

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 16, 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

I. SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

1) Lee Murray was in to outline a new mutual aid agreement for town highway departments in the state. It mirrors similar agreements towns now have for police and fire assistance but reflects the fact support may be more than just for a few hours. The agreement will be only between those towns who sign on. The signing towns can call upon other members for either manpower or equipment or both. It is for emergencies only. Once a road is passable, an emergency no longer exists. The cost to belong has not been set but will not be over \$50. This covers the cost of recordkeeping. That entails keeping track of who is signed up and what equipment they have. Just because you have signed on, there is no requirement to respond to a request. Towns are expected to attend to their own needs first and if men or equipment can be spared to aid another town, sent. A town should send only what they can spare for a length of time that they feel comfortable with. Towns sending aid are to keep track of their expenses. Should a federal disaster be declared, they would be reimbursed. Otherwise, aid given to another town is not to be charged for. If a town wishes to terminate, the agreement asks for 60 days notice. Based on a motion by Susan Clay, 2nd Lois Briere, all approved becoming a member.

Mc Curdy road has been paved with Byam road on the schedule for this week. Lee said he had the sanders up and running and the plows are all set.

Burton is to find previous bid specs to use as a guide for doing the next phase of Clark Hill road. The road will be walked by Lee, Bo, and Burton next Wednesday so the specs can be developed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of 10/26 and 11/2 will be reviewed for next meeting.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1) Brandy Mitroff asked if any progress had been made concerning a hawkers and peddlars ordinance for Linda Beers and her horse & buggy rides. The answer was "no".

Right now she is using private property as a parking point. Work will be done to develop either an ordinance or some guidelines for all types of activities like these. She also must go through the Planning Board before operating on her own property.

2) Lois Briere continues to research the roadway past Mr. LaPenn's house. Based on her preliminary work, she cannot find where the town ever legally took title to the current roadway. She will continue to research and will ask Bob Todd what he knows about the area. Once Lois has completed study, the Board will invite Mr. LaPenn back to review the results and ask what he would like to see done.

3) The Board looked at a revised version of the "Appointment" app Lois designed. Several questions were added that had been on previous apps and the request for a social security number dropped. It is meant to be a means to acquire some general info about a person interested in service to the town. As the town grows, it can not be assumed everyone interested in serving will be known to town officials. The Board approved it's use but suggested Burton pass it by the Municipal Assoc. for any comments they might have.

4) The septic system at the Transfer Station has been approved. The road agent was asked to place some crushed gravel in the area because most of what is there for cover now is sand.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1) Holden Engineering did not have enough time to develop a recommendation on a timber bridge manufacturer so this item will be discussed next week.

2) The agreement with Southern NH Regional Planning to assist us with the update of the Master Plan was signed. This will cost about \$7,000 and was approved at Town Meeting.

Because Burton was not present at this meeting, notes were taken by Susan Clay. The meeting was adjourned but no time was given. Motion by Susan, 2nd Lois. All Approved.

Burt Reynolds
Town Administrator