

**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**May 18, 1998**

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

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

Selectman Clay made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from May 11, 1998, with corrections. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Discussion occurred surrounding the fact that Selectman Briere and Planning Board Chairman Hassel had obtained information from the Amherst Planning Office in an effort to assist the New Boston Planning Board assess current practices and procedures followed in New Boston. Chairman Strong wanted on record that he disagreed with Chairman Hassel that the Planning Coordinator's comments and recommendations should not be placed on the Planning Board agenda. Mr. Strong felt that these comments should be included on the agenda. Selectman Briere stated that Bill Dresher, Amherst's Town Counsel, recommended to the Amherst Planning Board that this not be done due to liability issues. Chairman Strong felt that Chairman Hassel's comments last Tuesday concerning this matter were accusatory toward the Planning Coordinator. Selectman Briere disagreed wholeheartedly.

At 6:00 p.m., the Board held a Site-walk at the Lydia Dodge Lot with the Forestry Committee and Road Agent to define the bounds of the Town gravel pit. Once again, the large tree line was confirmed to be the boundary of the gravel pit area. Any excavation beyond the limits of the large tree line will require the approval of Town Meeting.

Starting at 7:00 p.m., the Board met with the following individuals concerning Town board/committee appointments: Lou Kachavos - Road Committee. Mr. Kachavos also discussed the future of the Epiphany Monastery with the Selectmen. This matter will be forwarded to the Town's assessor.; Rick Riendeau - Road Committee; Joseph Constance - interested in serving on any committee as deemed appropriate by the Selectmen; Bruce Fillmore - Road Committee; Dan Rothman - Finance Committee; David Hulick - Recreation Commission; Robert Todd - Solid Waste Committee; Robert Waller - Recreation Commission; Mary Carol Schaffrath - Solid Waste Committee; Lauren Harveson - Forestry Committee; and Douglas MacDonald - Health Officer position.

At 9:20 p.m., the Board met with Kris Stewart and Jim Mills concerning proposed gravel pits on McCollum Road and Bunker Hill Road. The Board was open to the idea of holding a joint public hearing for a special exemption and gravel permit before both the Zoning Board of Adjustment



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and Board of Selectmen, respectively. Mr. Stewart briefly outlined his plans for both pits with the Selectmen. The Selectmen outlined the permit process for Mr. Stewart and Mr. Mills. The Board is now awaiting the submittal of application materials and plans for both proposed pits. After these are received, site walks and hearings will have to be scheduled.

The Board of Selectmen met with Mr. Ed Lee of Clark Hill Road to discuss Alternative IV, Phase II of the Clark Hill Road Improvement Project. The Board explained to Mr. Lee that unless he was willing to pay for the total cost of relocating the roadway to the other side of the stone wall in front of Maglathlin's and Lee's, the Board would leave the roadway in its present location. Mr. Lee agreed to pay this cost estimated at approximately \$8,000.00. Mr. Lee will also be responsible for relocating the stone wall, moving shrubs & fencing, etc. at his own cost. Chairman Strong asked Mr. Lee to send the Selectmen a letter to this effect. Mr. Lee consented. In addition, Mr. Lee would like a letter from the Selectmen for tax purposes reflecting the total sum he spends to assist in having the roadway moved. Selectman Briere made a motion to relocate the roadway to the other side of the stone wall as per this agreement. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, although Selectman Clay expressed concern over the two added turns the relocation would create in the roadway. As part of this discussion, because of the familiarity surveyor Robert Todd has with the venue, as well as to expedite the surveying aspect of the project, it was decided by the Board to utilize Mr. Todd's services for the surveying and center line services connected with the movement of the roadway. Selectman Clay so moved. Selectmen Briere seconded. The motion passed unanimously. A rough telephone estimate of \$875.00 was provided by Mr. Todd for the surveying aspect of the project.

Saturday hours for John Winslow at 248 River Road. Hours will end at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, not 8:00 p.m., as determined on May 11, 1998 by the Selectmen. Selectman Clay so moved. Selectman Briere seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This does not apply to wrecker service work.

Board/committee appointments. All appointments expire at March Town Meeting of the given year noted. Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Forestry Committee: Lauren Harveson, Associate Member replacing Lyn Lombard - term expires 2000; Graham Pendlebury, Associate Member - term expires 2001; Ellen Reilly, Full Member - term expires 2001; Tim Trimbur, Full Member replacing Graham Pendlebury - term expires 2001; Joseph Constance, Full Member replacing Alan Briere - term expires 2000. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Recreation Commission: David Hulick, Full Member - term expires 2001; Susan Bennett, Full Member - term expires 2001; Robert Waller, Full Member - term expires 2001. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



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Selectman Briere made a motion to nominate Douglas MacDonald as Health Officer for New Boston. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Solid Waste Committee for three year terms expiring in 2001: Mary Carol Schaffrath and Robert Todd. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint the following individuals to the Conservation Commission: Robert Fehsinger, Full Member - term expires 2001; Cynthia Wilson, Full Member - term expires 2001; Brenda Lind, Alternate Member - term expires 2001; Lou Maynard, new Alternate Member position - term expires 2001. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Clay made a motion to reappoint Bruce Fillmore to the Road Committee for a three year term to expire in 2001. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Briere made a motion to appoint Lou Kachavos to the Road Committee for a three year term to expire in 2001. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. Chairman Strong expressed his opinion that Rick Riendeau should be reappointed to the Road Committee due to the good work he has done on the Committee. Selectmen Clay and Briere felt that since Mr. Riendeau was already an alternate on the Planning Board, another citizen should be given an opportunity to serve the Town on the Road Committee. They felt that the Board should encourage more people getting involved in Town government by limiting the number of committees and boards single individuals serve on. The motion passed with Chairman Strong dissenting.

Selectman Briere made a motion to reappoint Bill Brendle to the Zoning Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire in 2001. Selectman Clay seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Clay made a motion to appoint Geoffrey Katz to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a full member for a three year term to expire in 2001. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. Chairman Strong expressed his feeling that since Mr. Katz was in litigation with the Town that he should not be appointed to the Board. In addition, Chairman Strong felt that Bill Hebert should be reappointed due to faithful service to the Town as a member of the Zoning Board over the years. Selectman Briere clarified that Mr. Katz is not currently in litigation with the Town. Town Administrator Selig interjected that Mr. Katz has had his attorney contact the Planning Office concerning site plan issues, but has not to date filed in court concerning this matter. Selectman Briere also expressed her opinion that Mr. Katz has had a great deal of planning, conservation, and business experience which would be well served on the Zoning Board. The motion passed with Chairman Strong dissenting.

The Board discussed establishing an official Emergency Coordinator position in New Boston and whether it would be appropriate to pay an individual to help perform this function. Hourly pay as



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well as a stipend of \$500 to \$1000 was discussed. It was decided to advertise the potential opportunity and see whether there were people in New Boston who would be both qualified and interested in the position. A volunteer might also be interested in taking on the position.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be on June 8, 1998 at 7:00 p.m. The Selectmen's every-other-week summer schedule begins on June 1, 1998 and runs through the end of August.

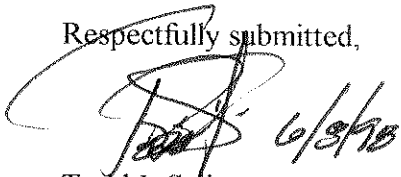
The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for May 26, 1998.

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 11:03 p.m. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd I. Seig". To the right of the signature, the date "6/8/98" is handwritten.

Todd I. Seig  
Town Administrator

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