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Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

January 2, 1995

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Pimenta.

- PRESENT: Michael S. Pimenta, Chairman
 Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman
 Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman
 Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

The Board of Selectmen made appropriate changes to the Selectmen's Meeting minutes of December 18, 1995. They will be reviewed again by the Board on January 8, 1996.

Miss Tari Selig of 360 Cherry Valley Road, Gilford, NH, came before the Board of Selectmen for a 9th Grade Social Studies project she is completing regarding local government. Miss Selig was introduced to the Selectmen and stayed to observe and take notes on the entire meeting.

Mr. Jim Smith of 428 Clark Hill Road came before the Board of Selectmen at 8:30 p.m. to discuss road improvements which the Selectmen are planning to undertake on Clark Hill Road in 1996. A number of concerned citizens accompanied Mr. Smith and were present at the meeting: Edward DiPietro, 469 Clark Hill Road; Ricky Riendeau, 49 Dane Road; Bill Mount, 32 Dane Road; David Blanchette, 42 Dane Road; Joel Daniels, 225 Clark Hill Road; Gregg Maglathlin, 252 Clark Hill Road; Joyce Smith, 428 Clark Hill Road; Paula Stockinger, 560 Clark Hill Road; Elizabeth Furlong, 126 Dane Road; Patrick Quinnett, 440 Clark Hill Road; Edward Lee, 260 Clark Hill Road. Various views concerning improvements to Clark Hill Road were discussed ranging from paving the entire roadway to leaving the road in its current state. Chairman Pimenta explained the process of allocating funds to improve the road as it relates to the Finance Committee, Road Committee, Road Agent, Capital Improvements Program, Board of Selectmen, and Town Meeting. The Board also tried to explain the implications of designating a roadway as a "scenic road." Paula Stockinger formally asked the Selectmen to postpone any road construction/improvements on Clark Hill Road until the Selectmen and residents on the road can develop a detailed plan of action for the complete roadway project. Selectman Carlstrom felt that the lower portion of the road nearest Route 13 needed improvements in the coming year to enhance its safety. Gregg Maglathlin asked if the Board felt that this first section of roadway needed improvements regardless of whether the road as a whole was upgraded. The Board responded in the affirmative. Jim Smith strongly urged the Selectmen to look into connecting Dane Road to Old Coach Road in an effort to alleviate traffic flow on Clark Hill Road. Chairman Pimenta explained that this option was considered by the Planning Board some time ago and was turned down due to the configuration of the Route 13/Old Coach Road intersection. Selectman Goodin stressed to the group that the Board of Selectmen must take all points of view into consideration before making decisions. It must ultimately do what is best for the Town as a whole. Chairman

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Pimenta stated that although this group appeared to oppose upgrading Clark Hill Road, the group which came before the Selectmen on November 20, 1995, was strongly in favor of upgrading the road. Chairman Pimenta again stressed Selectman Goodin's point that the Board must ultimately do what is best for the Town as a whole. Paula Stockinger asked the Board if it would mind if the residents on the road formed a study committee and made a recommendation to the Selectmen regarding improvements to Clark Hill Road. The Selectmen felt that this would be entirely acceptable and directed Ms. Stockinger to contact Town Administrator Selig in case she had questions for the Town.

The Selectmen discussed a 46.2 acre parcel of land (Map 7, Lot 71) which is for sale near the Lydia Dodge Lot off of Old Coach Road. The land is currently owned by Mundaca Investment Corporation and is being sold by Sullivan Properties. The Selectmen reviewed a Forestry Committee report regarding the land. The Forestry Committee feels that this property has a very low forestry value but a very high conservation value. Therefore, it was recommended by the Forestry Committee that the Selectmen offer approximately \$6,000.00 for the land and allocate approximately \$1,000.00 for subdivision costs if necessary as the lot is part of a larger tract lying across the New Boston border in Francestown. There is approximately \$6,000.00 worth of timber on the land which would enable the Town to recoup nearly the entire expenditure. The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to write a letter to Sullivan Properties to determine if a \$6,000.00 offer would be acceptable to Mundaca Investment Corporation.

