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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 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 did not have an opportunity to approve the minutes of the November 13, 1995, Selectmen's Meeting.

At 7:30 p.m., Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune came before the Board for her monthly meeting. Various issues concerning the New Boston Transfer Station were discussed.

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Bill Mount of 32 Dane Road came before the Selectmen and presented them with a petition entitled "Clark Hill Road Petition." The petition asked the Selectmen to proceed with upgrading Clark Hill Road as soon as possible. Approximately 26 other residents of Clark Hill Road attended the meeting, many of whom articulated various views concerning the upgrade of the road. Some favored bringing the road up to pavement. Others favored leaving the road as dirt. The Selectmen answered questions asked by the crowd whenever possible. The Board will consider the petitioner's requests as it deals with other important issues facing the Town.

Road Agent Lee Murray, Road Committee member Harold Strong, Road Committee member George St. John, Road Committee member Richard Moody, and newly appointed Road Committee member Ricky Riendeau came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss various road issues faced by the Town of New Boston. The group discussed issues including: plowing sidewalks in the downtown area, upgrading Clark Hill Road, finishing McCurdy Road, as well as other highway related topics. The group decided that it would mark trees on Clark Hill Road which will need to be cut if the road is to be widened in 1996. The trees will be marked on Friday, November 24, 1995.

Mr. Jim Dodge of 40 Dodge Road came before the Board to discuss a boundary issue between himself and the Town at the corner of Route 136 and Tucker Mill Road. Mr. Selig was asked to look into the matter and report back to the Selectmen and Mr. Dodge.

Chairman Pimenta and Town Administrator Selig are scheduled to

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perambulate the Town boundary between New Boston and Amherst with the Amherst Selectmen on Tuesday, November 21, 1995, at 7:00 p.m.

The first Capital Improvements Program meeting for 1996 Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 21, 1995.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that he and Road Agent Lee Murray had driven the length of Mountain Road in response to Conservation Commission Chairman Betsey Dodge's complaint that Lyndeborough had badly undercut the sides of the road the last time it had graded the road. After having inspected the road, neither Mr. Selig nor Mr. Murray felt that the New Boston section of Mountain Road had been badly undercut. Mr. Selig called the Lyndeborough Board of Selectmen to inquire whether Lyndeborough would allow New Boston to post a "No Through Trucking" sign at the top of Mountain Road in Lyndeborough. The Selectmen in Lyndeborough were in the process of drafting a letter to New Boston in which an answer would be forthcoming. In addition, the Selectmen's Office in Lyndeborough stated that it was going to ask New Boston to reconsider posting Mountain Road "No Through Trucking."

The Selectmen approved the Joint Loss Management Program dated 10/30/95 which Town Administrator Selig presented to them, pending corrections. Mr. Selig informed the Board that a reporter from the Union Leader was coming on Wednesday afternoon, November 22, 1995, to do a story on the plan.

The Board discussed whether or not it planned to purchase a fax machine for the Selectmen's Office with surplus monies from 1995, or whether it wanted to budget specifically for such an item in 1996. It was decided to purchase a moderately priced fax machine with surplus monies in 1995. Mr. Selig stated that he would put some prices together for such a purchase.

The Board of Selectmen considered three bids for installing an emergency generator at the New Boston Police Station: Steve Wadleigh - \$546.00; Dwight Lovejoy - \$550.00; Butch Johnston - \$1,035.00. The Board awarded the job to Dwight Lovejoy.

The Board of Selectmen opened two bids for installing a sprinkler system in the New Boston Fire Department: Hampshire Fire Protection - \$29,235.00; John L. Carter Sprinkler Company, Inc. - \$24,425.00. Unfortunately, the Town has only \$16,500.00 appropriated for this purpose from Warrant Article 16-1993. The Fire Wards will have to determine how to proceed given the Town's lack of funds for the project.

The Board discussed the possibility of placing a standard PSNH

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street light in front of the New Boston Police Department. The Selectmen informed Mr. Selig that they would rather not install such a street light at this location, preferring to have the Town maintain a light fixture somewhere on the front portion of the building instead.

The Board received a letter from Eugene and Virginia Thorne indicating that they would like to donate a piece of property they own on McCurdy Road (Map 11, Lot 46) to the Town. The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Selig to look into whether it would be advantageous for the Town to accept this parcel.

Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that there has been a light blue Plymouth automobile in front of the Town Hall for over a week now. The Police Department has been asked to determine who owns the vehicle and, if appropriate, to have it removed.

The Selectmen decided to allow the New Boston Highway Department employees to rent PAGENET pagers from the Town. The cost of these pagers is \$5.00 per month.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

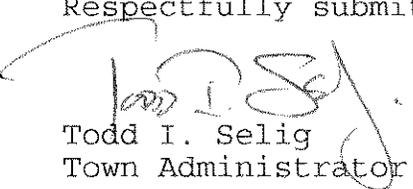
Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

The Board signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator