

## Town of New Boston

### Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 14, 1998

Chairman Strong called a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7PM.

#### PRESENT:

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

#### SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- 1) The future of the Road Committee was discussed with committee members. The basis for discussion was an October 19 memo on issues to be considered. The Board was really trying to find out what the committee wanted to do. The current once a year meeting is of little value and it was suggested there be at least quarterly meetings. The committee wanted some more time to think it over and wanted a letter from the Selectmen with ideas. Burton was to write that letter and then schedule another meeting for February.
- 2) Police lockers are still not here but hopefully will be before year end. Candidates are still being interviewed for the vacant patrolman position. We joined with 16 other police departments to pool resources in seeking applicants. This worked much better than trying to do ourselves. A good deal of time was spent reviewing the input of townspeople at the 11/30/98 meeting on downtown traffic and parking issues. Chief McLaughlin agreed that leaving Mill St. as is makes the most sense for now. He also felt we should leave Depot St. as is. We have tried other options in the past. The current posting allowing only local traffic is not ideal but better than allowing it to be used for all two way traffic or making it one way either up or down. The idea of having a 30 MPH town speed limit has positives and negatives. To enforce, the roads have to be surveyed. We may find we have to increase rather than decrease speed limits on some roads. Though they can enforce either, his preference is to use the state 35MPH regulation supplemented by town signs were we want to deviate from that. The challenge is having the manpower to patrol and enforce what we post. Changing the way we post or the limit in town may not be the solution to speeding concerns.
- 3) Charles Kaczmarczyk is the Fire Inspector candidate recommended by the Fire Wards and he was in to discuss his reasons for applying and his qualifications. His work schedule allows him the flexibility to perform our two day per week job. He likes the various facets of the position and has excellent experience and/or training for it. A motion was made by Susan Clay with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lois Briere, all approved his appointment starting in January 1999.

- 4) Wendy Peck is building a new house off McCurdy Road but would like the driveway to be off Old County Rd. which is a Class VI road. She felt the site line would be better and it would not disturb any wetland which the drive off McCurdy would. The Board agreed but sent her to the Building Inspector and the Planning Board. They will have to make a recommendation to the Board. A motion to approve unless the Planning Board came back with objections was made by Susan Clay with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lois Briere, all approved.
- 5) Ellen Reilly met to bring the Board up to date on the Morgan land easement offer. In a 12/10 letter the Morgan's ask that the town abandon a Class VI road which passes beside their home in exchange for placing a conservation easement on their 80+ acre lot thus substantially reducing the potential for development of the property. There was a lot of discussion about the form the easement should take, what uses will be allowed on the land, etc. It was left that Ellen would work with the Morgans and other interested town commissions to formulate an agreement. The Board would then decide whether to support. The Board did not vote on whether to place on the ballot. The petitioners may have to do this.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of 11/30/98 were approved with no changes.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- 1) DOT has approved the Lyndeborough Road Bridge bidder. A general construction time line was received from Holden along with the tentative bid specs for the rest of the project. The Board thought it should be made clearer that the installation was to be done with town forces.
- 2) Budget discussions were postponed given the evening's schedule.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) A petition warrant article to repeal the Large Building Code was accepted and forwarded to the Town Clerk for her to verify the signatures as legal voters. Burton was asked to call the NHMA for guidance on whether the reasoning given on the petition should also be included on the ballot. An earlier call established that no town employee could alter the wording of the petition to make it clearer. Either the petitioners had to do that ( there is no time in this case ) or we must leave as written expect to change minor things like spellings or punctuation.
- 2) Last year, Mr. LaBranch was given until 11/1/98 to come into compliance with our zoning. A letter from his attorney, our attorney Leslie Nixon, and some testimony by Bob Todd ( who is working on the project and happened to be in attendance ) convinced the Board to allow Mr. LaBranch until Feb 15, 1999 to make a subdivision application to the Planning Board.
- 3) Burton went to a CFNH conference on personnel manuals and personnel issues on 12/10/98. He will use this info to review our new personnel manual and will take parts of the session and discuss at Dept. Head meetings.

- 4) When Harron Communications took over our cable service, they were to meet with us before year end to talk about service, rates, and options. A letter to Harron by Lee Mayhew, Milford's Town Administrator, was received noting that Harron had not met with any of us member towns and suggested they do so right away.
- 5) Media One wants to go through a small section of New Boston with cable service as a means to provide service to a section of Goffstown. They had suggested one payment to us because of the paperwork burden of doing monthly for just five customers. Our attorney has asked that they consider a yearly contract and payment based on the number of customers served.
- 6) The auditors will be meeting with the Trustees of the Trust Funds on January 5, 1999 to try and straighten out some outstanding concerns and to go over some new regulations.
- 7) Chairman Strong suggested there be no Board meeting 12/21/98. His motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan Clay with all approving.
- 8) Kim DiPetro asked about posting of meetings, especially of FLESA and Forestry. She was also concerned about a recent meeting involving both groups and the Morgans. Susan Clay pointed out the "Right To Know" asks for 24 hour notice and we should try to post our meetings.

At 10:20 PM Susan Clay made a motion to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lois Briere, all approved.



Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator