

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 10, 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

The Board of Selectmen met with Mr. Peter Clark and Mr. Al Roman of New Boston concerning their interest in serving on the New Boston Finance Committee. Although scheduled to attend the meeting for an interview, Mr. Michael Pimenta did not attend the meeting. The Selectmen made no decision concerning appointments to the Finance Committee this evening.

At 8:30 p.m., Town Clerk Margit Hooper came before the Board to discuss her request to the Selectmen that the Town provide health insurance for her and make her into a full time employee by adding five hours per week to her work week. The Board made no decisions concerning this request which would cost the Town an estimated \$8,234,70 over and beyond current budgetary allocations for the Town Clerk position.

Although scheduled to attend the Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the state of affairs at 248 River Road, Mr. John Winslow did not attend the meeting. Nor did the Selectmen's Office receive a telephone call informing the Board of his inability to attend. This was highly unfortunate as the Board was planning to hold a productive discussion with Mr. Winslow concerning the future clean up of the Town owned property at this location.

Helen Castles of the Department of Agriculture/Hillsborough Cooperative Extension Office plans to visit New Boston on November 12, 1997 to walk the proposed skateboard park area across the Depot Street Bridge on Town property to assist the Selectmen in judging the site's suitability for this purpose.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for November 13, 1997. At this meeting, the Planning Board will review subdivision and site plans submitted to the Board by Claire and Jim Dodge of New Boston. Since it would be a conflict of interest for Planning Coordinator Dodge to review her own plans, the Planning Board will take great care to ensure they scrutinize every detail of the plans being submitted to ensure they meet all local land use regulations.

The Selectmen approved a Conditional Use Permit Security in the amount of \$930.00 from Bradford A. Knight as security for two wetland crossings on his Bedford Road development,

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specifically Lots 37 and 37-5 (1 crossing each) that received conditional approval by the Planning Board on September 9, 1997 on Map 12.

The Selectmen discussed at some length communication and coordination between the highway and police departments during emergency and non-emergency situations. It was thought that it would be extremely difficult for the Highway Department to draft a formal policy as requested by the Police Department for notification purposes as many incidents require a degree of common sense and judgment depending upon the peculiarities of a given situation. The Board therefore felt that all non-emergency situations should be written down and reported to the Highway Department by the Police Department during normal business hours. Emergency situations, on the other hand, should be called in to dispatch to ensure 24 hour, 7 day per week, access to Highway Department's resources. If either department is uncomfortable with the results of this arrangement, it should be taken up with Town Administrator Todd Selig or the Board of Selectmen on a situation by situation basis. Short of calling the Chairman of the Board for permission before calling out the Highway Department on an after hours call, it was felt that this was the best way to proceed where common sense and the notion of teamwork would prevail to solve the problems and frustrations experienced by both departments.

Although the deadline to submit bids for the Police Dept. locker room was November 3, not one contractor has submitted a bid to date. The following contractors were asked: Don Chapman, Condon & Fox, Hall's Building & Remodeling, Jerry Kennedy, Robert Kennedy, Mitch's Drywall & Construction, David Wilson, Warren Houghton, Bruce Fillmore, Bob Waller. The Selectmen will likely advertise the job in the Union Leader in the near future since local contractors have not submitted a bid.

The Colburn Road bridge has been fully installed.

The Board gave permission for residents from Clark Hill and Dane Road to plant tulip bulbs along the newly renovated section of Clark Hill Road noting that the Town would take no responsibility if they were damaged by plowing during the winter months. In addition, planting is limited to bulbs.

The next Finance Committee meeting is this Thursday, 11/13/97, at 7:00 p.m. at the Police Department.

The Selectmen briefly discussed wages and possible ways to deal with increases in 1998.

The Board felt it would be a productive exercise for the Town to participate in "Response '98" in April of next year. This would be a simulated emergency situation involving all of the Town's departments. This exercise will be sponsored by the State Office of Emergency Management and will be a State-wide exercise.

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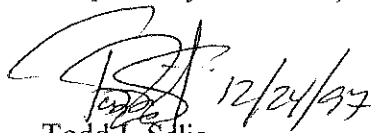
The next regular Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for November 17, 1997.

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 at approximately 9:55 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd T. Selig", with a date "12/24/97" written next to it.

Todd T. Selig
Town Administrator