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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 1996

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Goodin.

**PRESENT:** Darlene M. Goodin, Chairman  
Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

The Selectmen did not have the opportunity to review the minutes from the April 15, 1996, Selectmen's Meeting.

At 7:40 p.m., Recreation Director Sandy Gallup came before the Board of Selectmen for her monthly meeting. Also present from the Recreation Commission and Ballfield Committee were: Karen Hall, Peter Martinelli, and Lee Brown. Mr. Lee Lowell was also present at the meeting to observe as a member of the general public.

Director Gallup brought up the issue of maintenance on the Town Common and Town Ballfield. It was decided that the Highway Department would be responsible to mow the lawn on the Town Common once per week. In addition, the Highway Department would have to mow the Old Coach Road Ballfield as needed on Thursdays or Fridays as per requests from the Recreation Department which would be made to Town Administrator Todd Selig who would then ask the Highway Department to undertake the project. It was noted that the infield at the Old Coach Road Ballfield should be listed a priority for mowing.

Director Gallup asked the Selectmen if it would be possible to cut down the large green shrub in front of the War Memorial on the Town Common and plant instead a perennial garden in this location. It was felt that the lights which illuminate the flag poles should also be torn up and replaced with a more aesthetically pleasing lighting apparatus. Chairman Goodin felt that the Grange should be contacted to see what they felt about this idea before proceeding. Mr. Selig said he would look into the matter.

Director Gallup also expressed concern over all of the salt and sand from the Town Hall parking lot which had been pushed onto the Town Common near the newly planted dogwood tree. She wanted to know if there were any alternatives to placing snow in this location to protect the trees. The Selectmen will look into the matter. One suggestion offered by Mrs. Gallup was to install a cement sidewalk along the perimeter of the Town Common abutting

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the parking lot. The Selectmen pointed out that this alternative would be extremely expensive and would require a sidewalk wide enough to accommodate two wheelchairs.

Mr. Lee Lowell left the meeting upon learning that the Board was planning to enter non-public session. He did not return to the meeting.

At 7:50 p.m., Chairman Goodin made a motion to enter into non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3III(c). Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes. The motion carried. Town Administrator Selig was present record the minutes. Also present were: Sandy Gallup, Karen Hall, Peter Martinelli, and Lee Brown.

The Board of Selectmen discussed an incident which took place at the April 12, 1996, Recreation Department dance with those present.

Chairman Goodin made a motion to exit non-public session at 8:00 p.m. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed the work which was proceeding on the Old Coach Road Ballfield with the representatives from the Recreation Department. It was decided that Peter Martinelli would be allowed, providing that he took on full responsibility for the project, to fill in the base paths inside the metal gaited area with clay and sand. This project will require a tractor and four men. All extra clay will be put near the road and will be surrounded with silt fencing and hay bales to prevent runoff into the wetland area surrounding the field. The Selectmen cautioned those present about harming and/or affecting the wetland area in any way. It was also noted by Director Gallup that Robert Todd was scheduled to have some preliminary plans of the area completed by the later part of the week.

At approximately 8:15 p.m., Mr. Cary Gladstone from the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development spoke with the Board of Selectmen about the Business Visitation Program which he coordinates for the State of New Hampshire. The following members of the New Boston Planning Board were also in attendance to listen to the presentation: Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge, Brent Armstrong, Harold "Bo" Strong, and Phil Consolini.

Following Mr. Gladstone's presentation, The Board of Selectmen met with the assembled Planning Board members for their monthly meeting. The meeting began at approximately 9:20 p.m. Issues

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which were discussed included: attempting to solicit input from citizens in New Boston with regard to the Museum of Family Camping which would like to relocate to the New Boston area by placing an informative description on Channel 8 and in Marie MacDonald's weekly Goffstown News column; sending a letter to the businesses in the downtown area informing them of the fact that there is parking behind the Historical Building during times when the Town Hall parking lot is full; a request to send a "letter of map revision" to FEMA in regard to updating the Town's flood insurance maps; an oral complaint from Red Hebert of Route 13 in New Boston to the Planning Board concerning junk yard statute violations at the John Winslow (Duke's) towing business on Route 13 near Mr. Hebert's home. Mr. Hebert feels that the Town should do something about large number of apparently unroadworthy vehicles at Mr. Winslow's business.

The Board reviewed the computer specifications which the New Boston Fire Association is using to purchase a computer system for the Fire Department and discussed whether these specifications would be applicable for use for the new computer at the New Boston Police Department. After considerable discussion, it was decided to speak with Police Chief Jim McLaughlin before authorizing the proposed specifications.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that the annual "Inspection of Municipal Bridges" report had arrived from the State Department of Transportation for their review. Road Agent Lee Murray already had been forwarded a copy and had begun to review the documents himself.

The Board of Selectmen authorized the Solid Waste Committee to donate \$200.00 to the Friends of the Library for their sponsorship of a large recycling/hazardous waste day insert inside the 1996 telephone directory.

The Board briefly discussed whether to provide the Planning Coordinator with a key to the Selectmen's Office so that the Planning Board would have access to the facility to look over RSA's which may be necessary to view during Planning Board meetings when the Selectmen's Office would normally be closed. The idea of installing new locks in the Selectmen's Office with the same key as other doors in the Town Hall was also discussed. The Board postponed any decision on the matter until Selectman Pimenta was present on April 29, 1996.

The Board reviewed the fact that the Highway Department Winter Maintenance Budget is currently overspent. At total of \$153,738.00 had been appropriated while \$157,858.00 had already been spent due to the severe 1996 winter season. This represents

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an expenditure of approximately 102% of the budgeted amount.

The Board authorized a handicap exemption totaling \$17,000.00 on Map 003, Lot 028 owned by Gary Sanossian.

Town Administrator Selig reported that the Town Hall Clock had been serviced by Phil D'Avanza of Goffstown.

The Board authorized Town Administrator Selig to expand the part-time cleaning vacancy search to those applications received after the posted deadline.

The Planning Board will hold a FINAL HEARING on the N.E. Forestry Foundation's subdivision application on Tuesday, April 23, 1996, at 8:15 p.m.

The following gravel pit inspections have been scheduled for April 25, 1996, beginning at 6:00 p.m.: John E. Neville - Riverdale Road Pit; Harold Strong - Riverdale Road Pit; Strong Brothers H.J.G. Gravel Corp. - Riverdale Road Pit; Coastal Material Corp. - Parker Road Pit, south side.

Selectman Pimenta and Town Administrator Selig will perambulate the Goffstown-New Boston boundary with Goffstown on Monday, April 29, 1996, at 2:00 p.m. They will meet the Goffstown delegation at the point where Pulpit Road meets New Boston Road.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

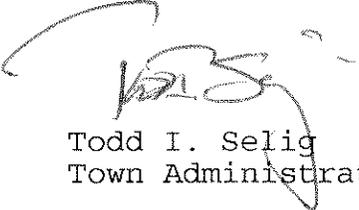
Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

The Board reviewed other correspondence and miscellaneous items.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator