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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 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 approved the minutes of the April 10, 1995, Selectmen's Meeting.

Mr. Jay Marden came before the Board to discuss his application to serve as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. Mr. Marden explained that in addition to serving as a Trustee of the Trust Funds, he would also be interested in serving on the Zoning Board of Adjustment or the Planning Board in New Boston. Mr. Marden discussed his business background with the Board as well as his vast experience working with Planning and Zoning Boards in the past.

The Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Dennis Hooper to the Trustee of the Trust Funds Board for the remainder of Mr. Harold Losey's term which expires in 1996. The Board will keep Mr. Marden's name on file as vacancies occur on the Zoning Board of Adjustment and Planning Board.

Bonnie Bethune came before the Board for her monthly meeting with the Selectmen. Ms. Bethune discussed first quarter Transfer Station budget expenditures, recyclable revenues, the brush fire incident on 4/13/95, personnel issues with Bill Ingram, and disposal costs for the New Boston/Francestown Household Hazardous Waste Day. The Board decided that New Boston would not charge Francestown for paint cans, trash, etc. that was generated at H.H.W.C. Day. The cost for these items would only run from approximately \$35.00 to \$70.00.

The Board of Selectmen walked to the New Boston Fire Station to listen to a discussion concerning the merger between C.M.C. and the Elliot Hospital in Manchester. The pro's and con's of this union were discussed in detail. Representatives from Optima Health who ran the discussion included: Maria Foley - Director of Community Relations; Bill Brown - Director of Emergency Medical Services; Maryann Eldred - Asst. to the CEO for Merger Management; Dr. Stephen Tzianabos - V.P. for Medical Affairs.

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Tom and Christine Quirk came before the Board to lodge a complaint with the Selectmen against Claire Dane, Brent Armstrong, and the New Boston Planning Board. The Quirks were very upset because minutes from a March 28, 1995, Planning Board meeting were not ready for public inspection during the week of April 10, 1995. The Quirks felt that the Planning Board should have to follow the same state laws it holds others to in New Boston. Mr. Quirk also asked the Selectmen to place his request to bring Cochran Hill Road up from Class VI to Class V status on hold indefinitely until the Selectmen hear otherwise from him. Mr. Quirk is in the process of checking with a consultant on various issues concerning the New Boston Planning Board and prefers that the Selectmen do nothing regarding the Cochran Hill Road upgrade until they hear otherwise from him. Mr. Quirk also thanked the Selectmen and the Town Administrator for trying to keep him up to date on the progress of his Cochran Hill Road upgrade request.

Town Administrator Selig updated the Board on his recent meeting with Roland Sallada concerning the Rt. 13/Molly Stark Road intersection; compiling a list of local ordinances; Mr. Sallada's formal oral complaint against the Winslow residence on River Road in New Boston concerning junkyard violations; and municipal landfill closure cost reimbursements. The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to cooperate with the State Department of Transportation as they begin to look into the Rt. 13/Molly Stark Road intersection. Town Administrator Selig told the Board that Chief McLaughlin has indicated that he may need permission to utilize additional personnel hours to cooperate with the state if it needs New Boston Police Department records beyond 1990. The Board told Mr. Selig that the Police Department might be able to stretch this work out over a period of time, thereby needing no additional hours to complete this task. The Board told Mr. Selig to get back to them if additional personnel hours would be needed.

Town Administrator Selig updated the Board on the status of Mr. William Barss' property at 388 Joe English Road in New Boston. Mr. John B. Sullivan, Jr. has complained in writing that this property may qualify as an unregistered junkyard. The Board instructed Mr. Selig via the Building Department to make contact with Mr. Barss regarding the issue and to try to work with Mr. Barss to bring him into compliance with local and state laws if any have in fact been broken.

The Board decided to have Business Data Solutions provide the Town with both software and hardware for its new computer and software package which was approved at Town Meeting.

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The Board gave Town Administrator Selig permission to have Lee Murray take down two dead trees on the Common to make room for the trees which will be planted under the SBA Tree Grant.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that he would be sending Mr. Bill Ingram a memo concerning his conversation with Mr. Ingram last week regarding reporting on the job injuries and the appropriate chain of command within departments in New Boston.

The Board was updated on the status of the May 1 hearing on Frank & Susan Woodward's temporary mobile home permit for 107 Greenfield Road as a result of their recent house fire.

The Board selected Ray Wheeler's letterhead titled "Sample B" with grey/silver print as the new official stationary of the Town. Mr Wheeler will now produce a master copy which can be sent to the printer.

The Board voted unanimously to take advantage of the N.H. Public Deposit Investment Pool. Mr. Selig will now prepare the paperwork for the Board to sign.

The Board gave Town Administrator Selig and Road Agent Murray authority to cut any dangerous trees around the parking area at the New Boston Police Department.

The Board discussed drainage problems at the new baseball field across from the Transfer Station. Lou Rumore, John Halvatzes, Jr. and Butch Biron, Jr. will speak with Road Agent Lee Murray about what can be done to solve the problem. This group of volunteers will find out how much money they have and if they can get other volunteers to work on the field. If not, Road Agent Murray will have to hire a small bulldozer to do the necessary work on the field.

The Board signed the bank account card for the new SBA Tree Grant checking account.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to make Mountain Road one-way in a southeasterly direction coming down the road from Lyndeborough toward the intersection of Lyndeboro Road in the Town of New Boston. This motion was intended to formalize past practice in New Boston. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. [Town Administrator Selig later found that this action had already been taken by Town Meeting in 1980. See Warrant Article 15 on the 1980 Town Warrant.]

The Board also determined that Mr. Kris Stewart should not do any

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more work on Mountain Road until the Selectmen have had a chance to look at the road in person. At the present time, Mr. Stewart would like to widen the Road at his own expense so that he can use it for hauling sand and gravel out of his gravel pit in Lyndeborough. Road Agent Murray believes that this is a good plan because the road could be widened and drainage made better at no cost to the Town. Abutter Ann Dilley thinks this is a bad idea and has asked the Board to talk with her before proceeding.

The Board authorized Town Administrator Selig to allow Mrs. Jan Walker of the New Boston Community Church to store canned goods in one of the Town Hall's upstairs rear storage rooms. Mr. Selig will contact Mrs. Walker to iron out the details.

The Board discussed the Playground Association's request that the Selectmen hold a Special Town Meeting to change the zoning on the R.R. Depot from residential to commercial. The Board asked Todd Selig to look into how much this undertaking would cost and whether it was legal.

Selectman Carlstrom made the motion to reappoint Lucian Tessier and Thomas Mohan as regular members of the Planning Board and Philip Consolini as an alternate member of the Planning Board for three year terms which each expire in 1998. Chairman Pimenta seconded the motion. Selectman Goodin stated she would vote "no" on the motion simply because the Planning Board should not assume that the people they recommend for reappointment will automatically be reappointed by the Selectmen. Selectman Goodin referred to the fact that the Planning Board had elected its 1995 officers without first waiting to ensure that their membership had not changed. The vote was: Chairman Pimenta - yes; Selectman Goodin - no; Selectman Carlstrom - yes. The motion passed.

The Board signed Payroll and Accounts Payable checks.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

Respectfully submitted,


Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator