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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

December 4, 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 made a motion to accept the regular minutes of the November 27, 1995 Selectmen's Meeting. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., Jed Callen of the Solid Waste Committee, Michael Richard - the HHWD Coordinator, and Betsey Dodge of the Conservation Commission came before the Selectmen to discuss the 1996 Household Hazardous Waste Day which the New Boston Selectmen plan to hold in conjunction with Frankestown. After much discussion, it was agreed that 1996 would be the last year in which New Boston and Frankestown would hold a joint HHWD. In addition, it was decided that Frankestown would sign an agreement stating that they would be fully involved in both the planning and implementation stages of the joint 1996 event. If Frankestown does not meet its obligations in preparing for the 1996 HHWD, New Boston will not allow the community to participate in the collection day in the Fall.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 7, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Conference Room.

The Selectmen decided that they would allow Attorney Michael Ryan of Goffstown to pursue delinquent 1991 taxpayers as per Town Counsel Leslie Nixon's recommendations. Attorney Ryan has considerable experience in this area and costs only \$110.00 per hour as opposed to the \$150.00 to \$250.00 per hour charged by Town Counsel. Town Administrator Selig recommended that the Selectmen not meet with Attorney Ryan before engaging his services as this would cost the Town at least \$150.00. Mr. Selig felt that the scope of his role was extremely limited. In addition, Attorney Ryan would be overseen by Town Counsel, thereby diminishing the need for a preliminary interview. The Selectmen gave Mr. Selig permission to engage Attorney Ryan to pursue the 1991 delinquent taxpayers without requiring an interview.

The Selectmen would like Road Agent Murray to place a guardrail

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on the inside corner of the recently replaced Lyndeboro Road bridge.

Chairman Pimenta expressed great dissatisfaction concerning the work the Highway Department's grader did on Summit Drive after the last snow storm. Selectman Goodin also raised the question whether the culverts were being cleaned out frequently enough by the Highway Department. These issues will be discussed in the future with the Road Agent.

The Board discussed the appropriate number of hours for the New Boston Planning Office. Town Administrator Selig expressed his opinion that due to the workload regularly taken on by the New Boston Planning Board, a minimum of 35 hours per week for the Planning Coordinator would be needed to adequately staff the Planning Office in 1996. Mr. Selig stated that too many projects were being left unattended due to the large workload in the Planning Office and the limited number of hours from which to draw to complete this work. Mr. Selig feels that the recording secretary position should remain at 40 hours per week. Selectman Carlstrom suggested that Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge and Planning Board Chairman Brent Armstrong should come before the Selectmen to give their assessment on the situation currently faced by the Planning Board and Planning Office.

The Capital Improvements Program and Conservation Commission meetings which had been scheduled for Tuesday, December 5, 1995, have been postponed until Wednesday, December 6, 1995, due to the memorial service for the late Roland Sallada which will be held this Tuesday evening, December 5, 1995, at 7:30 p.m.

The Selectmen decided that the Town would put the New Boston Solid Waste Hauling Contract out to bid for two possible destinations: Wheelabrator Environmental Services in Penacook and North Country Environmental Services in Bethlehem. The Town will publicly advertise the bid in the local newspaper.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that the emergency generator at the New Boston Police Department was at 95% completion and would be operational in the next few days. In addition, Mr. Selig advised the Board that Officer Matt Fleming was in the process of conducting a gun safety program at the Central School.

Mr. Selig asked the Selectmen if any of them wanted to meet with Elizabeth Crooker of the Goffstown News to discuss the budget process in New Boston as per Ms. Crooker's recent request. The Selectmen preferred to have Mr. Selig handle the request himself. In addition, the Board suggested that Dan Rothman of the Finance

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Committee might be interested in participating in the interview.

The Board of Selectmen decided that part-time Police Officer and Animal Control Officer Tom Fleming would be eligible for all of the full time benefits which other full time employees of the Town receive due to the fact that his average number of hours per week as both Police Officer and A.C.O. regularly exceed 30 hours per week. This includes Holiday Time, Vacation Time, Health Insurance, PEBSCO, Flex Benefit, etc.

Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that Jim Smith of Clark Hill Road was interested to learn if the Board had considered further the idea of extending Dane Road through to Old Coach Road in an effort to reduce the traffic level on Clark Hill Road. The Board responded that it was considering the idea but was currently dealing with budgetary matters which would take precedence over the idea. Chairman Pimenta felt that this was a project which could wait until Spring.

The Board of Selectmen determined that the Town would accept a van if the Friends of Recreation wanted to donate one to New Boston.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that due to a recent change made by the State of New Hampshire in the last legislative session, the Selectmen could now serve as Cemetery Trustees by a vote of Town Meeting.

The Selectmen discussed whether or not the Town would offer a benefit package to the Valerie Foster, the Town's part-time Afterschool Program director. The Selectmen decided that they would not extend full time benefits of any kind to Ms. Foster.

The Board reviewed wage, salary, and benefit information for Town employees.

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.

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Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator