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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 30, 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 Selectmen unanimously approved the minutes of the May 8, 1995 Board of Selectmen meeting. The Board did not, however, have an opportunity to act upon the minutes of the May 15, 1995 or May 22, 1995 Selectmen's Meetings.

New Boston School Board Chairman Betty Borry came before the Board to discuss the appropriations voted to the school at School Meeting. Chairperson Borry explained that the SAU in Goffstown was running into "cash on hand" difficulties. As a result, the SAU has requested that the Town pay the school district 75% of the Goffstown tuition money totaling \$357,306.00 before the end of the school year in mid-June 1995, as well as make weekly, rather than bi-weekly, appropriation payments. Selectman Goodin explained that since the Town had not planned on paying the tuition money this year it would be very difficult to manage but did not see any problem with doing so in 1996. The rest of the Board concurred. The Board did not, however, see a problem with making weekly appropriation payments to the school rather than bi-weekly payments.

Highway Agent Lee Murray came before the Board to discuss paving bids. Five companies each submitted separate bids for reclamation and paving: Pike Industries, Continental Paving, Busby Construction, Lane Construction Corporation, Allstate. Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to award the reclaiming to Pike Industries or Allstate if Pike could not meet the deadlines, and the paving to Continental Paving, Inc. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that three persons had applied for the part-time temporary summer position at the Highway Department. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to bring the applicants in for interviews.

The Board asked Highway Agent Murray if he would mind if the Household Hazardous Waste Day was held at the Highway Garage next year instead of at the Transfer Station. Mr. Murray did not have

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a problem with this arrangement.

The Board asked Highway Agent Murray to serve as the first line of defense when highway infractions caused by residents were noted on various roads around Town. More specifically, Mr. Murray was to approach the wrongdoer first with notification that there was a road related problem, as well as the manner in which the problem needed to be remedied. Mr. Murray explained that in the past this did not work well because people ignored his requests. The Board asked Mr. Murray to try this approach again. Mr. Murray asked if the Board would support him if his decisions in these matters did not sit well with the resident involved. The Board said that it would.

Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune, Paul Sizemore of Sizemore Rubbish, and Jeff Denning came before the Board to discuss contractual arrangements which will be in place between the Town and Sizemore Rubbish after Mr. Denning purchases Sizemore Rubbish from Paul Sizemore. Mr. Denning has agreed to uphold all of the terms of the current contract between Sizemore and the Town for hauling the transfer trailers to the Bethlehem landfill. Paul Sizemore will give Mr. Denning thirty days of training after selling the business. Mr. Denning will operate out of Weare. Mr. Denning said that the Town's insurance requirements would not be a problem for him. He has a \$1,000,000.00 umbrella liability insurance policy. Although Mr. Denning will not service the trailers himself, he will bring them to Sizemore Truck & Auto Repairs to be serviced on a regular basis. Mr. Denning also explained that in an emergency (i.e., trailer fire), he would be able to respond quickly. Mr. Denning was asked by Chairman Pimenta to send either Manager Bethune or Town Administrator Selig a copy of his permit numbers, as well as insurance certificates, and emergency telephone and pager numbers.

Recreation Director Sandy Gallup and Recreation Commission Members Karen Hall, David Hulick, Sharon Gagnon, and Mary Ellen Compagna came before the Board to discuss Recreation Department concerns. Members of the Recreation Commission expressed four concerns: 1) They recommend that Hort. Tech., Inc. be awarded the tree planting bid for the Tree Grant Program and that Country Landscape be awarded the Tree Purchase bid. They have concerns as to whether DDP Landscaping, the low bidder, has the expertise or equipment to successfully undertake the Tree Grant project. The Board asked Director Gallup to speak with DDP Landscaping further to determine if it did in fact have the necessary qualifications to handle a project of this magnitude. The Selectmen will await Mrs. Gallup's report before making a decision. 2) The Recreation Members asked if they would be able

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to utilize some of the Babson Memorial money to plant grass on the Town Common. The Board stated that the Recreation Department would have to get three bids as per Town policy. In addition, the project would need the final approval of the Trustees of the Trust Funds who administer this trust. 3) The Commission members asked if they could develop a policy by which community organizations could obtain permission to utilize the Gazebo for organized events. The Board of Selectmen felt that this was a definite possibility and directed the Commission to the Central School policy surrounding use of the Thomas Mansfield Gym. The Selectmen will review the Commission's proposed policy when it is completed. 4) The Commission is very concerned about the water truck presumably owned by Lou Rumore at the Town ball field across from the Transfer Station. The Commission feels the truck is a hazard to children's safety. Chairman Pimenta said he would speak with Mr. Rumore about moving the truck. The Selectmen felt that the truck might be useful at the Transfer Station as an additional emergency water supply. If Chairman Pimenta does not have any luck speaking with Mr. Rumore, the Board of Selectmen will take action on the matter.

