Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 9, 1998

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:09 p.m. by Chairman Carlstrom in the Town Hall Conference Room.

PRESENT: Gordon A. Carlstrom, Chairman

Harold C. Strong, Selectman Susan J. Clay, Selectman

Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Approximately 25 residents of New Boston were in attendance at the following public hearings in preparation for 1998 Town Meeting. The public hearings were advertised in the January 29, 1998 issue of the Goffstown News, as well as posted in New Boston.

At 7:10 p.m., Chairman Carlstrom opened a Public Hearing On the 1998 Town Budget totaling \$1,918,995.30 in operating expenses and \$331,200.00 in miscellaneous warrant article requests. The Board reviewed budget highlights and answered questions posed by the public in attendance. At 7:45 p.m., the hearing was closed.

At 7:45 p.m., Chairman Carlstrom opened a Public Hearing On the \$1.3 Million Bond Article for the Whipple Free Library expansion project. Library Trustee Chairman Ken Wiggin explained in some detain the need for the Library Trustee's expansion request and answered questions posed by the audience. It was stated that the bond issue would be for \$1.25 million, while an additional \$50,000.00 in interest would be appropriated for use toward the project. The public hearing was closed at 8:20 p.m.

At 8:20 p.m., Chairman Carlstrom opened a Public Hearing On Adopting the Disabled Exemption Statute in New Boston as proposed by petition. The merits of this article were discussed, with additional rationale for the petition given by the petition's chief proponent, Lois Briere. It was explained that the State statute expressly defines the term "totally and permanently disabled." The public hearing was closed at 8:35 p.m.

At 8:35 p.m., Chairman Carlstrom opened a Public Hearing On Discontinuing The Practice of Appointing Planning Board Members as proposed by petition. Members of the public in attendance, as well as individual members of the Board of Selectmen, spoke in support of and against the petitioned article. The public hearing was closed at 8:52 p.m.

At 9:00 p.m., Town Moderator Lee Nyquist met with the Selectmen to discuss planning for 1998 Town Meeting.

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 Selectmen instructed Town Administrator Selig to inform Road Agent Lee Murray that the Board wanted to proceed with the Clark Hill Road upgrade (Phase II, Alternative IV) within the approximate bounds of the current location of Clark Hill Road, with minor adjustments, as opposed to moving the road behind Monbouquette's house.

Selectman Clay made a motion to adjourn at approximately 10:00 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd I. Selig

Town Administrator