

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairperson Lois Briere at 7:03 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Denise Bedard of Parker Road presented the Board of Selectmen with a petition to post Parker Road as "No Thru Trucks". It includes 45 signatures from all but two residents on Parker Road and all of Riverdale Drive.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Gravel Pit Renewals 7 PM

Gravel pits belonging to Harold Bo Strong, the Strong Brothers, and Neville are up for renewal. There seems to be some confusion in the wording of the permits regarding truck routes. Bo Strong has made a request that Riverdale Drive to Rte. 114 be included in his permit. The residents of Riverdale Road feel that the amount of traffic and noise due to the trucks is excessive. They also feel that the dirt roads and bridges cannot support any increased truck traffic. Selectmen will research this matter further and determine what the allowable truck routes will be.

No Thru Trucking 7:30 PM

The Board of Selectmen has received a signed petition from the residents of Parker Road and Riverdale Drive to post Parker Road "No Thru Trucks". The new bridge on Parker Road in Goffstown has an increased weight limit, providing the gravel pit truckers a shorter, alternate route to get to Rte. 114. Residents of Parker Road do NOT want these trucks to use this route for several reasons; safety for their children, safety for automobiles, traffic noise, and excessive wear and tear to Parker Road. The Board of Selectmen agreed to make a decision within three weeks. This decision will be posted at Town Hall and Bill Brendle offered to mail copies of the decision to all petitioners. Due to a public notification period, there may be trucking allowed on Parker Road in the interim, regardless of the Board's decision.

APPOINTMENT

9:18 PM

Lee Murray

Highway Department

- 1) **Application for Employment** - Ronald Basher - After reviewing his qualifications and a brief questioning period, Gordon made a motion and Dave seconded to hire Ronald Basher of Milford as a full-time equipment operator at the pay rate of Step II.
- 2) **Tailgate Sander** - Lee made a request to use \$2600.0 of the block grant money to purchase a tailgate sander/auger. This item will be used for shoulder work on the paved roads.
- 3) **Parker Road** - the Selectmen discussed various alternatives to limit truck traffic on Parker Road.
- 4) **Letter of Complaint** - Mrs. Kachavos of Clark Hill Road sent a letter to the Highway Department regarding recent road grading in front of her house. Town officials will look into the matter.

MINUTES

Minutes of March 27, 2000 - Gordon made a motion, Lois seconded, to approve the minutes of March 27, 2000 with minor changes.

Minutes of April 3, 2000 - Dave made a motion, Gordon seconded, to approve the minutes of April 3, 2000 as amended.

Minutes of April 10, 2000 - Dave made a motion, Lois seconded, to approve the minutes of April 10, 2000 with amendments.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Lyndeboro Road Bridge** - Burton reported that work is on schedule and the bridge is available for delivery during the third week of May if necessary. The road *may* be open sometime in July, depending on the work schedule. Holden Engineering is overseeing the project. The total cost of the bridge will be \$400,000.00-\$450,000.00 of which the town is responsible for twenty percent. This amount has already been raised and appropriated.
- 2) **Open Air Meetings** - Burton and Jim McLaughlin will review all the paperwork and Leslie Nixon will finalize the ordinance and application forms to be used. Liquor needs to be addressed in the ordinance. Dave made a motion, Lois seconded to impose a \$25.00 application Fee, excluding tax-exempt and non-profit organizations.
- 3) **Planning Issues** -
 - a) **Meeting** - There will be a meeting on April 18, 2000 for the planning board sub-committees and working on the Master Plan.
 - b) **Twin Bridge Road/Helena Drive Sub-Division** - documentation regarding frontage on Class IV or Class V road will be presented to the planning board.

- c) **Planning Board Secretary** - is done. New applicants are being interviewed on Wednesday, April 19, 2000.
- d) **Rules of Procedure** - Leslie Nixon is looking into verbiage regarding Chairman/Alternates voting responsibilities.
- e) **Sprinklers** - Dry hydrant does not work, will never work, so Clifton Wilson is putting is considering installing sprinklers in Twin Bridge sub-division. Pre-fabricated 10,000 gallon fiberglass tank goes in the ground. Remaining lot is zoned for manufactured housing, can erect 120 - 150 houses within that parcel of land.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Fire Department Oil Tank** - M.B. Maintenance will be installing the new oil tank. The company will take care of clean up and disposal of the old tank according to DES. The quote for the project is \$8750.00; the amount of the warrant article is \$9000.00.
- 2) **Salary Review Study** - Burton needs to know what type of detail the selectmen would like for study with the Step program.
- 3) **Other** -
 - a) **Meeting** - Municipal Resources will be coming to Town Hall on Monday, April 24, 2000.
 - b) **Interviewing** - applicants for the Planning Board Secretary will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2000.
 - c) **Road Committee** - meeting to be held on Thursday, April 20, 2000 to discuss future projects for the block grant money and budgeted money for paving/drainage work.
 - d) **Donation** - James Wood from New Boston made a donation of \$2500 to the Police Association and the Library. Both have used the monies for computer systems.
 - e) **Library Study Committee** - Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 3, 2000. Deborah Scannell from the PTA will be in the group.
 - f) **Vacation** - Burton will be taking a vacation day on Friday, April 21, and a vacation during the week of June 15-19, 2000. Summer meeting schedule to be determined.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Some discussion was made regarding Open Space property in town and encouraging people to preserve these large tracts of land.

A motion was made by Gordon and seconded by Dave to adjourn the meeting at 11:50 PM.