

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
January 8, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:07 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Jennings of Kennedy Lane requested an update on George Hildrum's appraisal of the possible library sites. Fifty thousand dollars would be added to the existing CRF for the library if no deal on the land is made. There will be more information at next week's meeting. In the meantime, Burton is to contact the owners of the primary sites to arrange a meeting with the Selectmen.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes for the December 18th meeting was postponed until next week.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** – there was no meeting of the Planning Board last week.
- 2) **Salaries** – Selectmen reviewed and made adjustments to the salary schedule. Burton will finalize the numbers to include the method of calculation for future reference. As part of the discussion on police part-time wages, the need for a fourth full-time police officer versus additional part-time officers was also discussed. The selectmen concluded that Chief Begin should give his recommendations on this matter. The Library Director's salary was discussed and it was decided that her salary would be brought up to market value over a period of two to three years.
- 3) **Sick Days Accrual** – Town employees currently are allowed six days per year. Under the new policy, employees would be allowed to accrue up to twelve days of sick time per year. Upon separation, only employees with five years of service would receive the value of accumulated sick time. Current employees would be grandfathered. Dave made a motion to accept this new policy, seconded by Mark. All were in favor.
- 4) **2001 Budget Prep for Public Hearing** – Selectmen reviewed the proposed budget for the upcoming year which will be presented at the Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 16, 2001. At this time, major changes will be presented to the public with explanation, and a question and answer period. The warrant articles and department budgets were delegated to each of the selectmen for presentation at the hearing.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Temporary Trailer Permit Extension – Carol Hayse & Joan Smith**
This item was post-poned, the owners will be notified of a hearing date.
- 2) **Update on Hiring for Planning Department Secretary position –**
Nic Strong was present to update the Selectmen. The Planning Board secretary is resigning and Liz Furlong of Dane Road has applied for the position. The board would like to create a separate position of recording secretary for their meetings. This position would be sub-contracted, and a transcriptionist is interested in the work. Dave motioned to accept the sub-contracting position for recording secretary on a trial basis. Mark seconded the motion. All in favor. Mark motioned to hire Elizabeth Furlong as the full-time secretary to the Planning Board. Dave seconded the motion, all were in favor. She will begin work in approximately two weeks.
- 3) **Deputy Town Clerk Opening –** There is currently an opening for this position. An advertisement has been placed with the Goffstown News and notices have been placed throughout the town.

OTHER:

- 1) **Cable Committee –** There will be a meeting of this committee on Saturday, January 13, 2001.
- 2) **PSNH –** A crew will be coming to town soon to remove trees that are threatening to the power lines.
- 3) **MRI Services Contract Renewal –** Selectmen reviewed the contract and made additions and recommendations. The major change was to be sure the town is not locked-in to using MRI for bookkeeping for the whole year.
- 4) **PID Account –** Burton will be transferring money from the checking account (now flush from all the year-end tax payments) to the PID account where our money gets a higher rate of interest.
- 5) **Mill Street –** The town has not heard from Mr. Morrissey. Burton will contact Mark Anderson for an updated status.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Nangle reported that a row of bushes that were planted by students near the corner post of the Mill Street Conservation property have been destroyed.

Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cindy Romano