p.m. Selectman Clay 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 "9/29/97". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator