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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

February 13, 1995

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Pimenta.

**PRESENT:** Michael S. Pimenta, Chairman  
Harold "Bo" Strong, Selectman  
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman  
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Selectman Strong moved to accept the minutes of the 2/6/95 Selectmen's meeting with corrections. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

Mr. Michael Richard, the Hazardous Waste Day coordinator, came before the Board to discuss the 1995 Hazardous Waste Day. The Board asked Mr. Richard whether he felt New Boston should allow Francestown to participate this year. Mr. Richard felt that the inclusion of Francestown causes additional congestion, as well as increased paperwork. Mr. Richard felt that it would be much better for Francestown to organize its own Hazardous Waste Day, and for New Boston not to include any additional Towns. The Board asked Town Administrator Selig to organize a meeting between the Francestown and New Boston Selectmen on March 6 at 8:00 p.m. to discuss the issue in detail.

The Board decided to have Laidlaw Environmental Services handle the disposal of hazardous materials collected this year at Hazardous Waste Day.

The Board proclaimed the week of May 29, 1995 through June 3, 1995 Hazardous Household Products Awareness Week. June 3, 1995 will be Hazardous Waste Day in New Boston.

Town Attorneys Leslie and David Nixon met with the Board to discuss legal matters. Leslie Nixon reminded the Board that the Quirk Case goes to N.H. Supreme Court on March 7, 1995. The Nixons explained that Leslie Nixon will be the Town's primary attorney, and that David Nixon will be the Town's backup attorney.

Leslie Nixon explained that she was in the process of looking into the 1st N.H. Development Corporation case where the Corp. owes back property taxes to the Town. After further research, she will let Town Administrator Selig know whether she or the

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Town Assessor should handle the case.

The Board asked Leslie Nixon about a number of errors which were detected in the Quirk Supreme Court brief. Leslie Nixon explained that there were inaccuracies, and that she had corrected them by submitting an errata form to the Court.

The Board of Selectmen received a letter from Mr. Thomas Quirk requesting that the Board change the classification of Cochran Hill Road from a class 6 to a class 5 road. The Board reviewed the letter on its own, and later discussed the matter briefly with the Nixons. David Nixon advised the Board that it should think carefully before it grants any special considerations to the Quirks. The Board, according to David Nixon, must determine that it is in the best interest of the Town before acting on this request so as not to set any precedents which could get the Town into trouble in the future. The Board will take up the matter again in the near future.

The Board asked Leslie and David Nixon whether the Fire Wards or the Board of Selectmen had hiring and firing power over the position of Fire Inspector. Attorney David Nixon responded the Fire Inspector worked for the Selectmen, and that therefore the Selectmen had hiring and firing power over this position.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board of Selectmen decided that the Town Clerk will notarize up to and including three documents at any one time free of charge. Any additional documents needing notarization will be charged \$1.00 per document for this service.

The Board decided that the Better Times would have to take out its own Tax I.D. Number to use for its bank account.

Town Administrator Selig explained that the NHMA Health Insurance Trust was now allowing participating municipalities to take advantage of the Matthew Thornton Health Plan. The Thornton plan, according to Mr. Selig, would save the Town approximately \$6.00 per month per person insured. The Board decided it would get feedback from the department heads before acting on this new health insurance information.

The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to place an add with Marie MacDonald advertising the current vacancy of Harold Losey's seat on the Trustees of the Trust Funds Board.

Selectman Goodin made the motion to reappoint Dr. Ronald Brenner as New Boston Health Officer pending his acceptance of the

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position for another term. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The Motion carried unanimously.

Selectman Strong made a motion not to propose that the position of Road Agent be made an appointed one at Town Meeting. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Fire Chief Jim Dodge came before the Board to discuss an issue currently under consideration by the Fire Wards. The Fire Wards are contemplating terminating the position of Fire Inspector so as to open the position up to a competitive application process. The Board of Selectmen notified Chief Dodge that, according to Town Counsel, the Fire Inspector is an employee of the Selectmen, and that only the Selectmen have the ability to fire/hire this employee. The Selectmen notified Chief Dodge that they would draft a letter regarding this issue and send it to the Fire Wards explaining their position on the matter.

The Board of Selectmen selected a Town Report cover picture on which the Gazebo was featured prominently across the entire surface area of the cover.

The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to have Police Chief McLaughlin personally call Mr. Brian Traynor to discuss why Police Secretary Widener was upset by Mr. Traynor's telephone call, and to work out any misunderstandings that might have occurred.

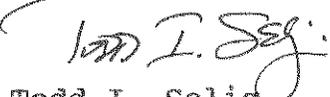
**ADMINISTRATIVE:**

The Selectmen signed weekly payroll and accounts payable checks.

The Selectmen signed pistol permits.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Todd I. Selig  
Town Administrator