

## Town of New Boston

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 17, 1998

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

PRESENT:

Harold C. Strong, Chairman  
Susan J. Clay, Selectman  
Lois A. Briere, Selectman  
Burton H. Reynolds, Town Administrator

Selectman Clay made a motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 1998. Selectman Briere seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bonnie Betheum - Transfer Station

Received one bid for the 1990 skid steer at the minimum acceptable \$5,500 from Dennis Sweeney. When he is ready to pick-up we will cancel the ins, give him the title, and provide a sales agreement for each party to sign. The new skid steer cost \$21,880 - \$5,500 - \$3,000 grant = net cost of \$13,380.

The new town policy manuals were handed out to employees this past week.

Our hauling contract is up for renewal. Whelabrator has offer a \$1.50/ton/yr. increase over the next three years. There are not a lot of alternatives but she will check on our options and report back to the Board.

Brush pit expansion estimate from Skip Gomes includes hydroseeding and is over the amount appropriated. Hydroseeding probably not necessary so get a revised quote and call a few others like D&S and Jenkins. Could also post again and/or advertise again. Dennis Sweeney is to move the fence. If bids are too high, we will do part this year and place the additional monies in next year's budget.

Restroom septic design is done. Only one bid from Mitch and that was \$17K and we only have 10K in the budget. Bonnie to review with him.

A woman called Bonnie who is thinking of building across the street and wanted to know if it was safe to build given groundwater runoff from the old landfill. She could give no such assurance but did note that it is monitored quarterly and the readings are low.

#### Toni Pierce - Recreation Director

Handed out pamphlet showing up coming events.

Summer program over on Friday. \$15,000 in receipts coming to the Town. Considered it a success. Had some turnover in staff and one who was let go. We discussed why and that the file needed to reflect the reasons even if the parent was concerned. There are employment files kept and reviews are done.

Long discussion about playground association and our Rec. Dept. and the grounds under the control of the association. The Town does have some equipment which could go on the site but concerned over issues of : control, liability, upkeep. Want to still work with them on the grounds issue but may remain in the status quo state for some time. It was noted that Warren Holton had volunteered to do some repair work for free if asked by the association.

Asked Toni not to park the van in the parking space nearest the road. That would improve visibility. Toni agreed to park elsewhere in the lot.

#### Historical Society

Todd has been asked to refer any MEMBERS who want to get into the building to Lisa or another society director. Reason: some don't lock the door or know how to set the alarm, etc. It is OK for the committees who now use the building to continue to do so.

#### Kevin Coyne - Welfare

Kevin had been asked by Todd to do some research on this issue. We may want to consider running welfare on a more formal basis so our procedures and rules are in writing vs. the case by case approach now used. It is no longer just New Boston residents asking. Also, the State now has guidelines with waiting periods and cut-off timeframes. Thus we are in the position of potentially being asked for assistance on many more occasions than in the past. We currently follow the '92 NH welfare guidelines. We never give anyone cash. Only vouchers or send checks directly to companies we are willing to pay for services from. Kevin did some research in several areas and we will use this to help develop our guidelines.

#### Kevin Coyne - Economic Development

Kevin put together a binder book for us with info from numerous sources including DRED. We want to focus on not just attracting new industry but keeping what we have. 85% of our population commutes to work outside of town. He had some ideas on how to go about developing more info on this subject and potential contacts.

George St. John - Fanfare

He was in to discuss where the signs for the event could be placed. They had placed some on telephone poles and found out that was not allowed. They planned to place some on private property but wanted to know where on Town land a sign or two could be placed. Selectmen gave approval for one double sided sign on the oval to be not more than 3 ft. high that would come down Sunday night.

Jim Dodge - Fire Department

Emergency generator to be connected soon and will handle Fire Department, Town Hall, Library, and Church. Dave Cram needs to be contacted to help install.

Need bid letter for sale of the old military vehicle. Sale money is to be placed into a radio for the new truck. Probably talking \$700-800. How do we prevent proceeds from going into the general fund? Todd suggested Selectmen approve transfer of ownership for \$1.00 to the Association. The Assoc. would sell the truck and check would go to them. They would then give the money as a donation to the Fire Department. Should have Leslie develop sales agreement and then have Board vote to approve.

Fire hydrant on RT 77 has a dredge and fill permit ready but it needs a one page explanation from Jim to go with it. Once complete, we will send to the State.

Tax Collector interview. Non-public session per RSA:92-AII3(b). Harold Strong-yes, Susan Clay-yes, and Lois Briere-yes. The Board voted unanimously to appoint Irene Baudreau as Tax Collector until the next election. Arrangements will be made for training and for the auditors to come and audit the books as is required when a new Collector comes aboard.

Don Grosso

Don came in to express his concern over the assessment of his property and the process in general. The Board suggested he meet with Avitar.

Spoke briefly about the trail idea from downtown to out by the Post Office and other places.

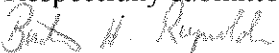
Discussed sign options for "slow children" areas. Lee has a new sign we could use in place of the legal one. Lee wants the residents to buy (\$10. plus post) and install. Board thought one at each entrance road into Town would be good as a start. The sign says "Please Drive Slowly We Love our Children". May want sign posting to be one per street or to be approved by the Road Agent or the Board. Don't want too many because they lose their effect. Perhaps before we do implement we should have an article in the paper.

Lowering speed limit on Thorton Rd. to 25 MPH discussed. Policing of town roads vs. just State roads may be discussed with Chief at a future meeting.

The Selectmen reviewed and signed payroll/accounts payable and other misc. documents.

At approximately 11PM Selectman Clay made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Briere seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator