

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
July 10, 2000**

Chairperson Lois Briere called a regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:02 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the June 12, 2000 meeting were approved with minor changes. Dave motioned; Gordon seconded, all in favor.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:02PM	Linda Sizemore	Selectmen's Secretary/Office
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Richard Stuart of Riverdale Road, would like to sell a parcel of land, Map 3 Lot 38, to Linda Sizemore's daughter. The land has been deeded for back taxes; therefore, a letter of redemption is needed from the town for the closing. The closing is scheduled for Friday, July 14, 2000, at which time the taxes will be paid, deeds will be signed and recorded at the registry, and the recording fee will be paid to the town of New Boston by Linda's daughter.

7:15PM	Lee Murray	Highway Department
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Lyndeboro Road Bridge is almost complete. The guardrail is up and Whitcomb Engineering is working on the approaches; may pave within the next two weeks. The town's paving company will probably be in next week to do Wilson Hill, the Turnpike and Lyndeboro Road from the new bridge to Butterfield Mill Road. Wilson Hill is being done with money of developer. **Lightening** struck the new fuel system incurring approximately \$1500.00 in damages. Insurance has a \$1000.00 deductible. **Winter sand** supply is low. Need to find a new source for the coming season. There are approximately 2,000 yards left over, but 6,000 yards is needed for the up-coming winter season.

Dave made a motion and Gordon seconded to go into Non-Public session. Dave-yes, Gordon-yes, Lois-yes.

NON-PUBLIC 91A: 3 Section II B

Police Chief - Donetta Haley from Municipal Resources was present to bring the selectmen an update on the hiring of the new Police Chief. Currently they have received

twenty resumes, of which six are strong candidates and three others are possibilities. Letters will be sent to those who have applied but are not being considered. The six candidates will be invited by telephone with a letter to follow. The three alternates will be contacted should any of the first six people no longer be available. The date for the oral board is set for a weekday in mid-August, to be determined by Jim McLaughlin. The board shall consist of Chief French of Goffstown, Chief Russell of Henniker, and Lieutenant Murdock of Troop B. Gordon Carlstrom will sit in for the board of Selectmen.

Emergency Management Director and Bookkeeper were also discussed.

Gordon made a motion at 9:20PM to exit Non-Public session, seconded by Dave. Lois-yes, Gordon-yes, Dave-yes.

Dave made a motion to accept the recommendations of the fire wards and appoint the fire chief as the Emergency Management Director and task the chief with the various responsibilities and work products identified in the Town Administrator's correspondence. Gordon seconded the motion. Lois was opposed.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Planning Issues** - On the agenda for Tuesday night's meeting is the access to the campground, either from Cochran Hill Road or Clark Hill Road. After some discussion, the Selectmen agreed to leave Cochran as a Class VI road with the necessary waivers and protections for the town. Dave made a motion; Gordon seconded, all in favor. Due to Dave's involvement in the Planning Board site walk of June 25, 2000, Lois will attend the site walk in his place. No comments were made on the Master Plan Goals and Objectives chapter.
2. **Marvel Easement Update** - Leslie Nixon recommended a title search be done on the Marvel property. Burton reported that Landmark Title Search Company could do the search for a fee of \$50.00 to \$175.00. Jed Callen is on vacation; a tentative signing date is set for August 7, 2000.
3. **Gravel Permits & Howe Bridge** - Dufrene-Henry has inspected Howe Bridge and Burton is waiting for the final report. Selectmen are fine-tuning the wording on the gravel permit form. They have agreed to allow the warming up, but not the operation of diesel equipment, fifteen minutes before the hours of operation. Selectmen also discussed thresholds for what constitutes "change" in a gravel pit. Burton will have Lee Murray order the signs to post Parker Road "No Thru Trucking 7AM-7PM.
4. **Cable Contract** - The town's contract is up for renewal in three years. A committee needs to be formed before the public hearing. David Lindrey of Bedford Road has expressed an interest in being on the committee and Dave Delorey is willing to represent the board of Selectmen. Burton will notify the cable company to let them know that a committee is being formed and an informative article will be placed in the paper to help solicit committee volunteers.

Dave made a motion; Gordon seconded, to extend the meeting beyond 10:00PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Telephone Pole Licensing** - Selectmen will do an on-site inspection of new telephone pole designs in order to control the unnecessary removal of trees. Pole designs usually reflect lowest cost.
2. **Preliminary MRI Report** - Burton feels that the report is consistent with the topics the town asked them to cover in general. The Planning Board may have some specific issues that they would like to have addressed in the future.
3. **1999 Audit** - Extra time spent on audit due to new employees and compilation of computer data. Total cost of audit approximately \$7,000.00 with \$4,000.00 in the budget. Invoice for next year's budget should be less now that employees are more aware of the fund accounting principals.

OTHER:

1. **Town Website** - maintained by a volunteer group, looking for comments and suggestions from the selectmen and the general public regarding the appearance.
2. **Conservation Meeting - Conservation Footbridge** - Contractors' bids came in higher than expected. Brian Dorworth suggested re-writing, re-wording and some changes. Project may not be completed this year, but grant money is available through September 2001. **Mill Street Conservation Area** - Cindy Wilson of Mason Drive presented a report, which addressed issues of concern to Randy Parker and Bill Morrissey of Mill Street. Burton reported that the granite markers at the entrance were originally placed by a previous owner, to delineate conservation property from the Morrissey property on one side and the Parker property on the other side. The Conservation Society is also looking into resolving the parking situation at this location.
3. **Police Wages** - Burton brought to the attention of the Selectmen the possibility of a payroll error during the July 4th holiday. He will speak with Jim McLaughlin and corrections will be made.

Dave made a motion and Gordon seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:05PM.

Cindy Romano