

Harold Strong

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 1995

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Selectman Strong.

**PRESENT:** Michael S. Pimenta, Chairman  
Harold "Bo" Strong, Selectman  
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Goodin moved to accept the minutes of the 1/3/95 Selectmen's meeting. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

**REGULAR BUSINESS:**

The Selectmen decided to approve Mr. George Adams' proposal for installing the Town's new telephone system for a cost of approximately \$475.00.

The Selectmen decided not to extend full-time status to the Recreation Director until after Town Meeting in March.

The Board discussed the possibility of replacing the defective fire alarm Potter Panel at the transfer station with a new FCI series panel costing \$878.00. Chairman Pimenta wanted to wait until the Town gets an estimate for the Potter Panel before agreeing to purchase the new FCI series panel. Selectman Strong concurred. The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to get a full report from David Poole on the status of the Potter Panel for the next meeting.

Town Administrator Selig reported to the Board that the cost of putting a color picture on the cover of the Annual Report would be approximately \$700.00 more than a black and white photo. The Board therefore decided to use a black and white photograph of the Gazebo for the cover of the Annual Report.

Selectman Goodin showed the Board another draft of the Town Administrator's job description. She reported, however, that there were still a few more revisions that had to be made. These would be accomplished in the next few weeks.

The Board decided to request a \$3,000.00 appropriation from the Town at Town Meeting for Home Health Care Community Services.

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Town Administrator Selig reported that he, Linda Sizemore, and Karen Craven met with George Humphrey from Business Data Solutions (BDS) to discuss the computer hardware and software needed to perform the bookkeeping, budget preparation, and taxation management functions of the Town. Administrator Selig recommended that the Board invest in the BDS system. He felt that it would be prudent to purchase both hardware and software from a single source to ensure all components worked properly and were guaranteed by the seller. Had the taxation software not already been purchased from BDS, Selig said he would have looked more extensively at products sold by other companies. But since the Town has already invested in some of the BDS technology, Selig feels it would be better to remain with a single company for the rest. Administrator Selig reported that he spoke with the Finance Director in Raymond, NH, about the BDS software. She said the Town of Raymond uses BDS and has been very happy with them. "User friendly" was the expression she associated with the company. Town Administrator Selig raised the idea that in the future, the Town could invest in BDS software for the Town Clerk's office as well.

Town Administrator Selig notified the Board that the School Budget Hearing had been scheduled for February 23, 1995, at 7:00 p.m. at the School Library.

**REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS:**

Brent Armstrong from the Planning Board addressed the Selectmen. He requested that the Board include all C.I.P. recommendations on the warrant for Town Meeting. Selectman Pimenta expressed his feeling that the Board should only place those C.I.P. items which it felt the Town most needed on the warrant. Selectman Goodin expressed similar feelings stating that by RSA, it was the Selectmen's job to present a reasonable budget. The Selectmen indicated that they would seriously consider Mr. Armstrong's request.

Brent Armstrong also addressed the Selectmen on behalf of the Forth of July Association. The Association would like the Selectmen to place an article on the warrant appropriating \$3,000.00 to pay for the fireworks celebration on 7/4/95. The Selectmen asked Mr. Armstrong to provide them with more information about the Association. Mr. Armstrong indicated he would provide them with the Association's charter, mission statement, etc. Selectman Strong asked what the purpose of the Association was. Mr. Armstrong said it was dedicated solely to putting on the celebration on July 4. Any left over funds would be used during the following year's celebration. Selectman Pimenta expressed his concern that if the Board starts to give

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money to private organizations to put on celebrations like this, then what happens if churches or other groups come before the Board to ask for money for similar functions. How will the Board say no to them, if it says yes to this? Selectman Strong asked the Association to write a letter to the Board asking for the \$3,000.00.

Diane Murray came before the Board to discuss cleaning for the Town Hall. Selectman Pimenta asked Mrs. Murray whether she had back problems which would preclude her from doing cleaning work for the Town. Mrs. Murray stated that she did not have back problems. She simply does not want to strain her back by moving heavy equipment up and down stairs. This was the problem she ran into moving the industrial vacuum at the Police Department. The Selectmen told Mrs. Murray that from now on each department would be responsible for budgeting for their own cleaning services.

Mr. Robert Todd came before the Board to ask the Selectmen to lower the Town's yield tax on timber he has cut for Kathryn Kachavos. He feels that the timber is substandard and therefore should not be taxed at the current level. Mr. Todd feels that the best way to tax timber is to set the tax at 10% of the contract price. The Board decided to take the matter under advisement.

Chief Jim McLaughlin of the Police Department came before the Board for his monthly meeting. Chief McLaughlin reported that the department has been investigating another motor vehicle theft.

The Department has been having trouble with kids driving around shooting BB guns. Recently, one child had been shot in the hand with one of these guns.

A road sign has been ordered to indicate the location of the new Police Station from the road.

Chief McLaughlin has hired Lisa from the library to paint a picture of the Police Station that he will purchase and donate to the Town to be hung at the Station.

Chief McLaughlin felt it would cost between \$3,500.00 and \$4,800.00 to complete the back road to the Central School to be used in times of emergency. Selectman Pimenta said he would contact Mr. Lovejoy regarding the cost of installing an emergency generator at the school.

Selectman Goodin made the motion that the Board adjourn into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIa for the purpose of

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discussing Police Department personnel issues. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The roll call was: Chairman Pimenta-yes; Selectman Strong-yes; Selectman Goodin-yes. Town Administrator Selig was present to take the minutes.

Personnel issues regarding the New Boston Police Department were discussed.

Selectman Goodin made a motion to adjourn out of non-public session. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Chairman Pimenta instructed Town Administrator Selig to find out why the Highway Department had been charged for signs ordered by the Police Department. Mr. Selig said he would look into the problem.

The Board signed weekly payroll and payments checks.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board scheduled a tour of Mr. Don Wheeler's gravel pit at 8:30 a.m. on January 16, 1995.

Selectman Goodin moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:59 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator