

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
January 29, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:08 PM.

PRESENT:	Gordon Carlstrom	Chairman
	David Delorey	Selectman
	Mark Anderson	Selectman (arrived late)
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brandy Mitroff inquired as to whether or not the Sherburne Land would be required to have a reclamation plan should the townspeople approve to purchase the property on the March 2001 ballot. The Selectmen stated that this piece of property would follow the Town's standard operating procedures for reclamation.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes was postponed until the next regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** - There were two site-walks on Bedford Road on Saturday and the hearing for the Friendly Beaver Campground had been rescheduled (due to a lack of a quorum).
- 2) **2001 Warrant** - The assignment of article motions and seconding was done at this time for the Deliberative Session being held on Monday, February 5, 2001. Burton informed the Selectmen that the Finance Committee would not be speaking to the affect of the warrant articles on the tax rate. Instead, Kim DiPietro suggested that the Town provide a copy of the tax rate sheet to the public at the Deliberative Session. Gordon will provide a brief overview of the budget and warrant articles at the Town Meeting Deliberative Session to help identify the major year-over-year budget changes (2001 v. 2000).
- 3) **2001 Articles** - The operating budget of The Town is set at \$2,257,834.00 for the year 2001. The default budget would be \$2,124,454.00, should the town not approve this year's budget. Persons may question the default budget, but are not allowed to change it. Selectmen signed the DRA form MS-6 identifying the cost of the warrant articles, operating budget and anticipated revenues. The Finance Committee may take a second recommendation vote on the revised warrant articles at the Deliberative Session, if they feel it necessary. There was much discussion over warrant Article 14 for the Library. It was agreed upon that the money to be used for the purchase of a future Library site would come entirely from the Capital Reserve Fund, (\$75,000) unless Article 14 is defeated or dismissed. If this happens, Article 27 will be put forth with \$50K appropriated to the Library CRF as was done in past years. Otherwise Article 27 will be dismissed.

- 4) **2001 Operating Budget** - There was no change to the bottom line of the Town's operating budget. Dave made a motion that the Board of Selectmen, in terms of the documents provided and the changes adopted, recommends those warrant articles where appropriations and transfers are indicated. Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **GZA Landfill Monitoring Agreement for 2001** - The Selectmen signed the agreement for year 2001, which would allow for renewal of permits and sample testing necessary to proceed with closure of the septage lagoon.
- 2) **Road Committee Responsibilities** - The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the responsibilities for the Road Committee previously adopted by the board and the new associated guidelines for the Road Agent. A copy has been sent to the committee and a meeting will be scheduled sometime after the Deliberative Session. The purpose of this approach is to elicit as much detail as possible on any given project proposed to be performed by the Highway Department prior to the approval of these projects.

OTHER:

- 1) **Mark Anderson** brought to the attention of the Selectmen that Jay Marden of Gregg Mill Farm has two apartments at his residence. According to the Town's zoning ordinance, only one apartment is permitted. Burton will pass this information along to Dennis Sarette of the Building Department for investigation.
- 2) **PSNH** came to New Boston today for the removal of potentially dangerous trees and will be back tomorrow to complete the work. The board approved of the removal of two marked trees on Clark Hill Road between Dennison and Thornton Roads because they represent a possible danger to the public.

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15 PM. Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor.

Cindy Romano