Planning Coordinator Claire Dane and Planning Board Chairman Brent Armstrong came before the Board to discuss Planning Board issues and Planning Board personnel matters. Selectman Goodin made a motion that the Board adjourn into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3IIIa for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The roll call was: Chairman Pimenta-yes; Selectman Goodin-yes; Selectman Carlstrom-Yes. Town Administrator Selig was present to take the minutes.

Planning Board personnel issues were discussed.

The Board of Selectmen adjourned out of non public session.

Town Administrator Selig was instructed to contact the third runner-up in the Planning Board recording secretary hiring process, Deborah M. Wareham of Goffstown, NH, to see if she would still be interested in the recording secretary position. If Ms. Wareham is interested, Mr. Selig was to bring her in for an interview with the Selectmen as soon as possible.

The Board discussed the number of hours currently allotted to the Planning Coordinator position with Mr. Selig, Ms. Dane and Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Selig, Ms. Dane, and Mr. Armstrong argued that due to the circumstances surrounding the recording secretary position, the fact that Ms. Dane is about to go on her two week vacation, and the large backlog of work present in the Planning Office, that the Coordinator's hours per week should be increased

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over the next few months. Selectman Goodin made a motion to increase the Planning Coordinator's hours to 40 hr/wk for all of June and July, 1995. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pimenta expressed his concern that Planning Board members were not being given enough notice of up-and-coming site walks. Coordinator Dane apologized and explained that she tries to give as much notice as possible, but also tries to promptly respond to developer's and resident's requests.

Members of the Board of Selectmen and Mr. Armstrong discussed the good and bad points surrounding tape recording Planning Board meetings, and using these recordings as a back-up to abridged Planning Board minutes.

The Board decided to wait until the Planning Board and Zoning Board had acted upon the Elliott gravel permit application before discussing it in any detail.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that after speaking with Holly Bowen of the Playground Association, it looked as though the Playground Association was going to apply to the Zoning Board for a use variance to turn the old R.R. Depot into a restaurant. The Depot is currently zoned "Residential" which prohibits this proposed use without either a variance or an entire change in zoning through a special or regular Town Meeting.

The Board of Selectmen authorized the Forestry Committee to hire a professional forester to oversee and coordinate the Lydia Dodge Lot selective cutting which was authorized at 1995 Town Meeting, the proceeds to be used for repairing and painting the outside of the Town Hall.

Town Administrator Selig stated that Forestry Committee member Johnathan Stout's term had expired. Mr. Selig also noted that Mr. Stout had moved his residence to Amherst and wondered whether he could be reappointed to the Committee as he does still own land in New Boston. The Selectmen ruled that residency was a requirement to serve on a Town board or committee and that therefore, a replacement would have to be found for Mr. Stout.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that Police Officer Tom Fleming was back at work after being operated on.

Town Clerk Margit Hooper has requested taking the middle two Wednesdays off in July and August, as well as taking a week long vacation in August. The Board of Selectmen consented to Mrs.

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Hooper's requests.

The Board was updated on the fact that Perry Brothers Monument Company had submitted a bid for adding names to the War Memorial in New Boston. The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to solicit two more bids for the job. In this way, the Town will be assured it is paying a fair price for the work done. The Board asked Mr. Selig to advertise the fact that names are being added to the monument one more time in the Goffstown News. The Board wants everyone whose name is missing to have an opportunity to inform the Selectmen's Office of this fact so that no other names are left off.

The Petersons Real Estate Company has written to the Selectmen to see if the Town would be interested in purchasing a 46.2 acre parcel of land (Map 7, Lot 71) near the Transfer Station in New Boston. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to get an asking price from Petersons Real Estate Company on the parcel. The Board also wanted the Conservation Commission to look over the parcel to determine if it would be beneficial to the Town to own.

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