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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

June 5, 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 15, 1995; May 22, 1995; and May 30, 1995 Board of Selectmen meetings. The Board also approved the May 30, 1995 Non-public Selectmen's meeting minutes.

Police Chief Jim McLaughlin came before the Board for his monthly meeting. Chief McLaughlin presented a list of items needing completion at the Police Department. Town maintenance man Don Chapman would take care of many of the smaller items needing completion at the new Station. Two larger jobs, the booking room and the downstairs entry hallway, would require a professional contractor for completion. Chief McLaughlin asked the Board if Jerry Kennedy, the original contractor for the Police Department, would be awarded the job, or if these two new jobs would be put out to bid. The Board of Selectmen decided that the two new jobs would have to be put out for bid.

Chief McLaughlin showed the Board a sketch of his proposed plan for landscaping the new Police Station. The Board approved this sketch.

The Selectmen decided to put the new Police Department generator out for bid. Chief McLaughlin will draw up the specifications for this piece of equipment.

Chief McLaughlin explained that he wanted to use Police Department pistol permit money to purchase \$225.00 worth of back up power, extension cables, etc., for the department's computer system. The Chief plans to use any remaining money at the end of the year for computer extended memory backup. The Board of Selectmen approved of this idea and thanked Chief McLaughlin for bringing it to their attention.

Chief McLaughlin informed the Board that he intends to promote Officers Tim Lamy and Don Sims as per the Selectmen's decision earlier this year.

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Chief McLaughlin explained that the oral boards for hiring the new part-time officer will be held on June 12, 1995.

Chief McLaughlin explained that due to his brother's medical condition and the tragedies that have befallen his brother, he will not be making a donation to the Town for additional computer hardware/software at the Police Department. Chief McLaughlin explained that family has to come first, and that this money would be used to help pay off his brother's medical bills totaling upwards of \$100,000.00. Chief McLaughlin explained that he was originally very sincere about making a donation to the Town, and hoped the Board would understand his position on the matter.

Mr. Brian Waite came before the Board concerning the renaming of Chestnut Hill Road to Boulder Drive due to the initiation of the enhanced 911 system in New Hampshire. The Board directed Mr. Waite to the New Boston Fire Wards for specific information concerning the road renaming and the 911 system.

Karen Geremia and Recreation Director Sandy Gallup came before the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Geremia had applied for the vacant part-time secretarial position in the Recreation Department. Originally, Ms. Jean Severance had also applied for the position. Chairman Pimenta explained, however, that Ms. Severance had withdrawn her name from the competition for the position. Therefore, Ms. Geremia was the only remaining applicant. Ms. Geremia had been temporarily filling the position since Jana Comeau had left in the beginning of April 1995. Director Gallup explained that she had been very happy with Karen Geremia's work so far. Chairman Pimenta made a motion to hire Karen Geremia as the Recreation Department's part-time secretary. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dilley of 72 Francestown Turnpike and Mr. Roland Cook of 478 Lyndeboro Road came before the Selectmen to discuss Mountain Road, and whether it would be posted "no through trucking." Selectman Goodin made a motion to hold a public hearing in the next two to three weeks on posting Mountain Road "no through trucking." Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Pimenta - no; Selectman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes. The motion passed. As soon as Town Administrator Selig prepares a listing of abutters, the public hearing will be scheduled.

Three applicants came before the Selectmen to interview for the newly created Highway Department part-time temporary summer position: Red Hebert, Robert Griswold, and Gary Potler. The Board talked with each applicant individually about why he was

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interested/qualified for the position. After interviewing all three candidates, Selectman Goodin made a motion to hire Mr. Red Hebert for the position at \$8.00 per hour. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Pimenta explained to the Board of Selectmen that Mr. Joseph Foistner of 9 Joe English Road, who has recently indicated that he may sue the Town for as yet undisclosed reasons, had called him and left a telephone message offering him between one and three houses to work on for heating & cooling system installations. Chairman Pimenta explained that he wanted to take the job, and indicated that if the Board felt strongly about his decision he would step down as Selectman. Both Selectman Goodin and Selectman Carlstrom felt that Chairman Pimenta could, in good conscience, take the job as long as he abstained from voting on issues relating to Mr. Foistner if there was an appearance of a conflict of interest. Chairman Pimenta explained that he just wanted to let the other Board members know what he was planning to do so everything was out in the open. Chairman Pimenta did not know for sure if the jobs would even come through. Mr. Foistner has just expressed an interest in using his services at this point in time.

Town Administrator Selig explained that he planned to attend an assessing workshop on Friday, June 16, 1995. He asked if any of the Selectmen wanted to attend.

Town Administrator Selig showed the Board three bids he had received for painting the Town Hall: Arch Painting, Home Revival, & Semper-Fi Painters. The Board asked to have the two low bidders, Home Revival and Semper-Fi Painters, come in to speak with them about the job.

Town Administrator Selig explained that although he was sure the Town had voted in the past to indemnify its municipal officials as per RSA 31:105, he could find no formal record of this action. Therefore he recommended that the Selectmen reaffirm their commitment to indemnify the Town's municipal officials. Selectman Goodin made a motion to adopt the provisions of New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated Chapter 31:105 regarding municipal official's liability and indemnification for damages. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The Selectmen also ruled that an official who is named individually in a lawsuit under the provisions of RSA 31:105 could choose to utilize Town Counsel or a private attorney of his/her choice.

The Board of Selectmen decided to set a minimum benchmark for requiring bids for purchases within its various departments. It

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was decided that any items costing over \$250.00 would require at least three bids before a purchase could be made.

The Board of Selectmen was notified by Town Administrator Selig that Mr. Mike Backman of 173 Beard Road has spoken with Road Agent Lee Murray about the possibility of putting down liquid calcium or calcium flakes on the dirt road in front of his home. Mr. Backman has complained that there is a great deal of dust on the road in this location. Road Agent Murray explained to the Board via conference call that Mr. Backman's situation would not usually warrant any road treatment. The Board decided to deny Mr. Backman's request. If Mr. Backman has further concerns, he should express them by writing to the Board about why his situation warrants special road treatment.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the qualifications of DDP Tree Planting company in regard to the purchasing and planting of trees for the SBA "On the Common" Tree Planting Grant program with Recreation Director Sandy Gallup. Director Gallup strongly recommended awarding bids to Hort. Tech. for the tree planting (\$260.00) and Country Landscaping for the tree purchasing (\$2,655.00). The Board decided to follow the advice of Director Gallup and award the bids to Hort. Tech. and Country Landscaping.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that he would be closing the Planning Office until Planning Coordinator Claire Dane came back from vacation on June 19, 1995. Simone Hunter might come in for a few days next week to organize files and sort mail.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that his six month probationary period will expire on June 19, 1995, and that the Board should make a decision on his being kept on or terminated before that date.

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