

**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**February 23, 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  
Susan J. Clay, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

At 7:00 p.m., the Road Committee came before the Board to discuss various road issues. Present were: Dick Moody, Rick Riendeau, Bruce Fillmore, Gary Robbins, and Road Agent Lee Murray. Also present was Mr. Tom Speck of 150 Bunker Hill Road. The Phase II, Alternative IV upgrade of Clark Hill Road was discussed. It was felt by Road Agent Murray that the second phase of road work could be completed for approximately \$108,793.60. Generally speaking, the road will be kept in its current location, with only minor changes/relocations to the other side of the stone wall across from Maglathlin's and Lee's house. Also discussed was: Appropriate speed limit adjustments around town during the summer of 1998; Dangerous stretch of road on Route 13 at Hogback - Selectman/Representative Clay will view with Lee Murray to see whether she can encourage the State to install more highly reflective signage in this location as requested by the Town using her Representative letterhead; The intersection of Joe English Road and Meadow Road where it was felt that stop signs would be inappropriate and that the Town had done all it could in this location with the installation of warning signs on Joe English Road; Renaming a stretch of Helena Drive to Newman Wilson for easier emergency response; Various road projects which will be undertaken in 1998.

At 8:25 p.m., Town Clerk Margit Hooper came before the Board to discuss her proposal to increase the Town Clerk's hours to 30 per week and extend full time benefits to the position. This proposal also included a reduction in hourly wage from approximately \$13.65 to \$13.00. The Selectmen also read a written proposal from Margit Hooper dated February 17, 1998 and indicated that they would discuss the matter further when Selectman Strong was present.

The following Selectmen's minutes need to be reviewed and are available in draft form: December 29, 1997; January 5, 1998; January 12, 1998; January 26, 1998; February 2, 1998; February 9, 1998.

The Selectmen reviewed 1992 Town Meeting minutes provided by Police Chief McLaughlin concerning past wage issues.

The Selectmen reviewed information provided by Town Assessor George Hildum: 1/8/98 memo concerning travel trailer taxation; Bradford Knight abatement application. George Hildum will be in to meet with the Board on March 9, 1998 to discuss the revaluation as well as these two issues.

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The Board reviewed a list of individuals who could be given awards for service/special achievements at 1998 Town Meeting.

The cover of the Town Report is finalized. Leslie O'Shaughnessy has given the Town permission to use her photograph of the Parker Mill Dam. She also gave the Town an original print.

Kathy Byam is resigning as Deputy Town Clerk. Her last day will be March 14, 1998.

The Board has received a copy of a letter dated February 9, 1998 from David Craig in regard to suggested changes to the Zoning Ordinance for the future. Mr. Craig is an alternate member of the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

The Selectmen have received an invitation to the annual Devine & Nyquist St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 13, 1998, from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The next Cable Committee meeting between the Towns of Hudson, Milford, New Boston, Mont Vernon, Lyndeborough, Frankestown, Deerfield, and Litchfield will be held on March 6, 1998 at 8:30 a.m. at the Milford Town Hall. Town Administrator Selig plans to attend.

Information from the Excavation and Activity Tax Seminar which Linda Sizemore attended were distributed to the Selectmen for review. This material will be discussed in the coming weeks.

The Selectmen reviewed the Town of Milford Voter's Guide for future public information ideas in New Boston.

The Transfer Station will stay open on Town Meeting according to Manager Bonnie Bethune. A sufficient number of employees will be available to keep the facility open.

Treasurer June Hicks will be out of town this week. Chairman Carlstrom therefore signed the payroll and accounts payable checks per policy.

Town Counsel Leslie Nixon will meet with the Selectmen to discuss legal issues on Monday, March 9, 1998.

AVITAR will meet with the Selectmen on Monday, March 9, 1998 to discuss the progress of the 1998 Total Revaluation.

A new School Superintendent has been hired. Dr. Darrell Lockwood will begin his duties as Superintendent of SAU 19 on July 1, 1998.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.



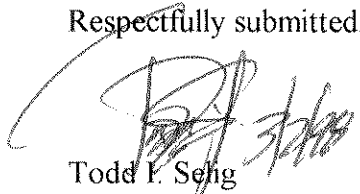
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The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.

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

Selectman Clay made a motion to adjourn at approximately 8:45 p.m. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd F. Selig  
Town Administrator