

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

April 13, 1998

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

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

At 7:03 p.m., Bill Rossignol and Steve Halloran, engineers from Holden Engineering, met with the Selectmen to discuss Holden's Engineering Study Report for the Lyndeborough Road Bridge (NHDOT Bridge #084/077) which is part of the State of New Hampshire 80%/20% bridge program. The report is dated March 1998. Holden Engineering recommended replacing the current bridge structure with a timber bridge as outlined in their report. After reviewing the report, as well as a letter dated April 1, 1998 from Robert Barry, Administrator of the N.H. Bureau of Municipal Highways, the Selectmen opted to proceed with the timber bridge alternative. The Town of New Boston will now proceed to the Preliminary Plan phase of the project per the NHDOT's approval as noted in Mr. Barry's April 1, 1998 letter to the Town.

At 7:30 p.m., the Selectmen met with three contractors who have all submitted bids for the completion of the locker room and cell toilet at the New Boston Police Department. The bottom line numbers submitted by each of the three contractors were: Robert Waller - \$23,600.00 (with an additional \$800.00 to be deducted if possible due to donated parts/equipment, etc.); Jerry Kennedy - \$26,850.00; Philip Byam - \$27,562.00. Both Phil Byam and Jerry Kennedy felt that project would take 4 to 6 weeks to complete. Robert Waller felt it could be completed in about 2 weeks and could start as soon as the Police Department had cleared things out of the locker room area. Both Jerry Kennedy and Phil Byam could start within two weeks to a month on the project. Selectman Briere made a motion to award the job to Robert Waller for the quoted price of \$23,600.00. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. In addition, Mr. Waller would be asked to provide the Selectmen with a written statement of completion and would be given 1 month to complete the project once started. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:45 p.m., Police Chief McLaughlin met with the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator Selig for his monthly meeting. The department is currently soliciting applications to fill the vacant full time officer position at the department previously held by Officer Craig Frye. The Chief is specifically looking to fill the position with a N.H. Full Time Certified Officer. The last day to submit applications is April 15, 1998. The month of June 1998 is scheduled for the New Boston Police Department to undergo the accreditation review process. A DARE Program fund-raiser spaghetti supper has been scheduled for this Saturday evening, April 18, 1998, in the Grange Hall at the Town Hall.



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Selectman Clay made a motion to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3II(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 Police Chief McLaughlin were also present.

The Board discussed a personnel issue affecting the Police Department. The Board accepted the resignation of Police Department Full Time Officer Stanley Zapanas as of April 18, 1998. Officer Zapanas will begin work as a Part-Time Officer of the Town after April 18, 1998.

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

Chairman Strong asked Chief McLaughlin whether the Town paid for officers while they performed special detail work for utility companies. Chief McLaughlin answered in the negative. The Town is reimbursed in full for all work the police officers perform for utility companies. In fact, the Town actually charges the utility companies an additional fee for the cruiser while it is being used for the special detail.

At 8:30 p.m., the Selectmen met with Charles and Cheryl Dancause concerning a Current Land Use Change Tax Abatement Request which had previously been denied by the Selectmen on March 2, 1998 for Tax Map & Lot 012-062-000. Both Charles Dancause and New Boston Assessing Office Employee Linda Sizemore presented their views on the events leading up to the Change Tax which was ultimately levied on Mr. Dancause. The Selectmen felt that this was a difficult and unfortunate situation because all parties involved had intended the very best with their actions. In light of these extenuating circumstances which are outlined extensively in the file itself, the Board reversed its previous decision and granted the abatement application. Selectman Clay made a motion to abate the Current Land Use Change Tax Penalty totaling approximately \$500.00 for Tax Map & Lot 012-062-000. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed with Chairman Strong voting in the negative. In addition, Selectman Clay made a motion to allow Tax Map & Lot 012-062-000 to be combined with Tax Map & Lot 012-062-002 and placed into Current Use without penalty due to the fact that 012-062-000 should never have been removed from Current Use and only was removed due to the unfortunate situation resolved above. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dancause also recommended to the Selectmen that a warning sign be posted at the entrance to Pulpit Road and Cambell Road. Chairman Strong suggested that a "Class 6 Road" sign be posted at the entrance to each. The Board will discuss this at a later date.

At 9:00 p.m., the Board met with Road Agent Lee Murray and the New Boston Board of Selectmen to discuss the Alternative IV, Phase II upgrade to Clark Hill Road. Concerned residents were also in attendance. The Board discussed the three options which have been

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deliberated for the last 5 months: moving the road behind Monbouquette's house, moving the road to the other side of the stone wall from Maglathlin's to Lee's, and keeping the road in its existing location. Upon a show of hands, the Road Committee was split evenly between the later two options. It was felt that further discussion with abutters Ed Lee and Mrs. G.L. Wheeler was needed before a final decision could be made. This discussion with the Selectmen should take place within the next week or so. Mr. Patrick Quinnett reminded all present that the Clark Hill Road Study Committee recommended some time ago to lower the speed limit to 25 MPH. The Board will take this input into consideration.

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 10:00 p.m. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator