

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:15 by Chairperson Lois Briere.

PRESENT: Lois Briere - Chairperson
David Delorey - Selectman
Burton Reynolds - Town Administrator
ABSENT: Gordon Carlstrom - Selectman

MINUTES: Approval of minutes was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:32PM Mike Richard Hazardous Waste Day

This year, May 20th 2000 is Household Hazardous Waste Day and the second collection day will be held during the third week of September. An additional collection day has been added due to the amount of waste being brought to the transfer station throughout the year. This second collection day will cost an additional \$370.00. Mike suggested the budget be increased from \$12,000 to \$13,000 next year. A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Lois to proclaim May 14th -20th as "Household Hazardous Products Awareness Week". Richard does public education at the school for the children and their parents. There is extensive advertising on the radio, the website, in local newspapers, and many posters.

8:00PM Dr. Mark Anderson, DVM
Current Land Use Fee -

In 1995, bought 35 acres of orchard property on Beard Road, front 10 acres not in current use. 1996 - Put 10 acres into current use, will build later on 3 acre house lot. 1998 - 3 acres came out of current use, talked about swapping land with Linda Sizemore at the time. Decided not to, due to past experience in Town of Webster. 1999 - Received current use bill of \$4000, which was higher than expected. 2000 - Paid bill, paid fine, and filed abatement after 60 day deadline. Mark would like the Selectmen to look into the current use policies that are being used, with particular attention being given to gravel pits in town and determine if he qualifies for abatement. He is looking for a \$2500.00 compensation on his 3-acre house lot.

Building Permit Fee -

Fee of \$3600 for building 70x200 Riding Arena and 10,000 sq. foot barn seems high. Agricultural buildings are not supposed to be heavily burdened with taxes, therefore Mark is looking for relief on 24,000 sq. feet of buildings. The Board of Selectmen would like a two-week reprieve to look into these matters and will notify Mark of their findings.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Open Air Procedures** -The Ordinance and Application form to be is being drafted with the Selectmen making decisions regarding fees and specific types of events.
2. **Year 2000 Goals** - Discussion was post-poned for two weeks due to Gordon's absence. Timeframes need to be established in order to determine priorities.
3. **Planning Issues** -
 - Scobie Road** - Leslie's letter to the Court does not include the agreement made between Peter Hogan and his neighbors at the April 3rd meeting. Burton will call Leslie to make an amendment to the motion.
 - Office of State Planning Seminar** - Seminar to be held in Concord. Money is in the budget to cover the cost.
 - Bob Todd's Letter & Land Use Planning** -Get ideas from Municipal Resources and co-ordinate thoughts. MRI is meeting with Selectmen on April 24th, 2000.
 - Planning Board Sub-Committees for Master Plan** - Comprised of volunteers from town. Volunteers from the community need to be recruited. Call anyone who might be interested. The May issue of the NB Bulletin will have a list of sub-committees with a general description of each one.
 - Internal Financial Procedures and Controls** - Wording needs refining for the Policies and Procedures Manual. Further discussion postponed until Town audit is completed and all Selectmen are present.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Cell Phones** - There are only two service providers for New Boston, Bell Atlantic and U.S. Cellular. U.S. Cellular has the least expensive plan and coverage is better. The town is waiting for U.S. Cellular to decide whether to buy out Bell Atlantic contracts and possibly offer service to municipal employees.
2. **Town Hall Audit** - The auditors are reviewing books and procedures. Due to new employees and new software, corrections are being made within the computer systems. Year 2000 Audit Budget will be over-spent due to these changes. Auditors will return to review software and procedures. Tax Assessor's software does not read well with Tax Collector's software. Burton may write to Dept. of Revenue Administration regarding software changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Nangle - Recalls Dr. Anderson saying that there was no site walk done on his Beard Road property. The State seems to be leaning heavily on agricultural businesses.

Lou Maynard - Inquired about the hiring procedure that was used at the time of hiring the present Planning Co-ordinator and expressed concern in respect with her qualifications in regards to community planning issues. The planning board and the board of selectmen made the decision to promote the planning board

recording secretary rather than take a chance in hiring someone who had previously applied for the Co-ordinator position and was only interested in building their resume and moving on. Outside assistance will help in areas where additional expertise is needed; i.e. Municipal Resources Incorporated. Lou would like the town to pay close attention to the Master Plan when it comes back from Southern NH Planning.

Joe Nangle - The Selectmen are the draft board, and have a civic duty to draft the volunteers for the Planning Board Sub-Committees.

Brandy Mitroff - The Planning Board is going to send a letter to each of the town boards and other specific organizations that have a common interest in the sub-committees.

A motion was made by Dave and seconded by Lois to adjourn the meeting at 9:50PM.