

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 1, 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

At 7:30 p.m., Toni Pierce, Recreation Director came before the Board and Mr. Selig for her monthly meeting including: general update of Recreation Department issues; Friends of Recreation financial report.

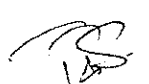
At 8:00 p.m., representatives of the Planning Board came before the Selectmen including: Brent Armstrong, Diane Manson, Rick Riendeau, Phil Consolini, Wayne Blassberg, and Ed Di Pietro. At yesterday's 8:30 a.m. compliance site walk at the Apple Barn, a great number of discrepancies from submitted plans, new activities, additional businesses, etc. were found on site by the Planning Board. These discoveries raised concern among the Planning Board members as December 9 was the scheduled compliance hearing for the Apple Barn's site plan which did not include these new activities. It was the consensus of all members of the Board of Selectmen, after discussing these issues at length with the Planning Board, that the owners of the Apple Barn be given 30 days from the December 9, 1997 compliance hearing to file an application for all present business activity on site at the Apple Barn with the Planning Board, after which, the Selectmen would support the Planning Board if they recommended turning the matter over to Town Counsel for enforcement action.

The annual health insurance enrollment session went well. However, as predicted, various members of the staff are upset that the Town has reduced its contribution for health insurance to coincide with the Blue Choice Plan. Employees are generally viewing this as a cut in pay no matter how it is explained to them.

The Board must reschedule its 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 decided to wait until spring.

The Selectmen will continue to think about what should adorn the front cover of the 1997 Town Report, as well as who should be recognized at Town Meeting.

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



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The Board briefly discussed pay issues but will discuss in more detail in the future.

The Court denied the Town's motion to dismiss regarding the JBS Realty Suit. Today Leslie Nixon filed a Motion to Reconsider and a Motion to Dismiss for Failure to State a Claim. If these too fail, we will ask for a Summary Judgment.

The Board briefly discussed the Winslow junkyard/clean-up issue. Leslie Nixon will file the necessary paperwork which will prohibit Mr. Winslow from bringing more debris on-site, and give until April or May to clean up the area as things are now frozen and snowed in for the winter.

Selectman Carlstrom updated the Board on the last Planning Board meeting. The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for tomorrow evening.

The Planning Board has unanimously recommended that the Selectmen release the security currently being held by the Town in the form of an insurance bond from Grange Mutual Insurance Company in the amount of \$3,675.00 and accept a cash security in the amount of \$150.00 in its place from Native American Resources, Inc. The Planning Board held a compliance hearing last week on the installation of three wetland crossings on the driveway to property located on Wilson Hill Road known as Tax Map/Lot 6/25-1 in the name of Native American Resources, Inc. The Board unanimously confirmed compliance to the conditions of approval granted by the Planning Board on 11/12/96 regarding the CUP with one exception: loam, seed, and mulch placed late this fall on the shoulders must be redone in spring and reinspected. So moved by Selectman Clay, seconded by Selectman Strong. All Selectmen were in favor.

The Selectmen will meet with the Conservation Commission next week about the Parker Mill Dam replacement project idea.

Sick days for Planning Board recording secretary. Due to illness, the recording secretary has used up all sick days for 1997. Is the Board open to allocating additional sick days to this employee? The Board indicated that it was and authorized Mr. Selig to ensure that the employee was given enough additional sick time to carry her through the week. Additional time would be discussed with the Board next week if needed. This was a non-precedent setting decision which was based on the situation of a specific employee.

The Selectmen will meet with the Road Committee in the near future to discuss road projects for 1998.

The Selectmen, Finance Committee, and School Board will meet at the Central School Library this Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the School budget, addition, etc.



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The next department head meeting is scheduled for this Wednesday, December 3, 1997, at 9:00 a.m.


The Annual Tree Lighting on the Town Common is scheduled for this Sunday, December 7, 1997, at 6:00 p.m. Gordon is scheduled to light the lights. At 7:00 p.m., the Annual Recreation Christmas Show takes place at the NBCS.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator

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