

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 30, 1998

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

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

The Board of Selectmen conducted interviews for two regular and two alternate positions on the New Boston Planning Board. The interviews were conducted according to the following schedule:

- 7:00 Planning Board Position Interview - Bruce Fillmore, 240 Joe English Road
- 7:15 Planning Board Position Interview - Tom Mohan, Mont Vernon Road
- 7:30 Planning Board Position Interview - Wayne Blassberg, 346 Clark Hill Road
- 7:45 Planning Board Position Interview - Diane Manson, 86 Jessica Lane
- 8:00 Planning Board Position Interview - Pat Quinnette, 440 Clark Hill Road
- 8:15 Planning Board Position Interview - Hans Hassel, 9 Joe English Road
- 9:15 Planning Board Position Interview - Jeff Downing, 252 Bunker Hill Road
- 9:30 Planning Board Position Interview - Susan Martin, 111 South Hill Road. Sue Martin attended the meeting but chose not to interview with the Selectmen this evening for the position.

The Selectmen spoke with the applicants for approximately 15 minutes each concerning their interest in serving on the Planning Board. Candidates were generally asked to express their interest in serving on the Planning Board, their views on attracting small businesses and clean industry to New Boston, their feelings about protecting and preserving the Town's scenic character, as well as other questions posed by the Selectmen concerning such things as current land use, impact fees versus off-site road improvements, and making the Planning Board more accessible to the public for soliciting input. The Selectmen did not make any appointments this evening. Instead, it was decided to consider the information gathered and discuss the matter again on April 6, 1998.

At 8:30 p.m., the Selectmen and Mr. Selig met with Town Clerk Margit Hooper to discuss two finalist applications for the vacant Deputy Town Clerk position. Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(b) to discuss the hiring of an individual as a public employee. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The vote was: Selectman Strong - yes; Selectman Clay - yes; Selectman Briere - yes. The motion passed unanimously.



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The Board met with two applicants for the Deputy Town Clerk position: Michele Koch and Susana Jones. After thoughtful consideration, Town Clerk Hooper made a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen that Michele Koch be hired as Deputy Town Clerk. A recommendation having been made, Selectman Clay made a motion to hire Michele Koch as Deputy Town Clerk. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Michele Koch will therefore begin as a six month probationary employee in the position of Deputy Town Clerk on Wednesday, April 1, 1998. Her hourly wage will be \$8.62 per hour with increases based upon the Town's Market Driven Wage Step Program. The Deputy Town Clerk position is a part-time 12 hour per week position.

At 9:12 p.m., Selectman Clay made a motion to exit non-public session. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Town's engineering firm, Holden Engineering, will be in to speak with the Selectmen on April 13, 1998 concerning the Lyndeborough Road Bridge replacement project.

Plodzick and Sanderson Professional Association is currently conducting the Town's annual financial audit. The auditors will be working for the next week.

The Board of Selectmen decided to attend the New Officials' Workshop in Concord on May 29, 1998 rather than a workshop in Exeter on April 13, 1998.

Ernie Thibeault from New Boston Aggregate/Thibeault Corp. has donated \$1,500.00 to the New Boston Dare Program.

On Saturday, April 4, 1998, the Selectmen have scheduled a site walk on Clark Hill Road for 1:00 p.m. People will meet at the corner of Thornton and Clark Hill Road. Road Agent Lee Murray and Selectman Bo Strong have flagged the proposed roadway relocation areas.

The Selectmen may be interested in the following workshop: *Managing the Demands of the ADA, FMLA, and Worker's Compensation Law*. It is scheduled for April 17, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at Compensation Funds of New Hampshire (CFNH) in Concord.

Mr. John Winslow telephoned and asked Town Administrator Selig whether the Board would be willing to give him an extension to the May 1, 1998 clean up deadline required by the Selectmen for the former Winslow property on Route 13. The property was tax deeded by the Town of New Boston. Mr. Winslow is concerned that mud might delay the clean up and that he may not be able to register his tow truck due to financial constraints. The Selectmen discussed the matter and asked Mr. Selig to call the Winslow's on March 31, 1998 to let him know that no change to the May 1 deadline had been made. However, Mr. Winslow should contact the Selectmen in two weeks if he is still having difficulties meeting the clean up deadline.



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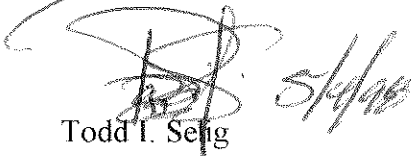
Town Administrator Selig has scheduled a department head meeting for this Wednesday, April 1, 1998 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Selig", with a date "5/4/98" written to the right of the signature.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator