

Town of New Boston
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes of September 18, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:10PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPOINTMENT:

7PM MRI Bookkeeping

Don Jutton, the president of MRI , and Rita Donaldson, accountant, were present to discuss the current status of the town's bookkeeping system. Rita suggested taking bookkeeping data out of the office to make corrections and sending payroll and accounts payable to Meredith in order to keep the books current. MRI has a bookkeeping service available, which the town may consider in the event that a competent bookkeeper cannot be found. A contract will be drawn up for now to year-end to reconcile the town's records and perform the routine bookkeeping functions. Dave made a motion to go ahead with this plan, subject to an acceptable contract, and Gordon seconded the motion. The subsequent vote was unanimous.

MINUTES: The minutes of August 28th were approved with minor corrections.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Planning Issues** - There will be a site walk for the storage buildings for the expansion of Jim Dodge's storage facility. The Planning Board and Leslie Nixon met in non-public session to discuss the Friendly Beaver Campground expansion proposal and there will be a hearing 24th of October where the Campground is expected to file a formal application for the expansion.
2. **CIP Requests** - Burton is meeting with the department heads to discuss their requests. All CIP requests will be reviewed by the Selectmen before being passed on to the CIP Committee.
3. **Personnel Manual, Chapter 4** – Due to the lengthy agenda, discussion was postponed until next week's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Signing of Warrants** - After some discussion, it was decided that it would be best to authorize *one* person to sign warrants in order to discharge checks in a timely fashion, then have a final authorization signing by a majority of the Selectmen at the next meeting.
2. **Web Site Committee Meeting** - A meeting was held with Burton attending. The minutes are being typed by Dave Rising, and are available on the website.

- 3. Voting Booths** - The Moderator is looking for five additional voting booths so that we will comply with state law. Burton will look into this matter to see if these additional booths can be built before the November election or some other option is employed to satisfy the Moderator's request for more voting booths.

APPOINTMENT: 8:30PM Fire Wards

The fire wards were present to give an update in each of the following areas:

Grounds & Buildings – The fire house driveway has been paved and the oil tank has been replaced. The Fire Wards are looking into quotes for the future on vinyl siding, replacing the back overhead doors, the storm drains on the side of the building and working on closing in the stairwell inside the station.

Vehicles - Cornerstone Auto Dealership will take care of *ALL* trucks regarding maintenance, inspections and repairs.

Miscellaneous (Gear) – The turnout gear has been put out to bid and the Fire Wards are still looking into feasibility of a thermal imaging device.

Sprinklers – There will be a meeting Tuesday at 7PM to discuss options.

Inspection Program - businesses have been identified and rated for inspection purposes.

Fire Prevention - There will be a fire prevention article in the October issue of the New Boston Bulletin.

EMT's - The fire department will be recruiting for additional EMT's due to the lack of availability of the present volunteers.

Budgets - Dan McDonald is working with Burton on the operating budget and George St. John on CIP issues.

Fire Season – The brush season is over, fire calls were down this year. Chimney fires may increase this year with the increase in the price of fuel.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 4. Selectman Vacancy** - Three applications were reviewed for the purpose of filling the Selectman vacancy until March 2001. They were, Kim DiPietro of Clark Hill Road, Susan Clay of Bunker Hill Road and Dr. Mark Anderson of Beard Road. After some discussion, a motion was made to nominate Mark Anderson. The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER:

Burton attended a DRA conference on budgeting on September 18, 2000 which included a presentation on funding of education. Also discussed, was evaluating each town's fixed assets, including roads, sewers, water mains, etc. This process would begin in year 2004,

beginning with larger cities and towns first. Lack of this information may affect the availability of monies from the Bond Bank.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Nangle brought to the attention of the Selectmen the digging of large, 7 foot holes in a 6 foot wide section of path near the Mill Street Conservation area. The holes may be on private property and appear to be very dangerous to the public. The Selectmen advised Joe that a letter of concern should be sent to the appropriate owner of property.

Dave made a motion at 9:38PM to go into Non-Public Session, pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 Section II Paragraph (b). Gordon seconded the motion. The public was dismissed.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:05PM, Gordon seconded the motion.

Cindy Romano