

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
July 24, 2000**

A regular meeting of the board of Selectmen was called to order by Lois Briere at 7:09 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brandy Mitroff of Thornton Road requested that the Non-Public portion of the meeting be last on the agenda in order the public may leave earlier. The Selectmen agreed to do so.

APPOINTMENT:

7:00PM

Bonnie Koch

Transfer Station

Bonnie brought in a sample **T-shirt**, which is the standard uniform for employees at the transfer station. This year's color is navy blue with transfer station logo. Silk-screening was donated by Debbie and Dale Smith of Lull Road. The **loader broke** down and was hauled to Chappell Tractor in Milford for repairs. Willard Dodge brought in a temporary replacement loader. Trailer refurbishment cost was \$750.00 over budget due to the brakes being redone. This amount came out of the operating budget. **Jeff Denning** is considering buying three trailers and renting them to the town for hauling debris, rather than the town purchasing another new trailer in the year 2002 at a cost of \$55,000.00. This would be a five-year contract and Jeff is gathering more information for this option. Current revenues are up to \$22,000.00, as opposed to \$27,000.00 for the entire year of 1999. Clothing is being given away and the fee for disposal of propane tanks is currently fifty cents per tank.

MINUTES: Gordon made a motion and Dave seconded to accept the minutes of the June 26th meeting as amended. Dave made a motion and Gordon seconded to accept the minutes of July 10th, subject to changes made.

APPOINTMENT:

7:30PM

Brenda Lind

Gallerani Easement

The Society for the Protection of Forests is negotiating a property easement with Louis & Gail Gallerani of McCurdy Road. The parcel is 88.7 acres and located on McCurdy Road, just east of Laurel Lane. Language within the easement allows for forestry and also to withdraw two house lots, totaling 6.6 acres in the future. It does not allow for official public access. The landowner also wants local people involved and looking out for their best interests, so the Town will be named a back-up to enforce the easement. Selectmen suggested changing authority from the Conservation Commission specifically to Town of New Boston to allow Selectmen more control over who will protect the Town's interests. Final draft of the easement will be available for town counsel to review soon.

OLD BUSINESS:

I. Planning Issues - The Planning Board discussed the **MRI report**. Corrections, additions and changes are being made. The chart, illustrating costs for various town

Planning Departments, will not be part of the report because it was felt to be confusing. The Planning Board would have liked to have seen a task analysis evaluation of the Planning Department, but cost was prohibitive. The report was being revised by MRI. **Regulations** are being reviewed. On **Tuesday, July 25th**, there will be a hearing regarding Dave Delorey's personal property, which requires his recusal from the Planning Board. Lois Briere will serve as an alternate to the Planning Board for that hearing.

2. **Gravel Pit Permit Form** - Burton presented a revised permit form to the Selectmen. Pit inspections by the Building department may have to be done after their scheduled April date due to weather and conditions of the pits.
3. **Letter to Pit Owners** - Burton is sending a copy of the proposed permit form along with a letter of explanation for the study to the gravel pit owners. Any compliance problems with individual pits will be addressed at this time.
4. **Cemetery Transition from Private to Public** - a copy of the information packet is being sent to the cemetery trustees informing them that the transition can be done within a year's time. An appointment will be scheduled for the Trustees to meet with the board of Selectmen to discuss the warrant article.
5. **Letter Outlining Emergency Management Director Duties** - The letter was reviewed with minor changes. Burton will make the changes and send with a memorandum to the fire chief, Dan MacDonald.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **CIP Process** - Selectmen suggested that department heads be responsible for determining feasibility, analysis and comparison studies on projects and then present that information to the Selectmen before it goes to CIP. Selectmen need to help department heads produce quality products for CIP presentation. The **Library Committee** is continuing its review of potential sites.
2. **Mid-Year Budget Review** - Selectmen reviewed the various line items in the budget. Highway Department is behind on regular maintenance. Block grant money, targeted for the Meetinghouse Hill/Bedford Road drainage project, may be available for other expenses. Municipal Resources is coming on Thursday, July 27, for the fund accounting aspect of the bookkeeping function review. Police Wages - July 4th wages were incorrectly reported and paid but will be adjusted. With the mid-year payment of taxes, Burton is putting money back into the PID (higher interest) account. Interest is down due to January 1st postings being lower with the implementation of the state school funding.
3. **Status of 2000 Warrant Articles** - a list of warrant articles was distributed to the Selectmen for review and discussion. Implementation of articles is on schedule.
4. **Revision to Personnel Manual (Chapters One through Three)** - Burton provided copies of the revised chapters for the Selectmen to review. Additional chapters will be provided as they become available.
5. **Town Building Maintenance Person** - Ivan Byam has resigned, a new person needs to be hired. The majority of work is confined to Town Hall, the Historical Society Building, the Fire Station and the Police Station.

OTHER:

1. **Recreation Department** - there was a letter of complaint of from an out-of-town resident regarding the first week of the Summer Program. The problem was resolved by Toni Pierce, Recreation Director.
2. **George Daniels** - received a tax lien after donating property to the town of New Boston. Paperwork was signed by the Selectmen for correction of this error.
3. **Licensing Ordinance**- Burton received a letter from town counsel, Leslie Nixon, regarding the licensing ordinance. Copies were given to the Selectmen, review was post-poned until next week. Burton will contact the 4-H office in Milford to schedule a meeting with the Selectmen in order to get their input on the ordinance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Joe Nangle inquired about the subject matter of the Old Water Lines under the roads in the downtown area.

OLD BUSINESS:

Each Selectmen was polled and individually agreed to enter into Non-Public session.

6. Two Issues Involving Town Counsel (non-public)

Each Selectmen was polled and individually agreed to exit Non-Public session.

Dave made a motion; Gordon seconded to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:45PM.

Cindy Romano