The Board also discussed the Forestry Committee's recent request to designate a number of Town properties as Town Forests at 1996 Town Meeting: Follansee Lot (Map 2, Lot 144 -- 11 Acres); Lydia Dodge Lot (Map 7, Lot 70 -- 245 Acres); Johnson Lot (Map 3, Lot 44 -- 34 Acres); Siemeze Lot (Map 2, Lot 115 -- 85 Acres); Colby Lot (Map 2, Lot 118 -- 10 Acres). It was the feeling of the Board of Selectmen that the Forestry Committee had not yet done enough planning to determine exactly what would be done with these Town Forests once they were so designated. The Forestry Committee has mentioned that it would like to have recreational trails, however who would maintain the trails? What type of activities would be undertaken? How would the Forestry Committee, Conservation Commission, and Recreation Commission work together to create a useful resource? In addition, it was felt that \$50,000.00 was too much to be kept in a forest maintenance fund as per the Forestry Committee's proposed draft warrant article. The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Selig to contact the Forestry Committee to have them take the next year to carefully work out a plan for any lands designated as Town Forests. The Selectmen told Mr. Selig to assure the Forestry Committee that no new ballfields would be developed on any of the various Town lands considered for Town Forest designation. The Board also felt that this coming year's selective cutting earmarked for repairs inside the Town Hall would be one of the last such cuttings for the next few years.

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The Selectmen reviewed an accident report submitted by Road Agent Lee Murray after a December 3, 1995, accident in the Highway Department 1-Ton truck.

The Board discussed CDL Drug and Alcohol Testing requirements with Mr. Selig and Road Agent Lee Murray who was present for a few minutes at the meeting. Mr. Murray feels that the Town should utilize the Lakes Region Consortium, as opposed to N.H. Motor Transport, for drug and alcohol testing due to very positive feedback he has heard from fellow Road Agents regarding the L.R. Consortium. The Consortium does not, however, have a 24 hour Manchester testing facility or a 24 hour on-site testing service as does N.H. Motor Transport. The Consortium's nearest 24 hour facility is in Concord. Mr. Selig was asked to find out how much on-site testing would cost the Town, as well as the turn around time for drug testing results.

The Board discussed concerns raised by Dwight Lovejoy concerning snow removal from the Bissonnette Garage on Parker Road.

The Board opened solid waste hauling bids with Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune. Bids were received from the following haulers: John Winslow (\$216 per trip to Penacook, \$506 per trip to Bethlehem); Denning Disposal (\$145 per trip to Penacook, \$310 per trip to Bethlehem); William A. Renaud Trucking (\$160 per trip to Penacook, \$365 per trip to Bethlehem). The Board also received prices and options per ton from Casella Waste Management which operates the Bethlehem landfill facility. Since the Casella numbers were not comparable to the other bids, Transfer Station Manager Bethune was asked to break the estimates down to similar terms. The bids will be discussed again in one week at the January 8, 1996, Selectmen's Meeting.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held this Thursday, January 4, 1996, at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room. The Recreation Department will present its budget. Potential warrant articles will also be discussed.

The Board discussed appropriate usage and storage for the new Recreation Department van. It was decided that the van would be stored at the Highway Department when not in use as a Town vehicle. The Board felt that it was inappropriate for Recreation Director Sandy Gallup to use the van as a personal vehicle around town. It was intended to be used only as transportation for recreation program participants or for long distance trips to Manchester, Concord, etc. for supplies.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that the Board had to decide what would be on the cover of the 1995 Town Report. Selectman Goodin made a motion to place the Police Station on the cover of the 1995 Town Report. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [Note: Amended on 1/16/96.]



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The Board authorized Town Administrator Selig to release a \$9.52 reimbursement check to Bill Ingram for mileage incurred while picking up the Transfer Station staff's new boots in Manchester. The Board, however, asked Mr. Selig to inform Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune that these types of expenditures should not be made in the future.

Mr. Selig explained to the Selectmen that it was possible to formally adopt a "no bad weather maintenance policy" for Town forest and conservation lands in order to protect the Town from liability. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to speak with Road Agent Lee Murray about whether such a policy had ever been adopted in New Boston.

The Board of Selectmen felt that if Town Moderator Lee Nyquist could not attend the February 6, 1996, Special Election for the General Court, it would be entirely appropriate to appoint Jed Callen as Moderator for the day.

The Board again reviewed a letter from Mr. Ed Lee dated December 26, 1995, and asked Town Administrator Selig to pass it along to the Conservation Commission for review.

The Fire Department Oyster Stew Supper is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3, 1996, at 7:00 p.m.

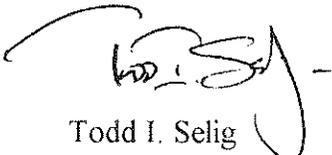
The Board reviewed payroll and accounts payable checks.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board reviewed and/or signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

Chairman Pimenta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 p.m. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator