

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
August 14, 2000**

A regular meeting of the board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 6:50 PM. Gordon made a motion to go into Non-Public Session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 Paragraph II (b) to discuss the Police Chief Search. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Gordon made a motion to come out of Non-Public Session at 7:30PM. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Dave made a motion to appoint Gordon Carlstrom as the official Chairperson for the Board of Selectmen. Gordon accepted, the vote was unanimous.

APPOINTMENT:

7:30PM Ken Marvell Development Rights Transfer

Ken and Dorothy Marvell were present with their attorney, Jed Callen, for the transfer of the development rights. Jed presented the Town with a mylar overview of the easement including property exclusions. Legal documents were signed by Kenneth and Dorothy Marvell, Gordon Carlstrom, and Jed Callen. The original documents will be registered with the state, with a duplicate copy being held on file at Town Hall. The Marvell's daughter, Linda, and her husband will eventually manage the property and would like to maintain the same cordial relationship with the town.

MINUTES: Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 24th meeting with the corrections, additions and deletions. Gordon seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** - Highpoints of the August 8th meeting were the sub-division for the Friendly Beaver Campground and a work-session on the 15th with Dufrene-Henry to discuss sub-divisions. The continuance of ongoing sub-divisions were discussed. A site-walk is planned for August 20th at 3PM at the campground.
- 2) **CIP Annual Spending Cap** - Burton provided the selectmen with information for review before the meeting of the CIP Committee.

APPOINTMENT:

8:00PM Bill Barss Old Water Lines

Mr. Barss was present to inform the Selectmen where the old water lines are located and where the valves are located to turn off the water. One of the residents on River Road dug into the old water supply and believes that it's the Town's responsibility to fix the problem. Bill cut the supply line in Town Hall fifteen years ago and capped it off. He also shut off

the system that went to the school. It was decided that the Town will have Bill dig up the valve-stops in the ballfield behind Town Hall and cap off the ends in mid-September.

8:30PM

Brenda Linde

Conservation Footbridge

The Conservation Commission received four bids for the footbridge ranging from \$68,000 to \$149,000. Brian Dorwart of Joe English Road rewrote the contract, reducing the scope of work to be done by the contractor. Swett of Concord came in with a bid of \$54,000. The Commission has a total budget of \$40,000, which includes \$20,000 grant money, creating a shortage of \$14,000. The contract has been signed and the Commission is currently researching foundations for financial support and will be doing fund-raisers.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3) **Gravel Pit Letter** - Burton made minor changes to the letter. Gordon signed the final draft. Attachments from Dennis Sarette will be sent to the individual pit owners along with the letter. Burton is researching the routing of trucks and a new method of reclaiming pits using prairie grasses instead of the old method of loam and "cool weather" grasses. The gravel ordinance needs to be rewritten in compliance with state laws.
- 4) **MRI Planning Department Report** - The final draft was reviewed by Burton Reynolds and Planning Coordinator, Nic Strong and incorporates the changes that were requested. The Town is prepared to pay the bill which is \$3,545.00.
- 5) **Personnel Manual, Chapters 1-3:** Reviewed my board members. Clarification was made regarding part-time employees, benefits, and probationary periods. Treatment of absenteeism and tardiness needs to be incorporated into the manual.
- 6) **Bookkeeper** - Amy Rice started working with Holly from Municipal Resources. This is a trial period to see if her skills and ability are appropriate for the job.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Input from 4-H on Public Events Ordinance** - Willard Dodge was present to offer the opinion of the 4-H Board of Directors. The board feels that the ordinance is unfair to the 4-H Fairgrounds Foundation. The 4-H board of directors is in agreement that an ordinance needs to be in place, but needs to be of a broader nature. They are willing to work with the selectmen in writing a more general ordinance and will be providing their suggested changes.
2. **Deeding Procedures** - There are currently two properties in town which are about to be deeded to the town due to non-payment of taxes. Burton will write letters to the owners to discuss resolving the problem. The properties may be sold to pay taxes.
3. **Discharging of Firearms:** public or private lands - Burton has written a letter to a resident who complained about firearms being discharged near his property. The purpose is to encourage him to identify who is causing the disturbance and if they are on town owned land, Burton will notify them that they are causing a disturbance. No laws are being broken if the persons are not within 300 feet of a dwelling.
4. **Meeting with School Board on Alcohol Use in Gym** - There will be a meeting on August 24th regarding this issue; a member of the board of selectmen should be present.

5. **Selectman Vacancy** - there is a vacancy on the board of selectmen due to the untimely death of Lois Briere. The position will be advertised with a due date of September 8th for applications. Interviews will follow.
6. **Letter to Better Times** - The Board of Selectmen are working on a letter of thanks to all those who volunteered their time and efforts to this publication.

OTHER:

- 1) **Gravel Road Specs Update** - Dave submitted a final version, as voted by the Board of Selectmen on June 26th, for the statement of gravel road goals. A copy will be given to the Highway Department.
- 2) **Clark Hill Road Letter** - Dave sent letter to Burton requesting information on Clark Hill Road project. He also submitted a 22-step process for approaching road projects in the future.

Gordon made a motion to extend the meeting past 10 o'clock, Dave seconded the motion.

- 3) **Al Bell of Bedford Road** is building a new house and causing damage to the road. This needs to be addressed.
- 4) **Bog Road, Christy Road** - some sloughing is going on, road repairs are in order.
- 5) **Fire Department** - is getting ready to have new boilers installed. Two residential boilers are more efficient than one commercial boiler. The cost is \$8,025.00 which includes taking out the old boiler, and a 20 year warranty.

PUBLIC: Joe Nangle reported that the telephone company cut down some trees on Conservation Property on Lyndeboro Road and have not removed them. Willard Dodge commented that the police department ought to be handling the firearms complaint, not the selectmen. Kim DiPietro complained that the public has no control over the police department when it comes to investigating complaints.

Gordon made a motion at 10:17PM to enter into Non-Public Session, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 Paragraph (a), Dave seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Gordon made a motion at 11:05PM to exit out of Non-Public Session. Dave seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Cindy Romano