

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

January 17, 1995

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by Chairman Pimenta.

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 1/9/95 Selectmen's Meeting with corrections. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Selectman Strong moved to accept the minutes of the 1/9/95 non-public session with corrections. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Selectman Goodin moved to accept the minutes of the 1/13/95 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion Passed.

APPOINTMENTS:

Bonnie Bethune came before the board for her monthly meeting regarding the Transfer Station. Ms. Bethune requested that the Board consider taking out an insurance policy for the portable toilet at the Transfer Station costing \$52.00 per year. The Board instructed Ms. Bethune to add this amount to the appropriate line item of the Transfer Station budget.

Ms. Bethune also requested that the Board consider providing the Transfer Station employees with new steel toed work boots to wear at work, as well as with "extra warm" steel toed boots for the winter months. As a compromise, the Board decided to increase the Transfer Station clothing allowance by \$625.00, to be used by employees to purchase their choice of either regular or "extra warm" steel toed boots for work. Chairman Pimenta made a motion to add \$625.00 to the Transfer Station clothing allowance to buy steel toed boots. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bethune reported that Debbie Smith will soon make bright colored T-shirts for the Transfer Station employees to wear during the warmer months.

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Tom & Christine Quirk came to speak to the Selectmen about their proposed subdivision at the Friendly Beaver Campground. This property lies on what is currently a Class VI road. The Quirks expressed their frustration with the time it has taken for the Planning Office and the Town Attorney to furnish them with the answers they need to continue with their proposed subdivision. Chairman Pimenta assured the Quirks that the Selectmen will look into the situation in a timely manner. The Quirks urged the Selectmen to do so as it may be necessary for them to place a Petition Warrant Article in the Town Warrant in order to bring the Class VI road leading to their property up to a Class V road.

Ms. Lisa Sturgill spoke with the Board about her desire to fill in for Barbara Whipple & Cathy Widener as a substitute at the New Boston Police Station. Ms. Sturgill explained to the Board that she had worked as a part-time police officer in the past, has served as the Secretary of the Goffstown Police Association, and has been with the Goffstown Police Department for eight years. Police Chief Jim McLaughlin, arriving to speak on Ms. Sturgill's behalf, discussed her qualifications with the Board. The starting wage for Ms. Sturgill would be \$8.83 per hour for all work performed.

What follows is intended to supersede all previous decisions regarding the manner in which Ms. Sturgill may be used as a replacement secretary at the Police Department: The Board gave Chief McLaughlin permission to hire Ms. Sturgill as a substitute worker for Cathy Widener only while Ms. Widener is out on jury duty. Ms. Sturgill is not to be used as a substitute for Ms. Widener while she, Ms. Widener, is on vacation, out sick, or generally out of the office for any other reason. Beginning in February, Ms. Sturgill will be allowed to take Ms. Whipple's place while she, Ms. Whipple, is on a six month leave of absence. After the six month period, if Ms. Whipple does not return to the Department, Ms. Sturgill may be used as a permanent replacement for Ms. Whipple for a total of 8 hours per week. Should Ms. Whipple return after her six month leave, Ms. Sturgill may be used as a substitute worker only for Ms. Whipple, but not for Ms. Widener.

Sally Garrett came before the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Garrett had applied to serve as an alternate member on the Conservation Commission. Ms. Garrett distributed her resume to the Board, and discussed her interest in wildlife and the environment. Chairman Pimenta asked Ms. Garrett if she would have trouble attending the Conservation Commission meetings. Ms. Garrett indicated that she would greatly enjoy attending such meetings, as well as the other activities the Commission undertakes. The Board appointed Ms.

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Garrett as an alternate member of the Conservation Commission, and instructed Town Administrator Selig to notify Betsy Dodge, the Conservation Commission Chairperson, of their decision.

Jim Dodge came before the Board to discuss a possible addition to the Fire Department's budget of \$1,008.00 for the Souhegan Hazardous Material Mutual Aid System. Fire Chief Dodge, however, explained that this figure may come down in the coming weeks.

Chief Dodge explained that the Town will have to include an article on the Town Warrant pursuant to RSA 154 to ensure the Fire Department remains a legal entity within New Boston's municipal governmental structure.

Chief Dodge also informed the Board that the Department had over spent its budget by approximately \$500.00.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Pimenta raised the idea of adding \$1,000.00 to the Fire Department's budget as a stipend for the Fire Chief. The other Board members agreed this was a good idea. The Board decided to look into the matter further.

The Board of Selectmen decided to grant Robert Todd's request of using the contract price to calculate the Yield Tax for the Kachavos family's wood.

The Board of Selectmen decided they would not place a warrant article on the Town Warrant raising \$3,000.00 for the Fourth of July Association's fireworks display. The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to inform the Association of its decision.

The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to have Jim McLaughlin and Lee Murray look into a request made by Kevin Larmand to have a crosswalk installed near the rear of the Central School along Molly Stark Lane.

The Board reviewed, amended, and approved the listing of New Boston "milestones" for the 1995 Town Report.

The Board agreed it would place a Blind Exemption article on the Town Warrant.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the zoning problems surrounding the Flansbury property. Selectman Strong and Town Administrator Selig will work on the required zoning paperwork over the next week.

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The Board reviewed the Building Inspector's proposed 1995 Fee Schedule. Selectman Goodin made a motion to adopt the proposed 1995 Fee Schedule as presented. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen adopted Town Administrator Selig's job description, benefit package, and salary range as presented. The major change was that Town Administrator Selig's salary would begin at \$32,000.00 per year, with increases to be determined by the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Pimenta, Selectman Strong, Selectman Goodin, and Town Administrator Selig all signed the job description/working agreement.

The Board of Selectmen discussed Officer Tim Lamy's proposed promotion to Sergeant. Selectman Strong made a motion to promote Mr. Lamy to Sergeant, but to keep him at a probationary wage of \$13.64 per hour for a period of one year. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Pimenta-yes; Selectman Strong-yes; Selectman Goodin-no. The motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE:

Weekly Payroll and Payment checks were signed.

Chairman Pimenta signed Pistol Permits.

Clifton Wilson gravel pit application. Tax map: 002-062

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator