

**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**March 23, 1998**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Selectmen.

PRESENT: Harold C. Strong, Selectman  
Susan J. Clay, Selectman  
Lois A. Briere, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

At 7:00 p.m., The Board discussed the planned upgrade to Clark Hill Road scheduled for the Summer of 1998 with the Road Committee, Road Agent, abutter Patricia Monbouquette, abutter Julie Maglathlin, and abutter Edward Lee. The Selectmen also heard from residents Dave Blanchette and Bill Mount concerning whether further thought had been given to paving the roadway. Approximately 20 concerned residents were present during the meeting, many of whom asked general questions about the planned upgrade. The Board of Selectmen discussed the possibility of hiring an engineer to help design the planned improvements. Due to the fact that many of the abutters who own property which will be directly affected by the improvements had questions about the proposed road placement, the Board scheduled a site walk for Saturday, April 4, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. to visit the site and discuss planned improvements. All interested in attending should plan to meet at the corner of Thornton Road and Clark Hill Road. A key question to investigate is whether to relocate Clark Hill Road so that it passes to the rear of Monbouquette's. Road Agent Murray and Selectman Strong will try to flag possible routes to give people a better idea of the options available for Saturday's walk.

At 8:00 p.m., the Selectmen met with Weare Highway Foreman Carl Knapp and Vince DeAngelo from BAC Killam concerning planned construction on Twin Bridge Road in Weare which may possibly impact New Boston residents in the Summer of 1998. Weare will be replacing the bridge on Twin Bridge Road. The New Boston Road Committee and Road Agent sat in on this discussion. The New Boston officials asked various questions about the replacement project and were very appreciative that the Town of Weare was willing to keep New Boston apprised of the construction timetable which should run from mid-July 1998 through the end of November 1998.

At 8:30 p.m., Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) Coordinator Michael Richard came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss planning for 1998 Household Hazardous Waste Day which is scheduled for September 26, 1998. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., however the site will be staffed from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pursuant to Coordinator Richard's request, Selectman Clay made a motion to proclaim the week of September 20-26, 1998 Household Hazardous Products Awareness Week in New Boston. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. This year, two bids were received for collection services at the planned HHWD scheduled for September 26, 1998: Laidlaw Environmental and AETS. After



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reviewing the bids with Coordinator Richard, the Board determined that it desired to utilize the services of Laidlaw Environmental based on actual prices, site fees, and past experience. Selectman Clay made a motion to utilize Laidlaw Environmental for the 1998 HHWD. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Finally, a total of \$150.00 will be given to the New Boston Central School for the purchase of environmental reading material for the students as per past practice.

The Board did not need to act on a March 19, 1998 request from the New Boston Planning Board for a 30 day extension for acting on the Powers subdivision application due to membership difficulties/lack of a quorum. It was discovered that Full Members Tom Mohan and Diane Manson, and Alternate Member Wayne Blassberg, were still active members until they were either reappointed or replaced by new appointments by the Board of Selectmen. This newly found knowledge made the Planning Board request unnecessary.

The Selectmen's Office is planning to notify all incumbents that they must come forward and indicate their interest in being reappointed to Boards/Committees in New Boston. Interested incumbents will then be considered with other residents expressing interest in Town positions. A public notice to this effect listing all open positions will be posted in the near future. People will be given two to three weeks to respond. Interviews with the Selectmen will then be scheduled. Selectman Strong asked the Board if it was planning to deviate from the past practice of not appointing individuals who plan to run for a given office at the next election. It was Selectman Strong's view that this would give someone an unfair advantage at the next election. Mr. Willard Dodge concurred. Selectman Clay felt that this was not necessarily the case as an incumbent's record can work both for and against at an election. Mr. Gordon Carlstrom explained that the Selectmen's past practice of drawing full members to Boards/Committees from the Alternate Member ranks ensured that an experienced pool of candidates was always available. Selectmen Brier and Clay felt strongly that it was important to open up the appointment process to the general population, not only to Alternate members. Mrs. Leslie Nixon expressed her agreement with the position of Selectman Clay and Selectman Briere.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter dated March 18, 1998 from Mr. Edward DiPietro to Board of Selectmen concerning the reappointment of incumbent Planning Board members.

The Town's annual financial audit begins next Monday, March 30, 1998. The Town Office staff is therefore busy getting ready for it. The Town actually looks forward to the audit as a way of ensuring that it is doing things right, as well as finding answers to the many questions which crop up during the year.

The Selectmen are scheduled to attend the New Officials' Workshop in Exeter on Monday, April 13, 1998. Selectman Clay has a schedule conflict and will instead attend a session in Concord on May 29, 1998.



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The Police Department will host a "mock accreditation" session this Wednesday, March 25, 1998, in preparation for the real thing which should be coming up in the near future.

On Wednesday, March 25, 1998, Town Administrator Selig will travel to Milford to meet with the other consortium Towns concerning Cable TV at 8:30 a.m.

On Friday, March 27, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. Selectman Bo Strong, Selectman Lois Briere, Road Agent Lee Murray, Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge, and Town Administrator Todd Selig are scheduled to meet at Leslie Nixon's office located at 77 Central Street to get ready for a 9:00 a.m. hearing at Hillsborough County Superior Court concerning the JBS Realty Case.

Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:311(a) to discuss an employee of the Town. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The vote was: Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes; Selectman Briere - yes. The motion passed unanimously. Town Administrator Selig and Town Counsel Leslie Nixon were also present.

The Board discuss a personnel issue affecting the Town concerning the Police Department.

Selectman Clay made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board spoke with Town Counsel Leslie Nixon about potential issues facing the Planning Board.

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 10:45 p.m. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator

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