

**Town of New Boston**  
**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**October 26, 1998**

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

**PRESENT:**

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

**I. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

1) John Winslow was in to provide an update on the clean-up of his lot. Since the summer, he felt about 75% of what he has been asked to remove had been removed. And he felt if given time he would get most of it removed. The Board decided to revisit the site on Friday 10/30/98 at 1PM because Mr. Winslow felt there needed to be a new list made that accurately reflected what had been removed and what remained. A decision then will be made as to whether any legal action will be taken.

Some additional time was spent discussing whether or not the operation was "grandfathered" under our zoning and whether the town was within it's rights to set some parameters on the operation such as hours. Burton is to call counsel for guidance.

2) Claire Dodge did not have anything for the Board this time that had not been handled via normal channels.

3) Wayne Gagnon from the snowmobile club had his car breakdown so did not make the meeting.

4) Armand Hebert came in to talk about his neighbor, John Winslow. He felt the clean-up was going slowly and wanted to be sure it would continue. Also, he complained about the hours of operation, exclusive of any emergency service situations. The Board said they would persue his concerns. The question arose as to whether anyone had checked the site for pollution. Mr. Hebert felt the DES should investigate so the Board asked him to write a letter requesting one.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the 9/28/98 meeting were approved without revision - motion Susan Clay, 2nd Lois Briere, all in favor.

### III. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) Town Clerk Margit Hooper wanted to be sure the Board did not want to prevent people from using checks for town business when they had previously bounced a check on us. The Board reiterated their position that they felt following the state RSA which provides for a \$25. fee was sufficient. Not allowing usage of a check was felt to be cumbersome and in some cases not appropriate.
- 2) Lyndeborough Bridge schedule is to have the bridge mfg. bids in by 11/10 and to open them on 11/12. Holden will then review them all and make a recommendation by the next week. Chairman Strong wanted to be sure there was a completion date in whatever contract for work we sign.
- 3) Ads have been placed for the fire inspector position and a date of 11/6 was set for them to be in to the town for consideration.

### IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) The annual health benefits meeting for employees will be on 11/13/98 from 11-12AM.
- 2) While speaking of benefits, the question arose as to town participation in a retirement plan for town employees (excluding the police who have their own plan). Burton will investigate.
- 3) Some complaints have been received about the cost of our telephone service. Burton is to review with bookkeeper Karen Craven and then discuss with Dan McDonald.
- 4) Raises had been discussed at a recent Finance Committee meeting. It was noted that the new pay system required employee appraisals be done and nothing was in place yet. Lois Briere brought a form for this process. Burton will ask for feedback and then begin training department heads. It is expected that appraisals will be done before final salary determinations are made though the process for '98 will be less than perfect given the short time frame.
- 5) Burton asked the Board to approve a deduction from the Avitar bill (our reassessing firm) of \$1,189.42. This would partially offset additional costs incurred by the town for time spent on correcting some things that did not go as planned. Mostly, this was extra time spent by Linda Sizemore and our assessor George Hildum. Based on a motion by Susan Clay, 2nd by Lois Briere, the Board voted unanimously to make the deduction.
- 6) The Board took another look at how to address "no parking" on Rt.13. It was decided to include some other road issues such as one way signs for Depot and Mill streets, the 30 MPH town speed limit and the "Please Drive Slow We Love Our Kids" sign. Would like to have a public meeting on Nov. 30th. Notices should be sent to affected property owners. This would be just to help determine what to do. Any changes would likely take place in mid '99.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM with a motion by Susan Clay, 2nd by Lois Briere.

*Burt Repubb*  
*Town Administrator*