

## Town of New Boston

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 26, 1998

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Carlstrom.

PRESENT: Gordon A. Carlstrom, Chairman  
Harold C. Strong, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

At 7:00 p.m., Recreation Director Toni Pierce came before the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Selig for her monthly meeting. Director Pierce reported that the Grange has approached her to say that the Department may use the Grange Hall in the upper section of the Town Hall for recreation activities. The Department is also thinking of co-sponsoring the annual bazaar with the Community Church at the New Boston Central School in 1998. Ms. Pierce is planning to put the baseball equipment out to bid in 1998, unlike in past years, which should save the Town approximately \$1,000.00. The Department is still in the process of talking with the Playground Association about the location of the Recreation Department's new equipment. Finally, the Winter Carnival celebration sponsored by the Department is scheduled for the weekend of February 6-8, 1998.

At 7:30 p.m., Conservation Commission members Brenda Lind and Betsey Dodge came before the Board to discuss their proposed 1998 warrant article to deem the Saunders Pasture as Town Forest under the management of the Conservation Commission, as well as to grant the Piscataquog Watershed Association a conservation easement to the property. The Selectmen were wary of granting the conservation easement to any group as this would preclude any type of development on the property, even if the Town itself later wanted to change the parcel's designation and/or use based on new and unforeseen circumstances 50 or 75 years from today. The Conservation Commission representatives felt that this was the essence of their argument, that being to ensure the property remained as conservation land for all perpetuity. The Selectmen agreed to place the article on the 1998 Town Warrant but were still unsure whether they wanted to support the idea.

At 8:00 p.m., Forestry Committee members Robert Todd, Graham Pendlebury, and David Allen came before the Selectmen to discuss their request to place a \$1,500.00 article on the 1998 Town Warrant for the survey of the Johnson Lot. The Forestry Committee members explained their rationale for requesting the survey which was essentially that the boundaries to the Town's property in this location were inconclusive based on a cursory review of deeds and surveys dating back to the 1700's and early 1800's. The Selectmen remained skeptical of the need for the survey as many of the surrounding land owners have recently conducted boundary surveys of this area. Selectmen Strong felt that a quitclaim deed might solve the problem once and for all without the



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need for a survey and stirring up all of the neighbors. The Selectmen agreed to place the article on the 1998 Warrant but have not yet taken a position on it.

At 8:30 p.m., Peter and Lynn Beers came before the Board to discuss the taxes which are due on Tax Map & Lot 015-008, formerly owned by Lee P. Beers, and deeded by the Town for unpayment of taxes. At present, a total of approximately \$32,218.00 is due on the property. The Beers requested that the Town turn the property over to the name of Peter Beers if they could come up with the \$32,218.00. The Selectmen explained that they would have to turn the title over to the Estate of Lee P. Beers as per local ordinance/authorization by Town Meeting. Lynn asked if she could have some guarantee that the Town would not sell the property at Public Auction if she started making monthly payments on the parcel. The Selectmen explained that they had no intention at the present time to auction off the property as long as steady payments were being made by the Beers toward the back taxes. Town Administrator Selig said he would come up with a letter to Lynn Beers to this effect in the near future. It is, however, the hope of the Beers that all Probate Court issues surrounding the estate will be settled by March of 1998, at which time they plan to pay off the taxes to the property in full.

At 9:00 p.m., the New Boston Fire Wards came before the Selectmen to discuss concerns they have about continuing to utilize the Town's present legal counsel for specialized work dealing with the Large Building Fire Code update. They feel that they need someone with specialized expertise concerning codes to assist them with the update. The Selectmen said they would discuss the matter further in the coming weeks with Selectman Clay, but made no decision concerning the topic. The New Boston Large Building Fire Code revisions have been delayed until next year.

Selectman Strong made a motion to appoint alternate Ed DiPietro as a full member on the New Boston Planning Board to fill the vacancy left by Brent Armstrong's resignation for a term expiring in March of 2000. Chairman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Per past requests made by the Board of Selectmen, citizens registering for local office this year will receive a letter from the Office of Selectmen regarding the appropriate placement of campaign material.

The Selectmen made minor adjustments to the Bookkeeper, Tax Collector, and Deputy Tax Collector wage step programs. In future, the Tax Collector will receive an annual stipend of \$4,250.00 whether or not this individual also holds the position of Bookkeeper. The Bookkeeper Step 4 rate will be based on market derived averages. The Deputy Tax Collector will be paid according to the same wage step program as the Deputy Town Clerk.

The Selectmen decided to place the Library Expansion Project on the 1998 Town Warrant but have yet to make a recommendation concerning the article.



The Selectmen reviewed a listing of 1997 milestones for the Town Report.

The Town has received a 1998 Compensation Funds of N.H. (CFNH) discount check in the amount of \$28,891.33. This figure represents past contributions made by the Town for which no workmen's comp. claims have been made. In essence, CFNH is a self-insurance pool through which loss prevention efforts have a substantive payoff. Chairman Carlstrom also signed the CFNH Trust Agreement renewal form.

The Selectmen have a Finance Committee meeting scheduled for this Saturday morning, January 31, 1998, at 9:00 a.m.

The Selectmen are scheduled to meet with Patricia Monbouquette concerning Clark Hill Road this Saturday morning, January 31, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Town Administrator Selig passed along a conversation he had with Gail Parker concerning the possible replacement of the Parker Mill Dam with a breakwater.

The Labranche v. Town of New Boston Zoning Board case is to be heard on April 16, 1998.

Congressman Charlie Bass is scheduled to hold a "Town Meeting" type program in the Town Hall Conference Room on Saturday, February 7, 1998, at 10:30 a.m. The Bass Congressional Office will handle all of the publicity.

Chairman Carlstrom made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(a) in order to conduct a 6 month probationary review for the Planning Board Recording Secretary. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - absent. The motion passed unanimously. Town Administrator Selig was present for the discussion.

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

Town Administrator Selig recommended that the Board of Selectmen reclassify Planning Board Recording Secretary Nicola Strong as a regular full time employee of the Town of New Boston following her 6 month probationary period which ended on January 7, 1998. Chairman Carlstrom made the motion to reclassify Nicola Strong as a regular full time employee per Town Administrator Selig's recommendation. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.



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The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd I. Selig". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "T".

Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator

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**January 12, 1998**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Carlstrom.

PRESENT: Gordon A. Carlstrom, Chairman  
Harold C. Strong, Selectman  
Susan J. Clay, Selectman

At 7:00 p.m., Mr. Robert Waller of 236 Meadow Road came before the Board with a number of neighbors to discuss the speed limit on Meadow Road, as well as the intersection of Joe English Road and Meadow Road. The Selectmen said they would look into the matter in the coming weeks.

At 7:30 p.m., Gordon Russell, President of the Piscataquog Watershed Association, came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the possible reconstruction of the Parker Mill Dam or the construction of a breakwater/rapids in this location. Mr. Russell was generally supportive of the construction of a breakwater/rapids.

At 8:00 p.m., the Fire Wards met with the Selectmen to discuss revisions to the Large Building Fire Code.

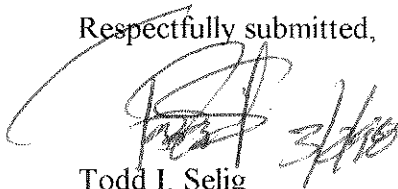
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