

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

December 16, 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 7:01 p.m., Chairman Goodin officially opened a public hearing for the declaration of the following four cemeteries as being abandoned for the purpose of preservation, maintenance, and restoration in accordance with RSA 289:19-20:

Bunker Hill Cemetery located on Bunker Hill Road tax map and lot number 001-002. This cemetery is listed on an 1858 map of New Boston and is located just across the road from George Daniel's pasture gate.

North Side Cemetery located on Saunders Hill Road tax map and lot number 001-016. The oldest grave is Abraham Cochran 1776.

Eaton Cemetery located on Weare Road tax map and lot number 002-028-002. The oldest grave stone is Harriet Gould Eaton 1859.

Dennison Road Cemetery located on Dennison Road tax map and lot number 004-053. This cemetery is located at the end of a field on Horace and Gloria Chandler's land.

Present at the hearing were: Lisa Johnston of 8 Depot Street, William Savoy, and Irving McDowell of 76 Foxberry Drive. Chairman Goodin read the public notice relative to the planned declaration which appeared in the Goffstown News on October 10, 1996, and asked if there were any comments from the public. There being no comments, at 7:15 p.m., Chairman Goodin closed the public hearing. Selectman Pimenta made a motion to declare the aforementioned four cemeteries abandoned for the purpose of preservation, maintenance, and restoration in accordance with RSA 289:19-20. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Chairman Goodin - yes; Selectman Carlstrom - yes; Selectman Pimenta - yes. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:30 p.m., Selectman Pimenta attended a meeting at the New Boston Community Church to discuss problems the Community Church, Library, and Bakery are having with the Community Church well.

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Town Clerk Margit Hooper and a representative from Business Data Solutions came before the Board at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a proposed motor vehicle registration, title, red book, dog registration, and integrated counter receiving and reporting computer package including both hardware and software for the Town Clerk's Office costing approximately \$9,869.00. In addition to this initial purchase price, a total of \$2,250.00 would be paid to the company in the form of annual maintenance and software license fees. The current proposal includes a separate computer workstation for both the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Selectmen walked upstairs to the Grange Hall and attended a presentation with approximately 15 other residents from various boards and committees put on by six students from the University of New Hampshire concerning the best future use of the O'Rourke Lot (Tax Map 007-074-001) located on Old Coach Road. The students have studied this Town parcel as part of a University of New Hampshire NR775 Senior Projects Course in conjunction with a project request from the Town which was submitted to the University of New Hampshire at the beginning of the Fall 1996 Semester. The students who conducted the analysis were: Arlene Allen, Ross Caron, Angela Dubois, Aaron Fritz, Robert Noviello, and Stephen Tobin. Robert Todd from the New Boston Forestry Committee acted as an advisor to the students during the semester and provided them with survey maps of the property and technical advice. The original objective of the students was to create a Master Plan for the property. The students presented their findings to those present in oral form. A detailed written document is on file in the Selectmen's Office titled: "Natural Resource Assessment and Recreation Management Recommendations for the O'Rourke Lot in New Boston, NH, Fall 1996." The presentation lasted until 8:45 p.m.

At 8:50 p.m., Graham Pendlebury and Robert Todd from the Forestry Committee met with the Selectmen to discuss selective cutting on the Colby and Follansbee Lots. The Selectmen signed a contract for selective cutting of substandard timber on the Colby Lot and reviewed a contract for the same on the Follansbee Lot which will be signed next week after Robert Todd makes some necessary adjustments. The Selectmen also scheduled a tentative walk with Graham Pendlebury to view the suggested boundary between the Transfer Station/gravel pit and the Town Forest on the Lydia Dodge Lot at noon, weather permitting, on December 17, 1996.

The Selectmen met with members of the New Boston Planning Board at 9:30 p.m. Bo Strong, Diane Manson, Phil Consolini, and Coordinator Claire Dodge were in attendance. Issues discussed included determining that it was not necessary to attend a foreclosure sale on David and Holly Bowen's home at 1 Lull Road; informing the Selectmen that Heidi Palmer was quite upset that the Highway Department had not repaired the lower portion of her parking area off of Clark Hill Road as promised, thereby affecting the possible issuance of a permanent certificate of occupancy; and whether to engage the services of a land use lawyer for Planning Board issues. In reference to this last issue, it was suggested that the Planning Board as a whole make a formal recommendation concerning legal counsel relative to land use issues to the Selectmen.



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At 10:00 p.m., the Board met with Steven and Richard LaBranch of 189 Parker Road concerning a report of Legal Non-Conforming Uses and Properties which he plans to file with the Building Department in response to a cease and desist order issued by the Building Inspector on December 5, 1996. The Selectmen asked Mr. LaBranch to bring all information he has relative to the issue to the attention of the Building Inspector. If things do not proceed to his satisfaction he should contact the Selectmen once again. In addition, Mr. LaBranch may approach the Board in the near future to apply for a temporary trailer permit for a storage trailer which he has on his property.

The Board of Selectmen were informed that the Town of Lyndeborough may not want to continue to plow/maintain Mountain Road in New Boston during the winter months. It was the opinion of the New Boston Board of Selectmen that if Lyndeborough should decide not to maintain Mountain Road, the road would not be maintained during the winter months and would be so posted to inform the public.

The Selectmen signed holiday greeting cards for Town employees.

Fire Chief Jim Dodge stopped by to let the Selectmen know that NAPA had a good deal on 650 watt emergency generators for \$1,500.00 which the Town might want to take advantage of. Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to purchase an emergency generator for the Town Hall for use during emergencies for a price of no more than \$1,500.00. Selectman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Pimenta will check to determine if any other generators are available within this price range. It was also noted that Federal Surplus in Concord had a number of 5KW generators which might be used at the Highway Department, Fire Department, or Transfer Station.

The Selectmen discussed the possibility of purchasing two hand-held radios for the Selectmen's Office for use during emergencies. Mr. Selig was asked to find out how much these radios cost.

Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator