

**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**September 29, 1997**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by Chairman Carlstrom.

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

Selectman Clay made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes from August 25, 1997. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes from September 8, 1997, with corrections. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - abstained; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. The motion passed.

Selectman Clay made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes from September 22, 1997, with corrections. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune came before the Board for her monthly meeting. The following topics were discussed: 1997 Household Hazardous Waste Day was a great success; Waste Oil Containment Program and \$1,500.00 Grant Application Package has been submitted to the State for approval; the septic system is being designed by Bruce Fillmore; the bathroom facility construction plans are being put together by Dennis Sarette of the Building Department; landfill slough remediation is under way this week and next; both Gary Briggs and Elaine Wells of New Boston will be proposed in the next few weeks to fill vacancies at the Transfer Station, pending their agreement to take the positions; transfer trailer maintenance was discussed with Ms. Bethune indicating she would check with local companies concerning a regular maintenance contract for the trailers; Manager Bethune indicates she had nominated the New Boston Transfer Station and Recycling Center for a recycling center award; the Board plans to move the fence along the left side of the Transfer Station site back to the tree line in the vicinity of the old Town septic bed.

At 8:00 p.m., Brandy Mitroff of 74 Thornton Road, New Boston, Managing Editor of *Racing Northeast* magazine, came before the Board to discuss her interest in starting a monthly newspaper for New Boston. The newspaper would cover stories of interest in the community in an even-handed, unbiased, manner. Approximately 3,000 copies per month would be bulk shipped to residences or left at central locations for public dissemination. It would be in the same format as the Concord Monitor with color pictures. It would be funded through advertisements



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from local businesses. The Board of Selectmen listened with interest to Ms. Mitroff's presentation and wished her luck and every success in the endeavor.

The Selectmen and Mr. Selig again reviewed 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. These proposals were previously discussed on September 22, 1997 with Road Agent Lee Murray. Mr. Selig reported on the reference checks which he and Mr. Murray had conducted over the last week. Selectman Clay made a motion to reaffirm the preliminary ranking given to the engineering firms by the Selectmen on September 22, 1997. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The final results of the selection process are therefore as follows: 1. Holden Engineering; 2. Costello, Lomasney & de Napoli, Inc.; 3. Hoyle, Tanner, & Associates; 4. Bac Killam. Each of the engineering firms will be notified in writing of their standing.

Chairman Carlstrom reported on Recreation Director Sandy Gallup's retirement party which was held on Saturday evening, September 27, 1997, at the New Boston Central School. Mrs. Gallup's last day of work is Tuesday, September 30, 1997.

The first Finance Committee Meeting for the 1998 budget process is scheduled for Thursday, October 9, 1997, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Board conducted a review of an agreement drafted by Town Counsel Leslie Nixon in regard to a piece of land claimed by Mrs. Doris Leedham and the Town of New Boston. on Old Coach Road. The Board was satisfied with the agreement as written. Mr. Selig will confirm that the directional coordinates given in the document are correct and then will ask Ms. Nixon to forward the agreement to Mrs. Leedham for her review.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a draft New Boston Police Department bid package for the construction of a Police Station locker room. After much discussion, it was decided to ask for three separate prices as part of the bid package: jail cell toilet installation; mens and womens locker room; single co-ed locker room leaving half of the proposed locker room area left unfinished until such time as the Town approves the completion. After all three bids have been received, the Board will again discuss the proposal it wishes to present at 1998 Town Meeting.

Mr. Selig reported that John Winslow of 248 River Road had dropped off 50 tires at the Transfer Station on Saturday, September 27, 1997. A tab has been created for Mr. Winslow per his request relative to tire disposal at the Transfer Station. The Board did not have difficulty with the creation of this tab and plans to bill Mr. Winslow for the full amount due in the future upon



completion of the clean up process at 248 River Road, currently owned by the Town of New Boston.

The next Planning Board Meeting is tomorrow evening, September 30, 1997. Subdivision Regulations will be discussed. Selectman Clay updated the Board on the last Planning Board Meeting. Both Don Grosso and Ron Brenner, DDS, have expressed frustration with the planning process.

Mr. Selig reported on setting the Tax Rate in Concord last week with the Department of Revenue Administration. The estimated 1997 Tax Rate will be \$33.90, up about 1% from 1996.

The Selectmen conducted a review of a gravel pit application submitted by Jim Dodge on Tax Map 5, Lot 55 located on Route 77 in New Boston. The Public Hearing is scheduled for October 20, 1997. The Selectmen and Mr. Selig will visit the site during the day in the next two weeks or so.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a letter from Mr. John Gingrich of 39 Wilson Hill Road concerning growth issues in New Boston. The letter is dated August 8, 1997.

A perambulation of the Weare/New Boston Town Line was tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 1997, at 9:30 a.m. However, the Board expressed its preference to reschedule the walk for later in the fall after the leaves fall from the trees.

Police Chief James McLaughlin is on vacation this week.

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

The Board signed an agreement between the Town of New Boston and AVITAR for the 1997/98 Total Revaluation of Town property.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator