

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 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

Selectman Carlstrom moved to accept the minutes of the May 1, 1995 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Sandra Gallup, New Boston Recreation Director, was scheduled to speak with the Board but failed to attend the meeting.

Mr. Kevin Larmand of 40 Molly Stark Lane came before the Board to discuss the newly installed crosswalk on Molly Stark Lane. Mr. Larmand feels that even though the crosswalk is a step in the right direction, that motor vehicles are still going too fast on this roadway. Mr. Larmand therefore presented a petition to the Selectmen requesting that the Board declare the section of Molly Stark Lane which borders the Central School property as an official school zone. The result of this change would be to reduce the speed limit on Molly Stark Lane from the currently unposted 35 MPH to a speed limit of 20 MPH during school hours. Mr. Larmand also proposed the addition of two "School Zone" street signs placed strategically to provide ample warning of the impending crosswalk. The Board informed Mr. Larmand that it would look into the feasibility of Mr. Larmand's request. Mr. Larmand stated that he would be willing to donate the two "School Zone" signs if finances become a problem.

Road Agent Lee Murray came before the Board to discuss various personnel and road issues. Chairman Pimenta explained that he was aware Mr. Murray was concerned about a number of issues and wanted to get everything out in the open in order to iron out these concerns. One issue of concern for Mr. Murray was the fact that the members of the Board had asked him to provide them with descriptions of where heavy equipment was used on the Highway Department's invoice slips. Chairman Pimenta and Selectman Goodin assured Mr. Murray that the Board had asked to have him indicate where the Grade-All and other equipment was being used in Town only because it was trying to keep track of what work the Highway Department was doing on a weekly basis. Chairman Pimenta explained that every department head is being asked to produce

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such descriptions on their invoices. In this way, the Selectmen stay abreast of what is happening in Town and ensure unnecessary expenditures are not being made.

Mr. Murray stated that he was very upset about the new sick time policy. In the past, the Board had allowed the Highway Department to keep track of unused sick days allocated at six per year, and to accumulate them to a maximum of twelve days. By changing the policy to its current form, and by only allowing employees to carry six accumulated sick days forward into 1995, Mr. Murray felt that the highway employees were being penalized unfairly and were essentially losing six sick days. Selectman Goodin explained that the Board had actually tried to enhance the sick time policy by adding a provision for two personal days. Chairman Pimenta explained that the Board had to start somewhere in the allocation of sick time and since no formal written policy existed across all the various departments from the past, it was deemed fair to allow six personal days to be carried forward from the previous year's accumulation. Selectman Carlstrom stated that those employees with six previously accumulated sick days who had not used any sick time in 1995 would currently have 8.5 days of sick time -- 6 days from previous year and 2.5 from 1995 accumulated at the rate of .5 days per month.

The Board of Selectmen authorized Road Agent Lee Murray to hire an additional employee at the Highway Department for the summer months. This will be a two day per week position (7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) which will earn \$8.00 per hour. The applicant must have a valid driving license and be at least 18 years of age. Town Administrator Selig was asked to put an announcement regarding the position on channel 8.

The Board authorized Lee Murray to change the posted weight limit on the Lyndeborough Road bridge from 10 Tons to E-2 until the new bridge is installed later this summer.

Road Agent Lee Murray spoke with the Board about the Lee Residence on 260 Clark Hill Road. The Board has authorized Mr. Murray to fill an old well across from the Lee's driveway. Lee Murray asked that Todd Selig be present during the project. The Board authorized Todd Selig to be present.

Bo Strong, George St. John, Richard Moody, and Lee Murray of the New Boston Road Committee came before the Board to discuss Mountain Road in New Boston. Mr. Richard Dilley of 72 Francestown Turnpike also attended this meeting. Earlier in the week, Mr. Ted Olson spoke with Town Administrator Selig and

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expressed his feeling that Mountain Road: 1) Should not be discontinued. 2) That a load limit should not be placed on the road. 3) That the Town should take Mr. Kris Stewart up on his offer to widen and upgrade the road at no cost to the Town. After much discussion, however, the majority of the Road Committee recommended to the Board that Mountain Road be posted "No Through Trucking." In this manner, the road would not be discontinued, a weight limit would not have to be posted, the road would remain in its present condition, and Mountain Road abutters would not have to put up with potentially dangerous gravel trucks passing by their property. The Board asked Todd Selig to ensure it was legal to post "No Through Trucking" on Mountain Road.

Selectman Carlstrom brought up the issue of Road Committee meetings. He was concerned that the Committee felt it could not meet unless the Selectmen formally called a Road Committee meeting. Chairman Pimenta stated that he would like to see the Road Committee become more involved in Town by meeting to discuss various issues which effect the roads in New Boston. One issue of importance the Road Committee could investigate would be private driveways. At the present time, the Town plows and maintains many roads which may fall under the "private driveway" categorization. Chairman Pimenta stated that the private driveway issue was just one example of the kind of topics the Road Committee could discuss. Richard Moody explained that it is hard for the Committee to do much without input from the Board of Selectmen. The Committee members present appointed Bo Strong as the Road Committee Chairman for 1995. Bo Strong scheduled a meeting of the Committee for July 13, 1995. The Committee will discuss "private driveways" and other topics at this meeting. Chairman Pimenta asked the Committee to put together a report for next year's Town Report.

