

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

August 31, 1998

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

PRESENT:

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

There were no scheduled appointments.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Clock - Todd Storro of Good Neighbor Cafe has offered to wind the clock now that it is repaired. He does not always do so. The Board decided to ask Don Chapman who does a lot of misc. maintenance at the Town Hall to keep an eye on it. He is to meet with Phil D'Avanza who repaired the clock to learn how to set and wind it.
- 2) Lyndeborough Bridge - Gave Selectmen the info from Holden Engineering describing the new phases. Costs are also given for the services provided. Bob Barry at the NH DOT has reviewed the work and fees, and said he would approve for the 80/20 State/Town cost sharing. Board will review this data and if all is in order, sign the contract next meeting.
- 3) Linda Beers - Livery business request. Burton is to call Portsmouth to see what they do to regulate. She will have to go to Planning Board to operate rides for weddings, etc. from her home, however.
- 4) Eric Fey is currently finishing the painting of the Historical Bldg. and was asked to give us a quote to paint the Town Hall ramp. Eric's quote of \$250. was accepted by the Board. He will paint the ramp this week. A separate bill for materials will be coming from New Boston Hardware.
- 5) Sarah Chapman inquired as to whether one of the Selectmen would be available to count ballots on primary day, Sept. 8th. Chairman Strong will be at a Planning Board meeting but will try to make it at some point. Susan Clay is a candidate for office and Lois Briere her fiscal agent so neither of those should be counting ballots.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The Board agreed to allow overtime for Linda Sizemore due to all the work associated with the reval and helping the new Town Administrator. This need is temporary and should not involve a lot of hours, but there are things which need to get done promptly. Because it is not just one or two items for which we could train a "temp", going that route is not appropriate in this instance.
- 2) Pat Jennings had inquired about \$100. for spring bulbs she would like to plant on the common along with some other flowers that had been donated. Approval was given.
- 3) With a change soon to take place in who cleans the Town Hall, it was thought we should explore having a separate person clean and buff the floors once each quarter. Burton is to review options and see how much we have in the budget.
- 4) The process of completing the MS-4 with our revenue estimates has begun and will be ready for the Board to review by next meeting.
- 5) A brief has been received from Joe Foistner. It was given to Susan and then to Burton and placed in a file awaiting word from Town Counsel on what we should do. Chairman Strong noted that the brief was addressed to the Boards of Selectmen and Planning and felt all members of the Board of Selectmen should have been made aware of the existence of the brief as well as a copy given to the Planning Board. Willard Dodge questioned the Board on it's handling of the document. Chairman Strong asked that all matters addressed to the Board be made available to all members. It was also voted to send the file to counsel Leslie Nixon given that we had not yet heard from her.
- 6) Randy Benthien made a presentation to the Board concerning the 9/19/98 "town meeting". He was willing to help if our current coordinator Chuck Bagley was not able to come up with enough facilitators. Randy has his own consulting firm and while they do charge, some townspeople have offered donations in the \$2,500 range to offset. It was mentioned that the 9/19 meeting may turn out to be just one of several on the subject, so we may be back to Randy at a future date.
- 7) Karen Craven is going from full-time status to part-time. She will no longer accrue any sick days and has questioned how to handle the ones she has. Burton is to call the Employment law hotline for guidance.
- 8) Burton asked the Board if they wanted him to be a member of the NH Municipal Assoc. By being a member (\$55/yr.) the administrator gets to go to seminars for free and the town gets several publications. Todd had recommended continuing his membership. The Board agreed.
- 9) A member of the public questioned the number of road projects on-going and asked if some couldn't be concluded before starting any additional ones

The Selectmen reviewed and signed the warrant for payroll and Accounts Payable.

At 9PM Selectman Lois Briere made a motion to adjourn, 2nd. by Susan Clay. Motion passed.



Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator