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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

September 11, 1995

A regular business meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairman Pimenta.

**PRESENT:** Michael S. Pimenta, Chairman  
Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman (Arrived at 7:17 p.m.)  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

The Board of Selectmen met with Police Chief Jim McLaughlin for his monthly meeting. Chief McLaughlin reported that Road Agent Lee Murray had paved the driveway at the Police Station. As a result of this paving, Chief McLaughlin indicated that he would like to strip wax the floors at the Station as well as clean the carpeting on the stairs leading up from the booking room/future locker room area to the first floor.

Chief McLaughlin reported that a total of 162 kids had, with their parents permission, requested finger prints at the Hillsborough County Fair at the New Boston Police Department's booth.

Chief McLaughlin has solicited Fire Inspector David Poole's help in determining exactly what type of emergency generator(s) will be needed to adequately power both the Police Department and the Central School. Both Dave Poole and Butch Johnston have recommended a 200 AMP automatic transfer switch panel with a 20 kilowatt generator at the Police Department. The Town, however, has only budgeted for a 10 kilowatt generator. The current generator owned by the Town is a military surplus 1971 150 kilowatt generator that can either be used as 2 or a 3 phase generator. The military generator is diesel and only has a manual switching mechanism. It would cost approximately \$6,000.00 to get it to automatically start up. At the present time, we have three prices for a 20 KW single phase generator utilizing liquid propane as fuel: Caterpillar - \$14,410.00; Superior - \$12,678.00; and Granger - \$11,000.00. The Granger quote does not include installation. All have a 200 AMP service switch. Chief McLaughlin also reported that it will cost between \$600.00 and \$1,000.00 to do maintenance on the Town's military generator to bring it back into safe/reliable working condition. Chief McLaughlin said that he may have sufficient unexpended funds left in the Department's budget to cover the cost of purchasing a new generator. The Board will wait until it has more information regarding the generator issue before making a decision.

Part-time police officer candidate Craig A. Frye came before the

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Selectmen with Chief McLaughlin to discuss why he wanted to work for the New Boston Police Department. Chief McLaughlin informed the Board that Mr. Frye was certified so this would save the Department approximately two months of training. Chief McLaughlin would place Mr. Frye in the Field Training Program which would provide Mr. Frye with 80 additional hours of supervised training under Sergeant Tim Lamy. Mr. Frye is already 1/3 of the way toward certification. Later in the meeting, Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to hire Mr. Frye as a part-time police officer of the Town. Chairman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

David Nixon, Dennis Hooper, Rhoda Clark, Mary Coon, Chris and John Groff, Jay Marden, & Gary and Susan Thuillier came before the Board to discuss why they feel that the River Road Spring should be dedicated to the living memory of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Sallada. The spring could be marked with a simple stone and bronze plaque, according to Mr. Nixon. The group expressed sentiments that Mr. Sallada has been very active in Town affairs for over 50 years, including serving as Selectman, State of N.H. Representative from New Boston, and other distinctive posts too numerous to mention. Chairman Pimenta expressed his concern that naming the spring after Mr. Sallada could offend the many other persons who have contributed to the upkeep and maintenance of the spring. Chairman Pimenta asked why the group would not like to name the picnic area in back of the spring, as opposed to the spring itself, after Mr. Sallada. It was felt by the delegation that it might be nice to name the spring, the picnic area in back of the spring, and the picnic area across from the spring all in the living memory of Mr. Sallada. The Board of Selectmen wanted to consult Selectman Darlene Goodin before making any decision on renaming the spring.

Mr. Graham Pendlebury came before the Selectmen to discuss why he is interested in serving on the New Boston Forestry Committee. Mr. Pendlebury asked if it would be possible to expand the Forestry Committee to four members to accommodate the increased interest in the currently vacant position. The Board said it would consider the suggestion.

Mr. Michael Fallet came before the Board to discuss why he is interested in serving on the Forestry Committee. Mr. Fallet has a large number of acres of land in New Boston and felt that serving on the Forestry Committee would educate him on how to better care for and maintain his land. The Board suggested that perhaps the Conservation Commission would be a better Board for Mr. Fallet to look into as it meets more regularly and would give him the opportunity to learn more about conservation techniques and practices.

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Lisa and Mike Johnston of the New Boston Historical Society Subcommittee on Cemeteries came before the Selectmen and presented them with a color pamphlet regarding three cemeteries in New Boston which they would like the Town to contemplate declaring abandoned: Eaton Cemetery, North Side Cemetery, and Bunker Hill Cemetery. The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Selig to look into the procedure required to declare a cemetery abandoned. The Board thanked Mr. and Mrs. Johnston for doing such a thorough job researching the issue.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a revised policy statement submitted by the Better Times publication. The Board felt that the policy statement addressed their concern that the publication not be political in nature. This being the case, the Selectmen authorized the Better Times to use the Town's Tax Identification Number.