The Board walked outside with Town Administrator Selig to look at the War Memorial on the Town Common. Twelve names must be added to the memorial which include: Raymond Bailey (Korea), Russell Perkins (Korea), John Sarette (Korea), Richard Sarette (Korea), Robert Sarette (Korea), Thomas A. Bose (Vietnam), Clayton L. Savoy (Vietnam), David Grosso (Gulf War), Lauren Harveson (Gulf War), Jay Rollins (Gulf War), Nathan Strong (Gulf War), Tim Gilman (Gulf War). Town Administrator Selig is currently trying to determine what methods of adding names are available to the Town and how much each will cost.

Lee Murray updated the Board of Selectmen concerning the status of the Depot Street bridge. It appears that the manufacturer will have to re-deck the bridge at a cost of \$60,000.00. This sum will be paid for by the manufacturer.

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The Board of Selectmen decided that there would be a "No Smoking" policy in effect in all Town buildings. This decision was made based upon the advice of the New Boston Safety Committee, the Town department heads, and the Fire Wards.

Mr. Len Cannon, the proprietor of New Boston Hardware, contacted Town Administrator Selig with concerns that the Town was not purchasing hardware-type items at his place of business. Mr. Cannon understands that in the past the selection and prices at New Boston Hardware were less than adequate. Now, however, New Boston Hardware offers a wide array of products at what Mr. Cannon considers to be competitive prices. The Board recognized the importance of supporting local businesses, and asked that Town departments look over the selection at New Boston Hardware to see if it meets the Town's various needs. If New Boston Hardware's prices are in fact competitive with other suppliers, the Selectmen ask that the Town give first consideration to purchasing hardware supplies from this local dealer. Should new hardware stores open in New Boston in the future, these too will be afforded priority consideration.

The Board of Selectmen looked over a proposed Wrecker Insurance Policy submitted by Police Chief Jim McLaughlin which incorporates the new \$750,000.00 bodily injury and property liability insurance level requirement, as well as the \$30,000.00 Garage Keepers insurance level requirement, into a Town/Police Department policy. The Board approved the policy subject to the Town's property-liability insurance carrier's acceptance.

The Board reviewed Central School Principal Rick Matthew's new form which ensures that people who want to rent the Tom Mansfield Gym contact the appropriate Town officials before doing so. This new policy will ensure that appropriate Police Department coverage is present at all events held at the Tom Mansfield Gym.

The Board discussed the possibility of developing an open-air public meeting ordinance as per RSA 286:2. The Selectmen determined that at the present time, it did not want to develop a formal ordinance regarding open-air public meetings.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a list put together by Karen Craven, the New Boston Tax Collector, of New Boston property owners who owe back taxes from 1989 through 1991. Since the Town did not "perfect the lien" on these individual's properties within the required time period, it will be necessary to sue them in court to collect the owed taxes. The Tax Collector was afraid that it may not be possible to collect taxes from the FDIC or from people who have declared bankruptcy. The Board asked Town Administrator Selig to check with Leslie Nixon, Town Counsel, to

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determine which people the Town could go after and which people the Town could not.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. REQUESTED APPOINTMENTS:
 - 7:00 Public Hearing - Temporary Mobile Home Permit
Woodward Residence at 107 Greenfield Road
(Map 010, Lot 016)
 - 7:30 Jim McLaughlin - Monthly Meeting
 - 8:30 Mrs. Ann Dilley - Concerns regarding Mountain
Road in New Boston.
7:00 in 6c
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. April 24, 1995 Selectmen's Minutes
4. REGULAR BUSINESS
 - A. Dr. Eugene Ross has been named as Interim
Superintendent of SAU #19.
 - B. Chief McLaughlin has submitted a draft of the
new wrecker insurance policy for the Selectmen
to review.
 - C. An update on the status of our computer system.
Installation may begin as early as next week!
The Board must sign the BDS Computer System
Purchase Agreement.
 - D. Mr. Edward C. Lee of 260 Clark Hill Road has written
to the Selectmen concerning the upkeep and condition
of Clark Hill Road.
 - E. Final review of the minutes for the 1995 Town Meeting.
 - F. The Board has received a Thank You Note from David
Nixon.
 - G. Temporary Trailer Permit renewal letter to Mr.
George St. John at 112 Butterfield Mill Road.
 - H. UNH Cooperative Extension Service letter regarding
pesticide usage hearings. See letter.
 - I. An update on checks for our new BDS computer system.