

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
6/05/00**

Chairperson Lois Briere called a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:04 PM.

PRESENT:	Lois Briere	Chairperson
	Gordon Carlstrom	Selectman
	David Delorey	Selectman
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Carr of Parker Road asked the Selectmen if the status of the gravel pits had changed to allow trucking on Parker Road. Burton responded that tentatively Coastal is using Parker Road for hauling certified loads until an engineer from the Department of Transportation comes to examine Howe Bridge. The Bridge is scheduled for upgrading on the Capitol Improvement Plan tentatively for the year 2005-2006.

APPOINTMENTS:

7PM Bonnie Bethune Transfer Station

Bonnie raised a question regarding Elaine Well's lack of benefits. Burton informed Bonnie that this issue was explained to Elaine at the time of hiring and that he would go over it again with her.

Trailer Refurbishing - the painting is completed, but the trailer needs brakes. There is money in the budget to cover this overage cost. Bonnie is pleased with the detailed estimate that was given. The trailer that is hauling to Rochester is taking a beating and the trailer is showing signs of rust. Bonnie will get an estimate for temporary repairs until the trailer is replaced in year 2002.

Water Testing - the dug well showed signs of coliform bacteria. Contamination could be due to anything from the installation of the well, hand washing, or possibly surface water. The well will be treated with bleach and retested for *coliform only*, at the cost of \$20.00.

Septage Lagoon Closure - Septage Lagoon from 1979 was used for 6 months, overloaded and closed. In order to use that area for compost collection it needs to be closed, dug up and tested. The final draft needs to be on Town letterhead and signed by the Selectmen in order to start the process of closure approval.

Revenues - Market prices are up, revenues slightly higher than last year. Recycling is up, but this increases costs also. Solid waste has increased.

C & D Fees - Construction and disposal fees increased to \$20.00. Bonnie has had very few complaints.

Brush Pit - plywood, pressure treated or painted wood is not burnable, according to the State. These will need to be separated in the future.

8PM Fire Wards

Present for the meeting were Fire Chief Dan McDonald, and Fire Wards Dan Teague, Dick Moody, Daniel Rugg, Wayne Blassberg, and George St. John. Dan McDonald presented to the Selectmen an organizational chart allocating workloads to the fire wards. The fire wards explained their specific responsibilities and duties. The Selectmen expressed the importance of communication between the Fire Dept. and Town Administrator and Selectmen, especially regarding timeliness of warrant articles, and personnel problems. There was discussion regarding the Emergency Management Program and the hiring qualifications of the director. Chuck Kazmarczyk will be returning as Fire Inspector, proper guidance and training will be provided to him.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting of May 22, 2000 were reviewed. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Dave seconded. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

1)Selectmen's Meeting Procedures - Minor changes were made to the meeting procedures, Burton will make the changes and finalize the document. Dave made a motion to accept the procedures as amended, Gordon seconded. All in favor.

2)Gravel Pit Permits/Howe Bridge - The Department of Transportation will be examining Howe Bridge. No permanent truck routes can be established until then. Dwight Lovejoy of Parker Road requested that the Selectmen eliminate trucking on Saturdays temporarily. Saturday hauling is allowed to New Boston residents only from 8AM to 12PM. The Selectmen agreed that this was a reasonable request and that hours of operation should be *more* consistent. Further discussion regarding gravel pits was tabled until information from the State is received.

3)License Ordinance Application - Selectmen reviewed and made minor changes to finalize the ordinance for approval next week.

4)Planning Issues - The Quirks came to Planning Board meeting to find out if they need to put a Class-V road in off Clark Hill Road. The question has been forwarded to the town's attorney, Leslie Nixon.

5)The Library Committee met to discuss requirements and came up with twenty-nine potential location sites. The requirements for the Recreation Dept. will be discussed at the next meeting.

6)Cemeteries - Selectmen need to determine the process for which the town will take ownership of the cemeteries and how they will be maintained. Future meetings will be posted for the public.

Selectman Carlstrom moved to continue the meeting for an additional hour. Lois seconded. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

1)Bookkeeper - The Town needs to hire a new bookkeeper. Municipal Resources, Inc., is sending a temporary person to take on the responsibilities until the

position is filled. Lois made a motion to accept the temporary employee from NHMRI. Dave seconded. All in favor.

2)John Newton Dodge Road - Public Access

A tree was removed by a New Boston resident from the entrance to Great Meadow. A letter is being sent from the Selectmen's Office to Mr. LaPenn of Saunder's Hill Road informing him not to interfere with the public's access to Great Meadow. Gordon made a motion to send the letter. Dave seconded. All in favor.

3)Building Values - Burton is working with the insurance company to improve the town's building values without increasing the policy premiums.

4)Attorney's Fees - The Board authorized town council, Leslie Nixon, to negotiate with the attorney for the fire inspector and report. A motion was made by Gordon and seconded by Dave to ^{award for time back pay} pay attorneys fees of \$1140. All in favor.

5)Conservation Footbridge - Advertisements for bid have been placed and the bid packages are put together. Contractors have been contacted and quotes should be in by the end of June.

6)Tax Bills - Comparing differences between Avitar and BMSI. Tax Liens are out, tax bills will be sent out next week.

7)Town Web Site - David Rising of Lyndeboro Road is seeking permission from the town to do commercial trading on the town's website. Burton and the Selectmen are looking into other possibilities for this type of activity, such as a link to the site.

8)Digitizing Tax Map - Bob Todd, Jr. and Regional Planning are both willing to provide this service to the town. Burton will acquire bids from both parties.

OTHER:

1)Yield Tax - The Selectmen approved the formula for calculating the timber yield tax with the back-up that proved the DRA had reviewed the new formula and would support it's use.

2)Marvel Easement - A side-letter is being put together by Jed Callen and Leslie Nixon to address the issue of closure of trails due to poor condition.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:01PM, Gordon seconded the motion.

Cindy Romano