

Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
September 25, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:15PM.

PRESENT:	Gordon Carlstrom	Chairperson
	Dave Delorey	Selectman
	Mark Anderson	Selectman
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator

SWEARING IN OF NEW SELECTMAN - Dr. Mark Anderson took the official oath as our new Selectman for the period from now until March 2001.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Gordon made a motion to enter a Non-Public Session at 7:20PM, according to RSA93-A: 3 Section II, Paragraph (b). Dave seconded the motion; all in favor.

Commencing the Non-Public Session, Dave made a motion to accept Nathan Strong as a full-time truck driver for New Boston's Highway Department. Mark seconded the motion, all in favor.

APPOINTMENT:

7:30PM	Lee Murray	Highway Department
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Lee Murray informed the Selectmen of a very large bush on Meetinghouse Hill Road that needs trimming. The bush is on private property and is blocking vision at the intersection of Cemetery and Meetinghouse Hill Roads. The Selectmen would like to visit the site to determine what action needs to take place. Also discussed was the lack of visibility at the junction of Wilson Hill and Bedford Roads. The Road Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2000. Topics will include CIP, Winter Sand, Tucker Mill Road, and the cost effectiveness of calcium chloride. Culverts have been replaced on Riverdale Road. Scheduled roads for paving have been completed; this included Jessica Lane, Town Farm Road, and Maple Street. Most of the paving budget has been expended.

MINUTES: Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2000 meeting as amended. Dave seconded the motion. The minutes of the September 18 meeting were postponed until next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Planning Issues** - The Planning Board had a personal consultant come in and give a presentation regarding the cellular towers that were erected in the town of Meredith. Sean Fish will be heading up the fund committee.

APPOINTMENT:

8 PM Library/Recreation Expansion Committee

Representing the Library/Recreation committee were: Don and Sarah Chapman, Bea Pierce, Pat Jennings, Tim Cady, Marcy Morton, Tom Sullivan and Mary Barrone. Dave Delorey presented a summary of the committee's study thus far, including comparisons with other towns and available sites. It has been determined that the existing library is insufficient for the town's needs and that a feasible site needs to be acquired or the project will be postponed another year. Private donors have set aside monies for memorial purposes, but the townspeople need to be more informed of private funds in order to grant money for this project. This discussion will continue at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

2. **Conservation Footbridge** - will arrive Tuesday morning, September 26th. Additional material is on site to mask the cement work. The State of NH *does not* allow motorized vehicles on this bridge.
3. **Bookkeeping Proposal** - MRI has proposed that it will take approximately 16 hours weekly to correct the bookkeeping errors and 8-12 hours to keep the books current. Burton is looking into the specifics of the contract. Currently the bookkeeping budget is nearly expended.

Dave made a motion to extend the meeting until 11:00 PM. Mark seconded the motion, all in favor.

OLD BUSINESS (continued)

4. **Date for Mill Street Easement Discussion** - 7PM Monday at Town Hall. Jed Callen has requested a non-public session for this purpose.
5. **Personnel Manual, Chapter 4** - Due to a lengthy meeting, discussion was postponed until the next meeting of the selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Selectman Signature Stamp** - Signature stamps are being made up in order to expedite accounts payable and payroll checks while MRI handles the printing of checks. One authorized selectman signs the warrant, authorizing use of his signature, while all three selectmen sign the warrant in arrears, the following Monday.
2. **Closing Separate Payroll Tax Savings Account** - IRS payroll tax goes into this separate account for payment of the weekly payroll tax, thereby requiring a transfer of funds to the checking account each week. MRI will make these payments from the town's regular checking account. Mark made a motion to close the separate payroll tax savings account. Dave seconded the motion, all in favor.
3. **Brownfields Grant Proposal** - Program will tell the town what needs to be done to clean up land so that the town can accept the lot. The contaminated lot is located on Weare Road, between Davis Lane and Lull Road.

4. **Selectman Applicants** - Burton will be sending out a letter of thanks to the other two applicants for the position of selectman, and to the library/rec. committee members.

OTHER:

1. **Granite State Expansion** - There will be a site walk at the Granite State Gravel Pit with the Lyndeboro Planning Board on Sunday, October 1st, at 8:00 AM. The pit is located at the intersection of Hopkins and Lyndeboro Roads.
2. **Leslie Nixon** - There will be a non-public session at the next selectmen's meeting to discuss continuing counsel services of Leslie Nixon.
3. **Selectmen reviewed a letter of response** regarding a non-public issue. Leslie Nixon will also review the letter and address it next week.
4. **Tom Speck** called regarding the amount of escrow taken out of his account. This is a personal matter and Burton will write a letter to this effect.
5. **Cemetery Transition** - Burton is writing a letter to the trustees of the cemetery in order to facilitate the transition from private trustees to public ownership. The board of selectmen would like conformation in writing that there will be a warrant article regarding this transition.
6. **Meg Baker from DRA** - is coming down to do tax rate on Thursday, September 28, 2000. Dave made a motion to adopt Burton's recommendations and lower the tax rate by one dollar, using the figures discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

Dave made a motion to adjourn at 11:00PM. Mark seconded the motion, all in favor.

Cindy Romano