

Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 24, 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

Gary Roberge, President, AVITAR - Update for Selectmen on 1998 Revaluation process. New Boston has received a bond from AVITAR as required by our contract with them. In addition, keys to the Town Hall have been given to AVITAR for use during the revaluation. AVITAR has a file in the Conference Room which they will use throughout the revaluation. Two questions arose during the discussion which will be addressed in the future. Will AVITAR conduct revaluations for gravel pits or camp grounds for New Boston or will our contract assessor handle these.

Tim Coppinger, applicant for PRLAC. Mr. Coppinger has an interest in landscaping and is a self proclaimed "naturalist." He is very interested in conservation issues as they relate to the Piscataquog River. Selectman Strong made a motion to nominate Mr. Coppinger to the PRLAC representing New Boston. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim McLaughlin, Police Chief - Monthly Meeting. Wage discussion, on-call discussion, computer networking, building completion discussion, skateboard park construction. (See picture of area in question next to Depot Street Bridge in box from old Town Report.) The Chief asked to enter non-public session to discuss personnel issues. Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) to discuss personnel and compensation issues facing the Police Department with Chief McLaughlin. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes. Town Administrator Selig and Chief McLaughlin were present for the discussion. Compensation issues facing the Police Department were discussed. Selectman Clay moved to exit non-public session. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Earl Sanford representing Cynthia Ferm who would like to build a home on a Class 6 road. Requesting approval to access Campbell Pond Road to build a house on Bedford Road. Road frontage on Bedford Road is in swamp (Tax Map 012-070). The Selectmen indicated that they had no opposition to this request but noted that the Planning Board would review the requested plan and then make a recommendation to the Selectmen which the Board would weigh very heavily. The Selectmen directed Town Administrator Selig to get back to Mr. Sanford with the exact process to follow in this matter.

The Town will hold its annual health insurance/cafeteria plan enrollment this Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Selectmen must reschedule our Forestry Committee walk at the Landfill, as well as our perambulation with Weare. In addition, we must set a time to perambulate our boundary with Lyndeborough. The Selectmen will wait to see what happens to the recent snow before setting a date. If needed, we will wait until spring.

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The ZBA granted Jim Dodge's special exception request for his gravel pit.

Appointment of Finance Committee vacancy. Selectman Strong made a motion to appoint Al Romano to the New Boston Finance Committee to fill Lori Livolsi's vacant position, and Peter Clark as a newly created alternate position on the Finance Committee with a term expiring in March of 2000. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Boston's cable company, Americable/Community T.V. Corp., is looking for a buyer.

Selectmen's quarterly checks will be ready next week for the holidays.

The Town has received a dividend check of \$6,365.22 from the NHMA Property-Liability Insurance Trust. This dividend is being paid from years 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, and 1995 and is based on the Town's actual claim experience during these years. Loss mitigation & training pays!

The Board discussed what should be placed on the cover of the 1998 Town Report as well as who should be recognized at Town Meeting. Betsey Dodge has suggested Howard Towne for all of the work he has done over the years with Memorial Day/Veteran's Day, flags in the cemetery, Grange, etc. Other suggestions made by the Selectmen included Jim Dane and Sandy Gallup. This issue will be discussed more in the coming weeks.

The UNH students working on the Siemeze Lot will make their presentation to the Selectmen, Forestry Committee, and Conservation Commission on December 8, 1997.

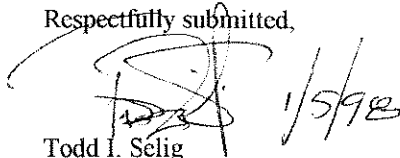
The next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen will be on **December 1, 1997**.

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,


Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator