

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 27, 1997

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

PRESENT: Gordon A. Carlstrom, Chairman (Arrived at 7:35 p.m.)
Harold C. Strong, Selectman
Susan J. Clay, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Clay made a motion to accept the Selectmen's minutes from October 6, 1997. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to accept the Selectmen's minutes from October 20, 1997. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., Recreation Director Toni Pierce came before the Selectmen and Town Administrator Selig for her Monthly Meeting. Issues discussed included: progress on ballfield, problems constructing playground equipment on planned site, Halloween party results, scarecrow alley contest results, golf shoot-out results - profit of around \$1,700.00. Selectman Strong and Ms. Pierce plan to speak with Leon and Ella Daniels in the near future about the idea of turning the Playground Association property in New Boston over to the Town.

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Don Grosso came before the Selectmen to discuss concerns he had relevant to the proposed Post Office Relocation on his site and its progress through the planning site plan review process. Mr. Grosso felt that the Fire Wards were holding up the approval process as a result of their requests for additional road count information leading to the possible installation of a turning lane from Route 13 into the proposed development area. The Selectmen indicated that they would look into the matter further once they had a chance to speak with the Fire Wards.

At 8:30 p.m., Fire Ward Representatives including Wayne Blassberg, Jim Dodge, Dan MacDonald, Dale Smith, and Marie MacDonald met with the Selectmen to discuss potential revisions to the New Boston Large Building Fire Code which the Fire Code Review Committee has proposed to the Fire Wards. Additional issues discussed included: the Fire Wards are moving forward with refurbishing the old Highway Dept. 1-ton; a general discussion about whether there is interest in looking into charging insurance companies for emergency calls to defray the cost of responses was discussed. In the end, the group arrived at a consensus that charging insurance companies for ambulance calls was probably not a good idea for New Boston. Finally, the Fire Wards expressed their frustration with individuals like Don Grosso who move through the site plan review process without submitting complete applications, and then blame their own shortcomings on hard-working Town departments, both volunteer and paid. The Fire Wards

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asked the Selectmen to stand up to such allegations when the facts are clear that the individuals going through the process are clearly at fault.

Town Counsel Leslie Nixon has informed the Selectmen that she has spoken with Doris Leedham about the Old Coach Road property issue. Mrs. Leedham has forwarded the documents we sent to her to her surveyor for review. She was not adverse to the agreement but wanted the surveyor to look it over first.

It looks as though Mrs. Brandy Mitroff is moving forward with the newspaper idea she brought up with the Selectmen during the summer months.

Mr. Peter Clark of 6 Bedford Road has indicated that he is interested in serving on the Finance Committee. People have until October 31, 1997 to respond to the vacancy notice.

The Town has received a response from the NHDES Rivers Coordinator concerning the replacement of the Parker Mill Dam in a letter dated October 23, 1997.

The next Planning Board meeting is tomorrow evening, October 28, 1997. Chairman Carlstrom is scheduled to take over on the Planning Board in November. Selectman Strong suggested that it may be a good idea for the Selectmen to hold a hearing with the Planning Board in which local businessmen can bring up concerns they have with our Site Plan Review Regulations. The Board generally felt this was a good idea. Selectman Clay will bring it up with the Planning Board at their next meeting.

The CFX Bank has apparently been bought out by the Peoples Heritage Financial Group.

The Selectmen have an NHMA Law Lecture Series seminar this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Manchester. Topic: "Vested Property Rights."


The next Finance Committee meeting is on this Thursday, October 30, 1997. The Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. at the Transfer Station for an on-site facility review. At 7:00 p.m. it will meet at the Town Hall to review the budget.

The next meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on November 3, 1997.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

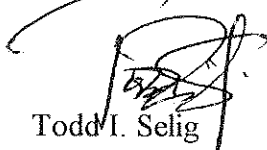
The Board reviewed and/or signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

Selectman Clay made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:35 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Respectfully submitted,

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Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator