

## Town of New Boston

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 3, 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, Selectman  
Harold C. Strong, Selectman  
Susan J. Clay, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Clay made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from October 27, 1997, with corrections. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:15 p.m., Mr. Scott Farrell of Route 13, New Boston, came before the Board of Selectmen to interview for one of three current vacancies as a representative to the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee from New Boston. After discussing Mr. Farrell's interest in the Committee, as well as his qualifications as a trained fisheries biologist, Selectman Clay made a motion to nominate Mr. Farrell to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Robert Varney for appointment to the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee as a representative from the Town of New Boston. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Red Hebert of 244 River Road came before the Board with his son to address concerns about the Town-owned property (Tax Map & Lot 005-064) in front of their home. Mr. Hebert stated that the property in front of his home currently occupied by John and Mona Winslow is a junkyard which devalues his own property. In addition, Mr. Hebert stated his concern that oil soaked dirt on the premises may in time harm his well or run off into the river. Mr. Hebert also stated that Mr. Winslow runs machinery at all hours of the night and early morning keeping him and his family up at all hours on a regular basis. The Selectmen explained that they were working with Mr. Winslow in an attempt to resolve the issues discussed in an amicable manner. Mr. Winslow had made a verbal commitment to have the unacceptable scrap metal and junk materials cleaned up from the property by the end of October and had failed to live up to his commitment made to the Selectmen on July 28, 1997. Since this was only November 3, 1997 and Mr. Winslow's deadline was October 31, 1997, the Selectmen explained that they had not yet discussed how to proceed with the site. The Board will come to a decision on how to proceed with the property in the near future and encouraged Mr. Hebert to check back with the Selectmen's Office in the next few weeks. Mr. Hebert stated that he would go to the Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire if the Town did not take some action to remedy what he considers to be a serious situation.

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At 8:15 p.m., members of the New Boston Forestry Committee came before the Selectmen to discuss miscellaneous issues including: use of timber harvest revenues - the Selectmen generally were against increasing the Forestry Committee's percentage received from timber harvests beyond the current 50% level; current land use change tax revenues - the Selectmen were generally against designating more than 10% to the Conservation Commission, feeling instead the Forestry Committee and Conservation Commission should approach Town Meeting for additional funding; a date was set up to walk the Lydia Dodge Lot around the proximity of the Transfer Station and Town Gravel Pit on November 22, 1997 at 8:30 a.m.


Although the Selectmen had planned to meet at 8:30 p.m. with Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge, Planning Board Chairman Brent Armstrong, Building Inspector Dennis Sarette, and ZBA Chairman Bill Brendle concerning the recent R.C. Brenner ZBA decision regarding the expansion of a home occupation (dentist office) in a Residential-Agricultural District, a legal memorandum from New Hampshire Municipal Association Attorney Susan Slack dated November 3, 1997 made the discussion unnecessary. A large group of residents gathered to listen to the discussion. Chairman Carlstrom read relevant sections of the document aloud and ended this portion of the meeting.

At 9:00 p.m., the Selectmen met with Town Counsel Leslie Nixon to discuss various legal issues facing the Town.

After briefly discussing whether it was appropriate to advertise for Betsey Dodge's position on the Conservation Commission, Selectman Clay made a motion to reappoint Betsey Dodge of Dodge Road to the New Boston Conservation Commission for a three year term to expire in March of 2000. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the possible renomination of Mr. Michael Richard of 141 Saunders Hill Road to the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee for a three year term. Mr. Richard has indicated that he is willing to be reappointed but only commits himself to finishing out the development of the River Corridor Management Plan due to personal time constraints. Selectman Clay made a motion to nominate Mr. Richard to New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services Commissioner Robert Varney for reappointment to the Piscataquog River Local Advisory Committee as a representative from the Town of New Boston. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Planning Board meeting is tomorrow evening, November 4, 1997. Selectman Carlstrom is scheduled to take over on the Planning Board as the Selectmen's ex-officio member tomorrow evening. Selectman Clay and Selectman Strong agreed to fill in for Mr. Carlstrom on the Planning Board due to schedule conflicts on November 18, 1997 and December 9, 1997, respectively.



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The Board reviewed a letter from Mrs. Lois Briere concerning changes to Subdivision Regulations dated November 1, 1997. Chairman Carlstrom will bring up these concerns with the Planning Board tomorrow evening. In addition, the Selectmen will ask Town Counsel Leslie Nixon to briefly review the matter.


The Fire Department is having an issue with backboards, equipment, etc., being lost at the Elliot/CMC Hospitals. The Board would like to have a strong letter sent to these hospitals advising them of the situation and encouraging them to take better care of New Boston's equipment. If this step does not work, the Selectmen may ask the hospitals to sign for equipment left by New Boston's rescue squad. The Town would then charge for this equipment if it was not returned. Mr. Bill Brown is the contact person for Elliot/CMC.

Mr. Jim Dodge has requested that he be allowed to begin to move earth on the site of his conditionally approved gravel pit located on Route 77. The ZBA hearing will not be until mid-November which will be pushing the cold season and Mr. Dodge's schedule. The Selectmen felt that as long as material is not removed from Mr. Dodge's property, that it would be acceptable to redistribute dirt/loam in order to prepare the pit for operation. However, no excavation should occur as defined in the State gravel pit statute.

Mr. Robert Waller of Meadow Road has requested that speed signs and warning signs be installed on Meadow Road. He feels that traffic moves too quickly along this stretch of roadway. The Selectmen did not feel that Meadow Road's conditions demanded that a speed sign be installed. Residents should be familiar with the basic speed law in the State of New Hampshire. Town Administrator Selig had conferred with Police Chief McLaughlin who concurred on this matter with respect to Meadow Road. However, the Selectmen did ask that Road Agent Murray install a warning sign near the intersection of Meadow Road and Joe English Road as this is a difficult corner where many accidents/near-accidents occur.

Selectman Carlstrom is scheduled to perform the annual Christmas Tree Lighting as Chairman on the Town Common this December for the Recreation Department. The date for the celebration will be confirmed shortly.

Holden Transportation Engineering has provided an estimated fee of \$19,196.00 for its Engineering Study or "Phase I" of the Lyndeborough Road bridge replacement project for the Selectmen's review and acceptance. According to the State Bridge Aid requirements, the Selectmen had to determine whether they would accept this proposal, and if so, it must then be forwarded to the State of New Hampshire Department of Transportation for review and approval. Selectman Clay made a motion to accept Holden Transportation Engineering's proposal. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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The Selectmen and Town Administrator Selig discussed having individual conversations with employees concerning personnel and other Town-related business. Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session to discuss matters which if discussed in public might harm an employee's reputation per RSA 91-A:3II(c). Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. The motion passed unanimously. Town Administrator Selig was also present for the discussion.

The Board discussed a number of personnel matters.

Selectman Clay made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Strong made a motion to Accept a Conditional Use Permit Security of \$100 from Robert L. and Diane E. LaPointe as security for a wetland crossing on their Francestown Road property that received conditional approval by the Planning Board on January 10, 1995. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The next Selectmen's meeting is scheduled for this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. with the School Board. The Finance Committee is also planning to sit in on this discussion as part of the budget process.


The next regular Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for November 10, 1997.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Todd I. Selig in black ink, written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes the date 12/29/97 written to the right of the signature.

Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator