

**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**May 4, 1998**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Chairman Strong.

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

Selectman Briere made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 30, 1998 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 6, 1998 Selectmen's Meeting, as corrected. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Briere made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from April 13, 1998. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Briere made a motion to accept the minutes from the Selectmen's Meeting on April 20, 1998, as corrected. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed with Chairman Strong abstaining as he did not have a chance to read the minutes.

At 7:00 p.m., Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune met with the Selectmen and Town Administrator for her monthly meeting. Issues addressed included: the skid steere bid package is nearly complete and is ready to be sent to venders; the Transfer Station is still waiting for a septic design from Bruce Fillmore; scrub brush has been cut behind the brush pit with the next step being to remove and relocate the fence back to the tree line -- Skip Gomes will give the Town a quote but can only do so after the septic design has been completed; Road Agent Murray has installed a culvert in the fork of the road by the gate to the Transfer Station for future paving of the drive, however, no final paving work can be mapped out without the septic design for the bathroom facilities; the Board decided that due to the increased cost of recycling roofing shingle construction debris (up from \$40 per ton to \$85 per ton plus \$12 per ton to haul to ERRCO in Epping, NH) the Town would dispose of the material in the hopper at the cost of \$61 per ton for both tipping and trucking until the Transfer Station finds another means to recycle these materials more affordably; the expanded hours for the manager and assistant manager have been quite successful and helpful to date.

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Bill Hebert met with the Selectmen to interview for a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Mr. Hebert is currently an incumbent on the Board. Zoning Board



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Chairman Bill Brendle who was present spoke on behalf of Mr. Hebert's reappointment to the ZBA.

Mr. Lauren Harveson was scheduled to meet with the Selectmen at 7:20 p.m. concerning his interest in the Forestry Committee but did not make the appointment. The Selectmen will contact Mr. Harveson and reschedule the appointment for a future date. Mr. Harveson is a pilot and may not have received the initial interview schedule due to his travel schedule.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Graham Pendlebury applied for an associate member position on the Forestry Committee. Mr. Pendlebury is currently a full member and chairman on the Committee. However, time constraints make it necessary for him to give up his full member and chairman status.

At 7:40 p.m., Ms. Ellen Reilly applied for a full member position on the Forestry Committee. If appointed, the Committee will likely appoint her as chairman to replace Graham Pendlebury. Ms. Reilly is currently a full member on the Committee.

At 7:50 p.m., Mr. Tim Trimbur applied for a full member position on the Forestry Committee. Mr. Trimbur is currently an associate member on the Committee.

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Tom Mohan applied for a position on the Forestry Committee. Mr. Mohan has been very active on the FLESA Committee as a representative from the Planning Board over the last year or so since its establishment by the Selectmen.

At approximately 8:10 p.m., the Forestry Committee met with the Selectmen and discussed the following topics: intent-to-cut evaluation process (should the Town hire a forester to evaluate each cut?) -- the Board asked to see some sample intent-to-cuts from the Forestry Committee before deciding on this topic; a possible source of revenue to pay for a forester to review intent-to-cuts in 1998 would be Forestry Maintenance Fund moneys derived from the Town Forests; an appropriate way to select intent-to-cuts was addressed with ideas ranging from assessing all to selecting randomly to selecting problematic logging companies listed by the State; no new information yet on the Johnson Lot boundary survey; the Forestry Committee walked the Siemeze Lot with County Forester John Nute in preparation for an up-and-coming selective cutting/pruning -- more information will be forthcoming as the plan for the cut is developed; Town Administrator Selig suggested that it might be appropriate for the Forestry Committee to take on the responsibility for reviewing Current Land Use applications for accuracy in terms of the forest-types which were being claimed and supposedly managed on the application materials submitted to the Selectmen's Office -- it was felt that this might be a possibility for the Committee or a forester engaged by the Committee to take on; recommendations were made in favor of the appointment of Graham Pendlebury, Ellen Reilly, Tim Trumbur, and Tom Mohan to the Forestry Committee during each of the aforesaid individuals interviews with the Selectmen; a date was set



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for the Forestry Committee and Selectmen to walk the boundary of the gravel pit on the Lydia Dodge Lot at 6:00 p.m. on May 18, 1998; the Forestry Committee asked the Selectmen to use some of the funds which have been appropriated for work on the Master Plan on revising and rewriting the Forestry Natural Resource Section -- Chairman Strong suggested that the Forestry Committee bring this up with the Planning Board as it was the entity which was handling the update of the Master Plan for the Town.

At approximately 8:30 p.m., Tom and Christine Quirk from the Friendly Beaver Campground and Emily St. John from the Wildwood Campground met with the Board of Selectmen concerning taxation of trailers at the campgrounds as part of the 1998 revaluation. The Quirks and Mrs. St. John expressed their dissatisfaction with the idea of taxing the campgrounds in New Boston, complained that they were informed of the change at the last minute via a letter sent by the Town on May 1, 1998, complained that there were law suits surrounding this issue still in progress in the Town of Weare, and generally were extremely dissatisfied with the idea stating that the tax would drive their campers out of New Boston to campgrounds in surrounding communities which did not tax trailers as property. The Selectmen listened to the concerns expressed and will look into the matter further in the coming weeks. The Board was especially curious how many other towns in New Hampshire tax trailers as real estate.

