

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 9, 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) Members of the Road Committee were present and gave opinions on several road projects. When roads can be both scenic and safe was discussed. The future of the Road Committee was also a topic. What type of committee do we want? They were to read a 10/19 memo on the subject by Burton and then meet with the Board and Road Agent Lee Murray again in early December.
- 2) Mike Richard came in to talk about Hazardous Waste day. Had 136 people participate which is 9% of the households. Biggest problem now is too much hazardous waste day type material being brought to the Transfer Station in between our yearly Hazardous Waste days. Mike feels we may want to have two days per year; perhaps one in May and the other in October. State will still give us \$881 for each. There is a liability having too much of this type material around for too long. Also discussed was the idea of having one "free" day each year when people could bring in tires, refrigerators, etc. which normally there is a fee for. We just have to keep in mind that the Town does have expenses related to disposing of these types of items and our fees are meant just to cover our costs. Mike wanted to know if the police could donate their time like the fire department.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for 10/26/98 were approved as written.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) A notice is to be posted shortly for the Nov. 30 meeting on some possible changes in the downtown area such as parking on RT 13, making Depot and or Mill streets one way, etc. The Board wanted to make sure letters were sent to all who might be affected and wanted the notice to be clear this was informational in nature with no immediate plans for changes
- 2) John Winslow came in with a report from '89 by the DES showing that his site had been inspected for pollution. The Board told him the recent letter to the DES was done based on a request and he should keep that report to show the DES when they contacted him. John felt he had done a good job of cleaning up and should now be left alone. The Board decided not to sent to court at this time but to send a letter asking that the rest of the items be cleaned out promptly and that nothing new be added.
- 3) Burton handed out a sheet showing how the Town and School portions of the surplus from last year had been attained. The surplus for '98 will not be nearly as large for either entity which means a possible upward push on the tax rate for '99.
- 4) The State signs for the Good Neighbor Café have been installed so his illegal signs can now be taken down.
- 5) Burton brought the Board up to date on the telephone cost review. With the help of Dan MacDonald the details of our current billings were outlined. Rates for both long distance and local service appear to be competitive. Both will be put out to bid when they renew. After some research, it was determined billing each line for their actual local usage would be more expensive than it was worth so we will continue the practice of taking the local calls bill and simply splitting it by the number of lines (18).
- 6) It was decided to send a letter to Mr. Klardie telling him that if he does decide to ask for permits for additional lots, he must upgrade the driveway to town Class V road standards which would include paving and a cul-de-sac.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) We were able to purchase off the internet a Windows Office '97 software disc for \$65. This is \$400+ in stores. It has been installed for all but Claire who needs to wait for her disc drive to arrive.
- 2) Town Hall security was reviewed after problems with the button being pushed that is in the meeting room. Chief McLaughlin did the research on what he felt would be the best solution. The first concern is that the system now "reports" a burglary when in fact it is supposed to be a panic situation. Goffstown communications can fix that for us. Next, the building needs to be segregated into three areas so the police know where in the building the problem is. And third, the button in the meeting room should be placed up into the inside lip of the table so children can't see it and people want inadvertently hit it.

Meeting Adjourned 10/15

Burt Reynolds