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Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 25, 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
Michael S. Pimenta, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

At 7:20 p.m., the Board met with Alden Miller representing The Kingdom. Mr. Miller asked the Selectmen to reconsider a decision made by them concerning the tax exempt status of Tax Map 015-048 located at 221 Chestnut Hill Road in New Boston. This decision is explained thoroughly in a letter from the Town Administrator to The Kingdom dated October 23, 1996. The Selectmen said that they would discuss the matter further with the Town's contract assessor and get back to The Kingdom with their decision. Mr. Miller also stated that a property across from 221 Chestnut Hill Road owned by The Kingdom might be eligible for a tax exemption because an assistant pastor has been residing there. The Selectmen noted that the property was not listed by The Kingdom on their Form BTLA A-9 document which must be filed annually with the Town prior to April 15 of each tax year. The Selectmen were therefore under no obligation to grant the exemption. In addition, The Kingdom would have to furnish proof that the property was eligible for an exemption and pass this information along to the Town's assessor. Chairman Goodin gave Mr. Miller an abatement application and informed him that it would have to be returned to the Town by March 1, 1997 if The Kingdom disagreed with the Selectmen's final decision and chose to file for a tax abatement for Tax Year 1996. Mr. Miller left at approximately 7:45 p.m.

The Board again reviewed the fact that Mr. Peter Beers of 119 Laurel Lane would like to bring his large supply of old tires to the New Boston Transfer Station for disposal at no cost. The Fire Department views this pile as a potential fire hazard. The Selectmen decided to refer the matter to the New Boston Solid Waste Committee for review in terms of Transfer Station capacity, cost, and overall fairness to other taxpayers.

The Board 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 asked Mr. Selig to look into a number of issues pertaining to this parcel in preparation for next week's meeting

The Selectmen reviewed a boundary map prepared by the Forestry Committee noting the current boundary of the Transfer Station and Gravel Pit on the Lydia Dodge Lot/Town Forest. The Board felt that it should walk the proposed boundary line with the Forestry Committee after hunting season to determine if the boundary map was acceptable.

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The Forestry Committee has asked the Selectmen if the FLESA Ad Hoc Committee is an official Town Committee which has to follow the rules concerning public notice requirements, minutes, etc. noted in RSA 91:A. The Selectmen felt that it was.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation from the Board of Selectmen from Selectman Michael S. Pimenta dated November 17, 1996. Chairman Goodin made a motion to ask Selectman Pimenta to reconsider his decision. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed. Selectman Pimenta said that he would not retract his letter of resignation. This being the case, Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept Selectman Pimenta's letter of resignation with regret, effective at the close of the 1997 Annual Town Meeting. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - abstained. The motion passed.

Town Administrator Selig reported that a total of \$16,000.00 worth of reimbursable expenses would be anticipated at a reimbursement rate of between 75% - 90% from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as a result of the October 21, 1996 flood in New Boston. An additional sum of approximately \$100,000.00 would be made available for assistance to the Town in repairing the damaged section of the landfill on Old Coach Road due to sloughing as a result of the flood.

Planning Coordinator Claire Dodge was successful in being excused from Jury Duty in U.S. District Court. She will probably have to serve during 1997.

The Selectmen accepted a letter of resignation from Planning Board Member Lucien Tessier from the New Boston Planning Board dated November 18, 1996. A letter of resignation from Alternate Member John Palmer dated October 29, 1996 was also accepted by the Board of Selectmen on November 18, 1996. The Selectmen decided to have the Planning Board advertise for two vacancies as soon as possible. In addition, the Selectmen will discuss with the Planning Board which Alternate Member should be moved to Regular Member status at their next monthly meeting.

The Board of Selectmen discussed various repairs to the Town Hall which need to be undertaken. Selectman Pimenta made a motion to have Dave Wilson and Bruce Davenport of New Boston replace the two remaining sets of old windows in the stairway leading to the Recreation Department with replacement windows for a cost of approximately \$2,920.00. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to have Ken Colbert of New Boston install a new tile floor in the Conference Room and at the end of the hallway past the Selectmen's Office, as well as miscellaneous patch jobs in the Town Hall for a cost of approximately \$1,317.60. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

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Selectman Pimenta made a motion to have Fournier's Floor Refinishing of Weare refinish the floor in the Town Clerk's Office, Front Entryway, Stairs & Risers Leading To Grange Hall, and Foyer In Front Of Grange Hall for a cost of \$1,930.00. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board briefly discussed wage/pay increases for Town employees in 1997.

At 8:50 p.m., John Winslow came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss property taxes due on the property located at 248 River Road. Mr. Winslow indicated to the Selectmen that he would like to come to some arrangement concerning his former property. He hoped the Selectmen would waive some of the interest and fees associated with the tax lien and deed procedure from 1990 to the present date so that he could pay off a portion of what was due. Mr. Winslow also explained the difficult times he has gone through over the last few years in New Boston, as well as his feeling that some officials in New Boston are out to drive him out of Town. Chairman Goodin explained that the Board had a number of questions which it was looking into in regard to the property and would discuss the issue again in one week. In the meantime, Mr. Winslow was asked to contact Mr. Selig to inform him how much money he might be able to come up with in terms of a lump sum payment toward back taxes, and subsequent monthly payment plan. Mr. Winslow was asked to call the Selectmen's Office with this information before the next Selectmen's Meeting on December 2, 1996. Mr. Winslow left at 9:35 p.m.

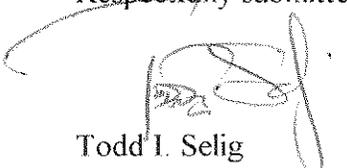
Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

The Board reviewed and/or signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Chairman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator