

## **Town of NewBoston**

### **Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**September 28, 1998**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05PM by Chairman Strong.

#### **PRESENT**

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

#### **I. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

- 1) Board met with Chief McLaughlin for the presentation of the Level I accreditation plaque by Director of Police Standards and Training Earl Sweeney. New Boston is now one of 11 towns out of a total of 232 towns in the State to have a Level I certification. Director Sweeney called Level I the most important because it's focus is on policy and procedure. Having all officers trained in these and following them reduces the possibility for lawsuits and ensures our officers will handle situations based on what those in law enforcement view as "best practices".
- 2) Because this meeting was with town counsel Leslie Nixon it was held in executive session. The purpose was to review how we could best respond to a request for documents by Joe Foistner.
- 3) Diana Kasiaras was in to obtain a temporary trailer permit. It is a 30 ft. travel trailer and is to be on the property while a new log home is being built. She has paid her fee and brought in a contract for construction showing an Oct. 1 start date with a completion date of 60 days. Susan Clay moved and Lois Briere 2nd with unanimous vote to approve.
- 4) George Hildum was in to explain the new gravel pit assessment law RSA 72b which replaces RSA 72:13. There are two parts to the tax. One is a .02/yd activity tax which works just like the yield tax for timber and is due March 31. The other is a tax for the pit itself. George explained the process he went through to determine how much that tax should be per acre. We have 22 parcels in town worth approx. 1M in assessment. A letter is being sent to all pit owners from George explaining the new tax and a copy was read to the Board for their approval.
- 5) Claire Dodge discussed the purchase of a dual cassette taping machine for \$140. This would speed the process of making duplicates. So Planning and the Selectmen can both use it, the Selectmen need to switch from the mini cassettes and we will look at how to best accomplish. The Board approved a request to over-expend the education line item for Planning so members could attend a fall Office of State Planning conference at \$15.each.

There was a brief discussion on how to best fill the Planning Board vacancy of Hans Hassle. One option was to have an alternate move up, either Wayne Blassberg or Rick Reindeau.

Claire is working on updating the "build-up" report. It would show how many lots are available to be built on, the number of permits, and the number of lots built since 1978. This would be just one of many tools to assist us in our long term planning.

6) Lou Maynard was in to question whether Ed DiPetro should step down from the Planning Board while charges against him are pending or is this more appropriate only after the State Police investigation determines the charges have merit? Burton is to call the Municipal Assoc. for advise.

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Those of 9/14/98 were approved with it noted that Susan voted "no" on Jeff Downing.
- 2) Those of 9/21/98 were approved with three changes/clarifications: Clark Hill Rd. was realigned by Selectman Bo Strong and Road Agent Lee Murray after a request by Mrs. McLaughlin that the road be moved a little to spare some lilac bushes, etc., the vote to send the issue of Hans Hassle's ability to serve on the Planning Board to the AG's office was unanimous, and one word was spelled wrong.

## III. OLD BUSINESS

1) Willard Dodge has offered to use his dozer for free to prepare the area where the fence needs to go up at the Transfer Station. Because all the quotes to prepare new brush pits were over the \$3K approved at Town Meeting, the work may be postponed until next year.

2) The Cemetary expansion quotes were reviewed. The one from Don Wheeler was for \$6,500 and the one from Don Surrette \$1,500. The job entails burying the bolders and stumps with 6 ft. of gravel and grading the large mounds of earth. Based on a motion by Susan Clay, 2nd by Lois Briere, all voted to approve Don Surrette to do the job within two weeks.

3) Results of the Sept. 19 Town Meeting were distributed. 30 copies will be coming down from from Chuck Bagley who was our "leader" for the meeting. Susan and Lois thanked all the departments and commissions who took part. A follow-up meeting on the #1 issue (growth) will be held Wednesday, October 21st at 7PM in the Grange Hall.

4) The Board agreed to extend until Oct. 16 the time Winslow's have to complete the clean-up of the property. Significant progress had been evident on the site walk the week before and based on the timeframe for further progress as outlined by Mr. Winslow, it was felt this extension was justified. A site walk will take place Oct. 16 at 4PM.

5) Mr. Klardie, who lives off Bedford Rd., requested a site walk to discuss upgrading what is now a Class VI road. Those to attend are the Selectmen, Road Agent Lee Murray, and a Planning Board member. The walk will be either on Thurs. or Friday at 4PM. Burton is to coordinate.

6) Now that it is clear one must be a citizen of the U.S. to be on the Planning Board Hans Hassle has agreed to resign from the Board. Chairman Strong asked for a letter of resignation. Susan Clay moved, with 2nd by Lois Briere to accept the resignation. All approved.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) The CIP process will be starting soon. Letters have gone out to all departments from the Planning Board.

2) All departments have been given the 1999 budget form. They have been asked to set a date to meet with Burton in mid October. The Finance Committee schedule has been set and Chairman Dan Rothman has sent letters to all members.

3) The only property that could go to tax deed is a house owned by Kittle. We will be contacting the bank, now that we know who they are, to see if they want to pay the taxes.

4) Jean Valance has asked the Board via the Conservation Commission for approval to have a large pine tree cut that is on town land managed by the Conservation Commission. This will be cut by someone with insurance and at his expense. It is a very large tree that is close to the house. The Conservation Commission recommends the cutting. Board members will look and then decide.

5) The Town of Weare sent a letter concerning a gravel operation that could begin in their town that would affect traffic in New Boston on Rt. 114 and possibly some on Rt. 77. Copies of the letter were given to Highway, Police, and Conservation for comment.

6) Lois Briere noted that HB 648 allows a town to add up to \$5.00 to vehicle registrations in order to fund an account for road improvements. There are approx. 4,000 registrations so at \$5.00 each that would generate \$20,000. This concept will be discussed further.

Chairman Strong announced that he would not be available for next week's meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10PM with a motion by Susan Clay, 2nd by Lois Briere. All were in favor.



Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator