

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 21, 1998

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:12PM by Chairman Strong

PRESENT

Harold Strong, Chairman
Susan Clay, Selectman
Lois Briere, Selectman
Burton Reynolds, Town Administrator

Minutes were made available too late in the day to be read and approved.

I. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

1) At 6:30PM the Selectmen took a site walk of the Winslow property. Significant progress had been made in cleaning up the area. Notes were taken as to what had been done and what remained to be done. The Winslows plan to pay the back taxes next week so they will own the property once again. A disclaimer for pollution is on the deed. Ownership is separate from being able to operate a junk yard. The Winslows know this. And they know the property will either be cleaned up to the Board's satisfaction or we will go to court. The Board made no decisions on how to proceed. That will likely be decided at the 9/28 Board meeting. Dave Wilson asked about DES inspecting. The Board has not on it's inspections, seen much in the way of pollution, so have not felt the situation to be serious enough to warrant DES involvement.

2) Linda Beers clarified several issues surrounding her horse and carriage business. While she needs to come before the Planning Board at some point, the plans for giving rides from her house require a number of changes and it will be some months before that becomes a reality. Her Oct. wedding job is in Goffstown. She brought in pictures of the team and carriage, and her insurance coverage. The Board agreed that she could operate without a permit as long as she did not park downtown and did not put up any sign advertising her business. She has spoken with the police chief and the Board previously and is aware of the need for a "slow moving vehicle" sign for the carriage.

3) Wayne Gagnon from "Over The Hill Gang" snowmobile club asked about using some town property and some class VI roads to build a corridor trail. Want to map the best trail from a base at Friendly Beaver Campground. Cochran Hill Rd. some private property some town property and some other roads like Greenfield Rd. and Butterfield. Wayne has spoken with chief McLaughlin and would let him know what roads and routes they plan to use. One route has them using some town land behind the transfer station; the Board felt he should consult with the Forestry Committee. He will also be talking with private landowners. Once this is done, he will return to

the Board. There was also some discussion on whether trails would also be used by dirt bikes and ATVs.

4) Bob Todd came in to outline his plan for Clark Hill Rd. It is a three phase plan whereby he will calculate the boundary and area of three roadway parcels to be deeded to the town, set 3 granite markers as bounds, and then prepare a boundary plat. Bob is to prepare a proposal for the Board to sign. Bo Strong and Road Agent Lee Murray re-aligned the road by Mrs. McLaughlin's and that change will be incorporated aslo.

5) Firewards have the emergency generator installed on the pad at the fire station and expect to string the wires to the town hall this week. Burton is to see how much money is left in the warrant article to do this work. Jim Dodge asked to have clarified information that was given on the handout for the 9/19 "town meeting" about the fire wards and chief. Jim pointed out that the fire wards elect, not appoint, the chief, and that the election is for a one year period, not an indefinite period. The handout also noted that the chief could be elected by townspeople. Jim said there are actually 5 ways to go about it and they should all be mentioned. There was a brief discussion about the water supply for a downtown fire now that the Parker Mill dam is gone. What options are there and do we want to bring any before voters at Town Meeting?

6) Lou Maynard expressed his view that Chairman Strong did a poor job of presiding over the Planning Board discussion on 9/14. His letter is on file with these minutes.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1) We only received one quote for opening a new brush pit at the Transfer station. Skip Gomes proposed doing the work for \$5,260 but we only have \$3,000 in the budget. Bonnie will be contacted and we will review our options.

2) Quotes for installing a separate heating zone upstairs in the town hall for the Recreation Dept.: Heroux - \$1,770 Elliot - \$1,550 King - \$1,467. All guaranteed labor and materials for 1 yr. The Board accepted the lowest bid provided the work can be done within a month. They asked that Burton check to be sure similar materials were quoted.

3) A letter was received from Hans Hassle stating that he would step down from the Planning Board until the AG's office rules on his qualification to be a member. It was moved by Susan Clay and 2nd by Lois Briere to ask Counsel to proceed with sending the matter to the Attorney General. All were in favor.

4) Byam property is set to be surveyed and the plan redone. The town will pay for this as well as the deed costs. Everything is on schedule to be done to meet Mrs. Byam's request that they be ready to approve by 10/16/98.

III. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Holloween will be observed on Oct. 31. Trick or treat will be from 6-8 PM.
- 2) Mr. Klardie has asked for approval to upgrade Pulpit Rd. This road goes by his house and then becomes class VI. The Board wants to take a sight walk with the road agent and possibly someone from the Planning Board to decide what standards will apply to the class VI portion. John Bunting was also in to ask if the Board wanted Pulpit Rd. to now have it's own numbers instead of using those of Bedford Rd. Because it looks as though there will be at least three homes and possibly more on Pulpit, it was decided Pulpit should have it's own numbering system.
- 3) Jon Brooks called the town offices for approval to use the Town account at Currier Lumber for some materials for a walking bridge the Forestry Committee has a grant to install on Lydia Dodge's property. Burton gave approval for this. They will bill him directly (and he will get the money from the grant) but he will get the town discount because it is a town related project.
- 4) Burton updated the Board on the tax deeds. Other than the perennial David Bowen lot which we do not take due to hazardous waste, only Mike Kittle at 455 Francestown Rd. is likely to be deeded, though we are still trying to contact the bank.

The Selectmen reviewed and approved payroll and Accounts Payable.

At 9:35 PM the meeting was adjourned.



Burton Reynolds
Town Administrator

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Bo Strong - Selectmen meeting of Sept 14

1.

The only conclusion I could come to after attending the meeting at New Boston's Central School on Monday night was Bo Strong, Chairman of the Board of selectmen is (A) incapable of being chairman at a public meeting (B) you deliberately attempted to embarrass Mr. Hans Hasset, Susan Clay and Lois Priere by not controlling the meeting. (C) you continue to represent a small self-serving group of voters with a very different ideology than most of our two thousand plus registered voters and (D) Probably all three above have some merit.

2.

you let a couple out of control babies run the meeting all night with rude and loud out burst

3.

you set no example and allowed mob rule to continue unchecked for entire meeting

4.

you never attempted to shield the abusive remarks made to the board including Susan Clay and Lois Priere the other selectpersons at the table.

5.

you deliberately allowed them to happen.
you never even attempted to control this meeting
with Robert's Rules of Parliamentary Procedure.
you sat there while one bully made a comparison
of Mr. Hassel to Hitler and other words of profanity
you should publicly apologize to Mr. Hassel
and Board members. You set no example as
chairman except mob rule in the rule of the
day in New Boston.

6.

Your example or lack of carried over
into Tuesday night's planning board
meeting where "bullies" now think by
being loud, rude, and disrespectful they
can get their way at a public meeting

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you should and I am asking for you
to step down from public office before
you disgrace this town any more than
you did Monday night for allowing bullies
to be disrespectful to members of our
Town Boards so a few old guard can
regain control. So they can go back to
their self-serving privileged way of doing
things.