

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 22, 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 did not have an opportunity to review the minutes of August 25, 1997 or September 8, 1997.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board conducted an on-site inspection of the former Winslow property located at 248 River Road to see how the required clean up process is progressing. As has been noted previously in minutes, October 31, 1997 is the date the Selectmen have set, based on Mr. Winslow's own request, to have the property cleaned up. Although the site has improved in a few areas, substantial clean up must still take place between this date and the end of October. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to write Mr. Winslow a letter emphasizing the October 31, 1997 deadline, and informing him that in two weeks time, on October 6, 1997, the Board would walk the site again. On October 6, the Selectmen would like to see the tires which have accumulated on-site removed, as well as the scrap metal and frames he has sold. If the frames which have been sold are still on site after October 31, 1997, the Town may charge rent for storage to the individuals who have purchased the frames.

At 7:30 p.m., Road Agent Lee Murray met with the Selectmen and Mr. Selig to review the proposals which have been submitted as part of the engineering consultant selection process for N.H. bridge aid compliance per RSA 21-I:22 for the Lyndeborough Road Bridge Replacement Project - Bridge #084-077. Proposals have been submitted by the following firms: Bac Killam; Hoyle, Tanner, & Associates; Holden Engineering; and Costello, Lomasney & de Napoli, Inc. The Selectmen, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Selig reviewed all proposals and have given each a preliminary ranking based on firm qualifications, project understanding, project approach, project schedule, and the resumes of the project design teams to be assigned to the project. The present and tentative ranking is as follows: 1. Holden Engineering; 2. Costello, Lomasney & de Napoli, Inc.; 3. Hoyle, Tanner, & Associates; 4. Bac Killam. Over the course of the next week, both Mr. Murray and Mr. Selig will conduct reference checks on these firms and will discuss findings with the Selectmen on September 29, 1997. A final rank ordering will be made on September 29, 1997.

The Board also discussed three quotes which have been received for work associated with the Clark Hill Road Phase I, Alternative IV upgrade: Don Wheeler Construction - \$87,822.00; D&S

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Excavating - \$106,657.00; Connie's Septic Service - \$92,492.00. The Board asked Mr. Murray to speak with Don Wheeler Construction to see how soon he could begin work on the roadway. Pending an acceptable start date, the Selectmen deemed that Mr. Wheeler will be awarded the job. If not, Mr. Selig will poll the Selectmen by telephone to discuss who among the contractors will be considered next. Taking the entire project as a whole, Wheeler came in with the low quote. The above noted prices, however, do not include the removal of ledge.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the impending budget process. Finance Committee Meetings should begin in the second week of October 1997.

The Town should receive more information on the idea of installing a rapids/breakwater behind the Parker's Mill by the end of the month according to the State Department of Environmental Services.

The Old Coach Road Ballfield has come a long way over the last few days. It was partially hydroseeded today. However, the Recreation Department is looking for someone to donate additional topsoil for an as yet unseeded section of the field.

Due to additional requirements by the State Department of Environmental Services, GZA had to modify the original scope of work for the landfill slough/cap repairs. This modification was submitted to CSSI and they have revised the original quote of \$16,500.00 to \$17,310.00 to reflect the changes. Work will begin in 1 to 3 weeks according to Tim Cady at GZA.

The Board briefly discussed two new subdivision road names: Orchard Lane & Labrie Road.

The Board discussed the fact that the Town is in the process of working with PSNH to assess utility property in New Boston at a fair market value given today's uncertainty surrounding the future of electricity deregulation and the constitutionality of taxing PSNH given recent N.H. court decisions.

Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune had a problem with one of the transfer trailers on the way to Concord last week. Improper maintenance may have been the cause. Manager Bethune is looking into the cost of a service contract for the trailers and will discuss this issue with the Board next Monday evening. Manager Bethune is also working with the Fire Wards on waste oil containment ideas to submit to the State. Finally, Ms. Bethune has two names, and possibly a third, for consideration to replace Bill Ingram.

Robert Todd of the Forestry Committee reports that he has met with the 7 UNH students who will be working on the Siemeze Lot and their advisor. He is excited with the expertise of the student group which will undertake the forest assessment project.



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The furnace at the Town Hall is not functioning properly. Don Chapman is looking into the matter.

Jim Dodge of Dodge Road has submitted an application to open a small gravel pit on his property. The Board will look over the information next week, followed by a site inspection and public hearing in the near future on October 20, 1997.

The Town has an appointment with the Department of Revenue to set the 1997 tax rate on Thursday, September 25, 1997, at 2:30 p.m. in Concord.

The Board discussed the possibility of increasing the Town Clerk's hours to 30 hours per week. This issue will be discussed further during the budget process.

Town Administrator Selig discussed the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) conference which he attended last week on behalf of the Town in Vancouver and Calgary, Canada, with the Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Strong reported on the Annual Meeting of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission (SNHPC) which he attended last week on behalf of the Town.

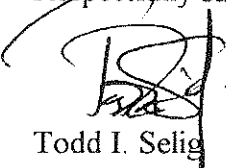
The next regular Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for September 29, 1997 at 7:00 p.m.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,


Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator

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