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**Town of New Boston**

**Selectmen's Meeting Minutes**

**November 18, 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  
Michael S. Pimenta, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to approve the Selectmen's Meeting Minutes from the following dates: September 30, 1996 Regular & Non-Public Minutes; October 7, 1996 Regular Minutes; October 21, 1996 Regular Minutes. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:00 p.m., Joseph and Marian Thompson of 281 Wilson Hill Road came before the Board and requested that a "School Bus Stop Sign" be placed at the intersection of Route 13 and Wilson Hill Road so that their grandchildren could be safer as they wait for the bus each day before and after school. The Selectmen explained that this was a State road but said that they would write a letter to the N.H. Department of Transportation to determine if such a sign could be erected. The Board also explained to the Thompsons that this type of sign is often considered a nuisance sign by the State, making the N.H. Department of Transportation hesitant to erect them. The Thompsons left at approximately 7:20 p.m.

At 8:40 p.m., members of the New Boston Road Committee met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss road issues in preparation for 1997 Town Meeting. Present were: Lee Murray, Road Agent; Dick Moody, Road Committee Member; Harold Strong, Road Committee Chairman; and Rick Riendeau, Road Committee Member. Present in the audience were: Kim and Ed DiPietro and Bill Mount. The Road Committee recommended to the Selectmen that block grant money in 1997 be used for improvements to Meadow Road, the majority of which would be contracted out. It was felt that Colburn Bridge should be replaced and will be contracted out. The Road Committee recommended leaving McCurdy Road in its current condition for the time being. The Board will wait to see if McCurdy Road will be undertaken by a local developer planning a subdivision in this area of New Boston. The Committee recommended that the Town plan to replace the Lyndeborough Road Bridge which was recently replaced temporarily with a Bailey Bridge in 1998. Finally, the Road Committee recommended that the Selectmen sponsor a warrant article for 1997 Town Meeting to begin to undertake Alternative 4/Phase I of the Clark Hill Road Committee's September 1996 report. This selection will cost an estimated total of \$165,131.00. The Road Committee recommends asking for \$100,000.00 of this sum to start Phase I in 1997. The Selectmen will present this recommendation to the Finance Committee when Capital Improvement Program requests are discussed later in the budget process.

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The Board decided that Mr. Peter Beers of 119 Laurel Lane would not be allowed to bring his large supply of old tires to the New Boston Transfer Station for disposal at no cost. Mr. Beers would be required to pay for tire disposal as all other residents in the Town are expected to do.

The Board briefly discussed how to proceed with the former Winslow property located at 248 River Road. A total of \$20,156.03 was due to the Town in back taxes and interest as of October 21, 1996. The Selectmen decided to wait until Selectman Gordon Carlstrom was present to make a decision.

The Board of Selectmen approved of the Forestry Committee's proposed trail located on the Lydia Dodge Lot running from Cochran Hill Road to the Town-owned gravel pit near the Transfer Station. Conservation Commission Chairman Betsey Dodge, Town Administrator Todd Selig, and Forestry Committee Member Jonathan Brooks walked the trail on November 12, 1996 to ensure that it would be acceptable to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen felt that before a small parking area was cleared on Old Coach Road for the developing trail system, the Road Agent should look over the proposed site and handle the area as he would a driveway permit application, with the Selectmen granting final approval for the site.

The Board was informed that the topsoil covering the cap to the landfill on the gravel pit side of the site had begun to slide so that a portion of the membrane cap was visible to the eye. GZA Environmental engineers were called and will recommend a course of action to the Selectmen in the next week or so. The damage occurred during the October 21, 1996 flood in New Boston and therefore may be reimbursable under the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant program.

The Town has received a report from GZA concerning annual test pit findings at the landfill. Overall, the report says things look good. Since the closure was completed in 1989, groundwater quality at the monitoring locations has improved. It appears that the main focus on groundwater in the landfill vicinity should be the secondary contaminants iron and manganese. In an effort to reduce costs to the Town, GZA has recommended to the State that the parameters chloride and COD be dropped from the groundwater permit requirements, leaving the parameters iron and manganese, and the VOC's once per year.

Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge has been selected for Jury Duty beginning November 19, 1996 in U.S. District Court. We are in the process of seeing if her obligation can be postponed to the summer of 1997.

Maureen Mansfield has submitted a new proposal for annual maintenance to the New Boston Cemetery. The new amount is up \$1,000.00 from \$16,950.00 to \$17,950.00. This figure, however, does not include plowing. The Selectmen accepted this proposal for maintenance to the Cemetery for 1997.