

## Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

October 4, 1999

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairperson Susan Clay.

### PRESENT:

Susan Clay-Chairperson  
Lois Briere-Selectman  
Gordon Carlstrom-Selectman  
Burton Reynolds-Town Administrator

### PUBLIC HEARING

As part of the State Education Funding Bill, the legislature authorized a minimum of \$12,000 to be sent to each municipality to offset costs associated with the introduction of the plan. RSA 31:95b allows a town to use these funds, after a public hearing, as long as Town Meeting has authorized the Selectmen to accept and spend unanticipated revenues from either private, State or Federal sources. New Boston's Town Meeting did so in 1994.

There were no public objections expressed so the Board, based on a motion by Lois Briere with a 2nd from Gordon Carlstrom, all voted to accept and consider expenditures appropriate to the funding's purpose. Discussed as suggested expenses that would be appropriate were: a new computer for the Tax Collector because the new software program designed to allow the Town to collect the State Education Property Tax required more hard drive and RAM than the current unit. Also considered was a new printer and the costs associated with a mailing to explain the tax changes.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

none

### MINUTES

The minutes of 9/27/99 were accepted as written. Motion Lois Briere, 2nd Gordon Carlstrom.

### OLD BUSINESS

#### Planning Topics

1) Planning has placed it's conditions on Kris Stuart's gravel pit on Bunker Hill road. The Selectmen now need to do their part. The attempt to combine ZBA, Planning, and Selectmen's hearings for gravel pits was found to have promise but needed more guidelines so each party was sure of their roles and procedures were outlined so things happen in a logical sequence. The Town Administrator and the Planning Coordinator were to work on that project.

- 2) Consensus was that the Selectmen's idea of using the Class VI road for the driveway to the Chauncey subdivision was the best option. The Road Agent will set the road specs. There is uncertainty over whether a cistern is needed.
- 3) Gordon reported that the reason the Planning Board began a recent meeting on the Master Plan by announcing they did not expect to be taking public comment is because it was posted as a work session. The Board did end-up taking comment because so many people attended.
- 4) The Hogan request to run an automotive repair shop from their house is still not resolved. Gordon outlined the issues and asked for input on how he should vote.
- 5) The cistern on Byam road was tested but a zinc lining came off and into the pump of the fire truck. Some damage was done to the pump but not sure of the cost to repair. A letter from the Fire Wards asked if we should look for compensation for the damage. Will wait to see what all the facts are.
- 6) Lois noted that there is a meeting on 10/7 concerning pedestrian and bike paths.
- 7) There is a question as to how and whether Impact Fees and Off-Site Improvement funds can work side by side. Regional Planning will be asked for their thoughts. Could we, for instance, continue our Off-Site Improvement approach for the roads, but use an Impact Fee for the schools?
- 8) Regional Planning sent a letter saying a session on regional environmental planning would take place 10/21. We have participated in the past and Planning will do so again with input from Conservation and Forestry.
- 9) CIP process is about to begin. All that now comes from the Selectmen is a CRF for the Town Hall sprinkler. They will think about other subjects.

#### **Road Posting**

- 1) The Board wants to post Saunders Hill road so there can be no thru trucking. Trucks now use the road as a short-cut when coming from Weare. It is not designed for heavy truck travel. A notice will go in the paper. Posting Bunker Hill was also discussed but that should not be necessary because to get to Bunker Hill they must first come down Saunder Hill road.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Town Clerk**

- 1) The current tax collector, Irene Baudreau, has agreed to accept an appointment to be Town Clerk. She will try it. If she likes it, she will run for the position in March. For now, Michelle Merron, who was the Deputy, is Acting Town Clerk until Irene is trained. The hope is that the Tax collector hours can be dropped and the work done during the Town Clerk work week, which is for 30 hours. Tax bills will have a note on them because they now say the Tax Collector is available on Tuesday and Thursday. She will actually be available during the normal Town Clerk hours each week.

##### **Kachavos Letter**

- 1) The Road Agent and Town Administrator looked at the situation on Clark Hill road. Measurements were taken of the road and the "right of way" area, ditching was reviewed, as was the mowing. Except for trying to be more careful when mowing the bushes right by the house, everything else seemed to be as it should be. The Selectmen asked the Town

Administrator to write a letter explaining in detail what was found and the rationale behind the grading and mowing.

**Red Cross Request**

1) The Red Cross has written to the Board asking for Town funds to assist them in their efforts. The Board decided they would place the issue on this year's warrant to see what townspeople wanted to do.

**Morrissey**

1) Gordon noted that he had gone over to Mill St. on the weekend to take some measurement in anticipation of our making decisions soon on the entrance to the LCIP land and use of the side of the road for parking. The abutter, Mr. Morrissey, spoke to Gordon. He wishes an easement width around 15 ft. but the easement document requires 20 ft. Gordon reiterated this.

At 8:20 PM the regular part of the meeting was adjourned and the Board entered non-public session based on RSA 92-A:3a to begin discussing employee evaluations. Susan - yes, Lois - yes, and Gordon - yes.

After this session, a meeting was held with Town Counsel ( which by definition is not a public meeting). The topic was the procedure to be followed for the public hearing on the Fire Inspector firing.

The other scheduled "appointment", with Chief McLaughlin, was cancelled at his request.

Burton Reynolds  
Town Administrator