The Board approved David Poole's proposal to replace the damaged service entrance cable and fittings on the front corner of the Town Hall. The proposal was for \$196.00. Mr. Dwight Lovejoy, despite numerous requests for a bid on the job, did not submit a proposal.

Town Administrator Selig explained to the Board that it would be most acceptable for the Town to assist an individual relocate a well from the Town's right-of-way if it was found that the Town was responsible for contaminating the well. The Town of Gilford, NH, was placed in a similar situation a number of years ago and was ordered by the courts to replace a resident's well when it was proven that the Town was responsible for the contamination. The State of N.H. also has a line item devoted to well relocation when it is proven that the State is responsible for the contamination of a well. Chairman Pimenta said that he knows a person who might be able to install a well pump at the Hicks residence for as little as \$900.00. He will have the Hicks speak with this gentleman in the near future.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that he felt that \$40,000.00 was a sufficient amount to put aside as overlay for the Town for the tax rate setting process. As soon as the Department of Revenue Administration receives the necessary budgetary forms from both the County and the School District, the Selectmen will be able to travel to Concord to set the 1995 Tax Rate.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a monthly Zoning Issue Report submitted to the Selectmen by Building Inspector Dennis Sarette. This report detailed each of the main issues which the Building Department was currently grappling with. It was felt that the

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Police Department and Highway Department should also submit a similar report on a monthly basis to the Selectmen. In this way, the Board will be able to see what has been accomplished/needs to be accomplished in each of the Town's departments.

The Board of Selectmen denied Stephanie and Michael Ethier's informal request for an abatement on a portion of their 1994 taxes for their property at 117 Saunders Hill Road (Map 001, Lot 056). The request stemmed from an error the State of N.H. made when it conducted a partial revaluation of the Town in 1994. The number of acres attributed to Map 001, Lot 056 was changed erroneously from 7.8 to 13.5. The Selectmen corrected the problem for 1995. However, the Board felt strongly that it must adhere to the provisions of RSA 76:16 which clearly states: "Any person aggrieved by the assessment of a tax . . . may, within 2 months after notice of the tax, and not afterwards, apply in writing . . . to the selectmen or assessors for an abatement of the tax." Since the Ethier's request was filed well beyond the requirements of RSA 76:16 for 1994 taxes, the Board felt it had no choice but to deny the request.

The Selectmen are scheduled to perambulate the Town borders with Goffstown Selectmen on 10/30 @ 1:00 p.m. and with Amherst Selectmen on 10/28 at 9:00 a.m.

Mr. Selig asked the Selectmen if the Board would be willing to pay for hepatitis shots for the Recreation Department's afterschool program staff. The Selectmen said they would not.

Mr. Selig reminded the Board that Matt Lahey of Senator Gregg's office would be hosting a question and answer period in the Town Hall Conference Room on 9/21/95 for the Senator's New Boston constituents.

The Board of Selectmen decided that as long as the Selectmen recognize a need to establish a road sign in a given location in Town, the Board would allow interested residents to defray the cost of said sign by donating sufficient funds to the Town to pay for the sign. The Selectmen would like Road Agent Lee Murray to place money in his budget in 1996 for additional signage in New Boston.

The Selectmen gave Town Administrator Selig permission to purchase an answering machine for the Building Office.

The Board discussed the fact that the 1995 assessing budget had been completely expended as of 8/31/95. Mr. Selig explained that there was approximately \$5,349.43 left over in the legal budget which could defray the Town's assessing expenditures for the

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remainder of the year. Mr. Selig said he would monitor the account closely to ensure it did not run beyond \$20,349.43. The original appropriation for assessing in 1995 was \$15,000.00.

The Selectmen plan to allocate approximately \$10,000.00 toward fixing/repairing the inside of the Town Hall in 1996. This money may be able to be raised through selective cutting on Town land.

The Selectmen decided it would not be necessary to have a special meeting with Plodzick and Sanderson Professional Association, the Town's independent auditors.

The Selectmen felt it would be beneficial to have Police Chief Jim McLaughlin discuss exactly what is entailed in the duties and responsibilities of a New Boston police officer. Town Administrator Selig said he would ask Chief McLaughlin to discuss this at his next monthly meeting with the Selectmen.

The Board of Selectmen gave the Recreation Department permission to allow 9 Francestown residents to participate in the Town's volleyball league provided that New Boston residents are given first priority and further provided that the Francestown residents sign a liability waiver form.

The Board discussed the fact that the Planning Coordinator and Planning Board Chairman often take long walks around the building during normal business hours. It was felt by the Selectmen that this was inappropriate as other office personnel are not allowed to conduct themselves similarly. With the exception of occasional and brief smoking breaks, the Planning Coordinator should be conducting all Town business in the Planning Office. The Board also felt that the Planning Coordinator should keep Mr. Selig closely updated as to the status of the main issues being dealt with by the Planning Office.

The Board signed weekly pay checks and accounts payable checks.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

Chairman Pimenta approved pistol permits.

The Board reviewed miscellaneous other items for signature and review.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator