

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 6, 1997

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at approximately 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

Selectman Strong made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Minutes from September 29, 1997. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:00 p.m., the Board conducted an on-site inspection of the Winslow residence & business at 248 River Road.

At 7:15 p.m., the Board conducted an on-site inspection to review the progress the Highway Department has made on Meadow Road. The Board decided that the Highway Department should in fact widen the traveled way in front of the Waller residence on Meadow Road. Selectman Strong and Road Agent Murray will speak with Mr. Waller on Tuesday to discuss the needs of the Town in this respect.

At 7:30 p.m., Police Chief Jim McLaughlin met with the Board and Mr. Selig for his monthly meeting. Topics discussed included: general departmental update; locker room/cell toilet discussion - Chief McLaughlin indicated that he had solicited advice on the idea of a uni-sex locker room from Earl Sweeney of Police Standards & Training which would be forthcoming. Selectman Clay indicated that the Board wanted a full range of alternatives to present at 1998 Town Meeting, including the single locker room/uni-sex idea; update on Officer Craig Frye's progress at the Full Time Police Academy in Concord; review of photographs of recent orange juice truck turnover; permission was given by the Board to expend \$300.00 from the Animal Supply Budget to purchase a 10' x 8' metal shed for storage purposes to be placed over the septic field at the Police Department. Bikes, etc. would be stored here. A chain link fence which John Winslow donated to the Department would surround the structure, the newly formed enclosure also being used for impoundment of vehicles. The metal building would be up on blocks. The Selectmen approved this proposal; it was requested by Chief McLaughlin that the board discuss Police Department salaries and on-call issues at his November meeting.

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Ed O'Rourke of 13 Ridgeview Lane came before the Selectmen to interview for a vacancy as an alternate on the New Boston Conservation Commission. Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint Mr. O'Rourke to the Commission as an alternate for the remainder of Cyndie



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Wilson's alternate term expiring in March of 1999. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Strong made a motion to appoint Cyndie Wilson as a full member of the Conservation Commission for the remainder of Steven Ruddock's term which expires in March of 1998. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., both Joe Nangle of 497 Weare Road and Ray Whittemore of 122 Joe English Road came before the Selectmen to interview for vacancies on the Conservation Commission. Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint Joe Nangle as an alternate to the Conservation Commission for the remainder of Sally Garret's alternate term expiring in March of 2000. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Conservation Commission has recommended increasing the number of alternates on the Commission from three to four in order to handle an increased workload caused in part by the formation of the FLESA Committee on which the Conservation Commission has representation. Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint Ray Whittemore as an alternate on the Conservation Commission, his appointment increasing the number of alternates on the Commission from three to four people, with a term expiring in March of 2000. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Holden Engineering is already looking at the Lyndeborough Road Bridge in order to put together a price proposal for the Selectmen to look at in the near future.

Both Gary Briggs and Elaine Wells will be in to meet with the Board of Selectmen on October 20, 1997. Town Administrator Selig has given Transfer Station Manager Bethune permission, based on the Board's discussion last week, to allow Gary Briggs to begin work as a temporary part-time employee. After Mr. Briggs meets with the Board, the Town can recategorize him as a regular part-time employee. Manager Bethune has ordered steel toed boots for Mr. Briggs already as these are required at the Transfer Station for employees.

The 1997 Tax Rate has been confirmed as being \$33.90, up about 1% from last year.

Department heads have until next Wednesday, October 15, 1997, to submit budget worksheets to the Selectmen's Office.

The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 7, 1997. This will serve as the first meeting of the Capital Improvements Program for 1998. The format of the Capital Improvement Program Committee has been changed by the Planning Board. In the future, the membership will consist of the Planning Board and three citizen representatives. One will be a



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representative from the Finance Committee. Two will be appointed by the Planning Board and will not be affiliated with any Town department.

The Fire Department has notified the Town Office that they will have to overspend their budget for Fire Calls by at least \$5,000.00 in 1997 due to an increased number of volunteer firefighters responding to emergency calls.

The Selectmen plan to perambulate the Weare/New Boston Town Line once the leaves fall from the trees.

Police Chief Jim McLaughlin will be on vacation next week.

The Fire Wards will have a draft copy of the Large Building Fire Code revisions for the Selectmen to review on October 27, 1997.

The Planning Board will hold a work session on October 14, 1997 concerning Al Stevens et al's application to subdivide land located on Bog Brook Road.

The Planning Board will hold a site walk on October 11, 1997 at 8:00 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. for Donald Grosso and James Powers, respectively, for their site and subdivision plans currently before the Board.

The Planning Board will look at road specifications and design plans for water supplies on October 21, 1997. It would also like feedback from all departments concerning potential changes to the Zoning Ordinance.


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

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on October 20, 1997. Town offices are closed on Monday, October 13, 1997, for Columbus Day.

Halloween trick-or-treating in New Boston is scheduled for October 31, 1997, from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that he had been nominated to serve on the Board of Directors of the New Hampshire Municipal Management Association.

The Board authorized the reimbursement of Selectman Clay for her mileage (206 miles total) traveling to Waterville Valley for a N.H. Association of Counties conference titled "The National



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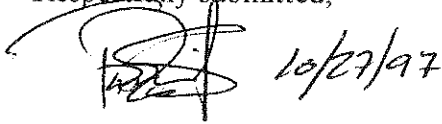
Impact of Militia Groups on Local & County Government" on Friday September 12, 1997, as well as authorized a reimbursement of \$100.00 toward her hotel fees.

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 the meeting at 9:30 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Todd I. Selig", is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the date "10/27/97" is handwritten.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator