

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
November 6, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:08 PM.

PRESENT:	Gordon Carlstrom	Chairperson
	Mark Anderson	Selectman
	David Delorey	Selectman
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Ed DiPietro of 469 Clark Hill Road brought to the attention of the Selectmen three problem areas on Clark Hill Road north of Dane Road; first being the generalized washout of the road beyond Dane Road. Second, a significant washout on the hill near Dane Road, and third, a plugged or broken culvert in front of the DiPietro's home. He would like to see Clark Hill Road finished before the upgrading Tucker Mill Road.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 PM Greg Begin Police Department

The new chief of police was present to bring the Selectmen an update on the Police Department. After careful review, Chief Begin has removed a number of articles from the Capital Improvement Plan for this year. He would like to replace the oldest vehicle in 2001 so that the fleet will have two Ford LTD's and one Explorer. He has no problem continuing with two on-line (marked) vehicles, and one off-line (unmarked) vehicle. Equipment for the unmarked vehicle would come from one of the existing marked vehicles and go into the trunk of the unmarked vehicle, thereby bringing down the cost. Vehicle replacement should eventually go on a schedule of every other year, (or 70-80 thousand miles). The Chief also recommended purchasing recording equipment at a cost of approximately \$13,000 for taping of bookings and telephone lines. He feels there is a liability issue. The Emergency Command Unit would be a warrant article for year 2002. This needs to be discussed with the Fire Wards before a final decision is made.

There is an officer in Peterborough that he would like to hire to teach the DARE program. Chief Begin has not taken the necessary courses to teach the program, but feels that it is worthwhile and should be continued.

Two full-time employees have left the department prematurely. Each signed a three-year contract promising to reimburse the town training expenses if they left before the three years were up. The Chief urged the Selectmen to pursue the monies entitled to the Town, in order to set a precedent. The town will be contacting legal counsel on this matter.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of October 30, 2000 was post-poned until the November 13th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning** - there was no meeting of the Planning Board this week.
- 2) **CIP** - Burton gave the Selectmen materials for their review for next week. This item will be on next week's agenda.
- 3) **Salary Review** - Burton took a survey of all towns, not just comparable towns, for common and competitive salaries. The library and recreation positions seemed to be a problem area. He also suggested increasing the steps in the plan, which would generate an increase of approximately \$24,000-\$25,000 in the budget. Mark feels that long-term employees are less productive and that persons will take a decrease in pay to work in town. Dave emphasized the cost of training employees. The Selectmen agreed to stay with the seven-step plan with skilled or trained workers coming in at step three or four. Raises are a 3.5% cost of living.

SHERBURNE PROPERTY:

Bob Todd and other members of the Forestry Committee were in attendance to present to the Board of Selectmen an alternative site for winter sand for the highway department. The Sherborne Property, located on Cochran Hill Road, opposite the Friendly Beaver Campground and the Lydia Dodge Town Forest, is for sale. The Forestry Committee agreed to come up with a non-refundable option of \$10,000 to keep the property off the market, due November 10, 2000. Should the town decide to buy this 70-acre lot for \$150,000, it would provide a minimum of 40,000 cubic yards of sand, (a 10-15 years supply), would extend the protected lands corridor, and could be used for other town purposes after reclamation. Town Counsel will write the purchase and sales agreement. To raise money, Forestry will cut some timber from the town forest. Tim Trimbur offered to provide logging, if necessary, at no cost. Willard Dodge offered to dig test pits and Bob Todd will survey to determine the value of the sand deposits. A warrant article will be prepared to purchase the property.

Dave made a motion to extend the meeting beyond 10:00 PM. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Tucker Mill Road** - Brian Dorwart of Bedford Road was present to explain to the Selectmen the options available for the drainage and upgrading of Tucker Mill Road. Brian's volunteer work documented Lee's recommendations for the upgrade. He included a sample engineer's estimate sheet, a bid sheet and sketches of drainage areas. Road expansion will depend on location of stone walls and trees. Brian recommended keeping the road in the range of 21-23 feet wide. Two telephone poles will need to be moved. Filing is required with the Wetlands Bureau for water drainage and Dig-Safe will need to be notified. The estimate should be conservative to allow for blasting, if necessary. Unused money would go back into the general fund. The cost for upgrading the road is estimated at \$80,000, with an additional \$50,000 for

paving, which may be done with Block Grant money. Thank you Brian for all your work!

- 2) **Library Trustee Replacement** - Jim Smith, the current Library Trustee, has resigned. Deanna Powell, of 10 Old Coach Road, has filled out an application and will meet with the Selectmen next week.

OTHER:

- 1) **Laura Pfister** from the State of NH is coming down to take a look at the Mill Street Conservation area on Thursday, November 16th.
- 2) **Morrissey Letter**- Burton has resent the letter with copies sent to the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Society, as requested by Mr. Morrissey.
- 3) **Brian Dorwart** - The Board of Selectmen would like to thank Brian for his time and efforts put forth on the Tucker Mill Road project.
- 4) **Roles and Responsibilities** - The Board would view the following as the Road Committee mission:
 - First** - to make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen regarding new methods, procedures and standards.
 - Second** - to provide input to Table 19 of the Master Plan
 - Third** - to recommend new equipment, tools and supplies

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

A motion was made by Dave to enter a non-public session at 11:06 PM, according to RSA 91-A: 3, Section II Paragraph (c), for the continuing discussion of Town Administrator Evaluation. Mark seconded the motion. Members of the board were polled individually, all members were in favor. The board exited non-public session at 11:15 PM.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:16 PM. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cindy Romano