Clean up progress at 248 River Road property. At 9:00 p.m., the Board was scheduled to meet with Mr. John Winslow concerning this topic. The Selectmen had given Mr. Winslow until May 1, 1998 to bring the property into compliance with the State Junk Yard Law. In addition, a neighbor has asked that the Town place limits on Mr. Winslow's hours of operation. Mrs. Mona Winslow called the Town Office during the meeting to report that Mr. Winslow had gone to Lebanon on a call and would not be back until after 9:30 p.m. Town Administrator Selig rescheduled the meeting for 9:45 p.m. on May 11, 1998. The time was later changed to an on-site site walk by the Selectmen at 6:30 p.m. on May 11, 1998.

At 9:15 p.m., Mrs. Brenda Lind met with the Board of Selectmen to interview for reappointment to the Conservation Commission as an alternate member. The Board discussed Mrs. Lind's background and interest in the Commission.

At 9:25 p.m., Mr. Lou Maynard met with the Board of Selectmen to interview for appointment to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Maynard stated that he preferred to be appointed as an alternate member to start off so that he would have a chance to observe and learn about the duties of the Commission.

The Selectmen made a decision to tape record future meetings of the Board of Selectmen and to retain audio recordings for a period of one month's time. In this manner, there will be no question of exactly what was stated by the Selectmen at their meetings for use by the Town or the media. In addition, it was thought that perhaps the Town could utilize these recordings to ease the load

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of the Town Administrator by finding another individual to produce the minutes from the tapes at some future date. Other ideas were discussed to ease the load of the Town Administrator including: assigning the role of Overseer of Public Welfare to another; finding someone to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator to assist the Town Administrator with emergency preparedness, or to simply assign the role of Emergency Management Director to another; have a Selectman serve as the central contact point for gravel pit information; have a Selectman work with the Joint Loss Management Committee in New Boston; insist that the various boards and committees prepare their own grant information; assign a Selectman as a contact person for each board/committee/departement.

The Board briefly discussed the upgrade of Phase II, Alternative 4 of the Clark Hill Road project in front of Wheeler's, Lee's, and Monbouquette's. The Board met with Mrs. G.L. Wheeler last week to discuss the roadway in front of her home. Mrs. Wheeler felt strongly that the Town should not alter Clark Hill Road from its current location and did not want the Town to cross over her property to improve the road. The Board will meet next week with the Road Agent to discuss the cost difference between leaving the road "as-is" or moving it opposite the stone wall in this location.

Good Neighbor Cafe signage complaint from Mr. Dwight Lovejoy. Code Enforcement Officer Dennis Sarette recommended that the Town notify the owner, Mr. Todd Storro, and have him remove any signs placed in violation and suggest that he seek written permission from a private land owner and the Selectmen before replacing them. Selectman Clay made a motion to give the Good Neighbor Cafe 30 days to comply with this request, provide the owner with a copy of the relevant section of the Zoning Ordinance, and explain how the order may be appealed to the Board of Adjustment. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Hillsborough County Superior Court has denied JBS Realty's motion for reconsideration against the Town in its ruling in the JBS Realty versus Town of New Boston case.

The Town has received a petition to have the speed limit reduced on Howard lane to 25 MPH. The Board is still waiting for more information about altering speed limits from the Police Department before making a final decision on this matter.

The Highway Department has dug out some of the stream bed separating the land owned by Mrs. Kane and the Clark's at the corner of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Bedford Road. Road Agent Murray is putting together measurements so that the Town can apply to have prisoners from the Hillsborough County House of Corrections do the complete job later this summer.

Selectmen Strong & Briere and Mr. Selig updated the Board on last Wednesday's cable hearing in Merrimack. Harron Communications is scheduled to meet with the Selectmen in New Boston on



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June 8, 1998. Selectman Briere has suggested putting a sign up sheet at Dodge's Store asking who does not have cable, etc. The Board felt that this was an excellent idea.

The Board discussed the fact that the home of Don Belanger located at 181 Tucker Mill Road (Tax Map & Lot 002-122) burned to the ground last week. The Board asked Mr. Selig to forward the assessing card to the Town Assessor for review and prorated adjustment due to the fire. Selectman Clay so moved. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The proposed Hillsborough County Fiscal Year 1999 Budget of \$62,417,880.00 represents an overall 6.3% increase over the Fiscal Year 1998 County Budget. However, due to offsetting revenues, the proposed budget also will have the effect of reducing the County Tax Rate by approximately 1.2%. New Boston's state representatives are encouraged by the County to attend the County Convention scheduled for Thursday, June 25, 1998 to vote on the 1999 County Budget.

The Board will review the New Boston Personnel Plan next Monday evening. Final distribution to employees is scheduled for May 13, 1998. Mr. Selig will have a copy in each Selectman's box by Friday.

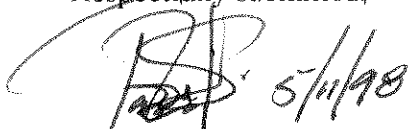
The Board of Selectmen reviewed information provided to it by Town Administrator Selig in a memo dated April 27, 1998 regarding Off-Site McCurdy Road Improvements for the Dupuis Subdivision. Selectman Briere made a motion to accept the McCurdy Road Improvement bid provided by D&S Excavating (\$150,000.00) plus the standard 10% contingency fund amount for a total of \$165,000.00. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable warrants.

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

Selectman Briere made a motion to adjourn at approximately 11:20 p.m. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator