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TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 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
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman
Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

The Board approved the minutes of the April 17, 1995, Selectmen's Meeting.

Ms. Beth Smith of Benefit Strategies came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss various Cafeteria Plans the Board could offer to its employees. Benefits which employees could choose from include: long term disability, life insurance, dental insurance, health insurance, deferred money for medical and dependant care, retirement plans, etc. The Board asked Ms. Smith to put together a number of different packages for it to look over.

Mr. Steve Elliott and Mr. David Elliott came before the Board to discuss the possibility of reopening a gravel pit on Middle Branch Road in New Boston. The Board informed the Elliotts of the various steps which must be completed and approved before a gravel permit can be issued. The Elliotts informed the Selectmen that they would be meeting with the Planning Board in New Boston on Tuesday, April 25, 1995, to discuss the gravel pit. The Elliotts are thinking of purchasing the Middle Branch Road pit from Bob Todd of New Boston and will not make a final decision on the purchase until they meet with the Planning Board.

Mr. Duke Winslow called the Selectmen's Office at 8:45 p.m. and spoke with Town Administrator Selig over the telephone. Duke and Mona Winslow were scheduled to speak with the Board about their concerns regarding the new wrecker liability insurance policy requiring at least \$750,000.00 in liability insurance and \$30,000.00 in garage keepers insurance in order to be placed on the New Boston Police Department Towing List. Mr. Winslow informed Mr. Selig that he was working with his insurance company to try to obtain the required insurance levels to remain on the Town towing list. Mr. Selig invited Mr. Winslow to make an appointment with the Selectmen whenever he felt it was necessary to discuss this issue in the future. Mr. Selig also informed Mr. Winslow that Roland Sallada had formally orally complained about his junk yard operation and that Mr. Selig would be checking into

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the situation in the near future. Mr. Selig told Mr. Winslow that to be in conformance with the Town junkyard regulations, he might have to put a fence around his property. Mr. Winslow stated that in the late 1960's or early 1970's, he had sent a letter regarding his junkyard to the Selectmen which should have grandfathered his junkyard operation. Mr. Selig told Mr. Winslow that he would see if he could find the letter.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that he had arranged to have better lighting installed at the intersection of Molly Stark Lane and Route 13.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that the Building Inspector and Planning Board Chairman had both made contact with Mr. Billy Barss concerning junkyard violations at 388 Joe English Road. The Town will try to work with Mr. Barss to bring him into compliance with all of the required state and local regulations concerning junkyards.

The Board of Selectmen appointed Mr. Ted Olson (a reappointment) and Mr. Harold "Bo" Strong to the New Boston Road Committee for three year terms which each expire in 1998.

The Board of Selectmen reappointed Mr. Robert Fehsinger and Mr. Steven Ruddock to the New Boston Conservation Commission for three year terms which each expire in 1998.

The Board of Selectmen approved a \$500.00 reclamation deposit associated with Mr. Dana Moody's Conditional Use Permit at 122 Clark Hill Road in New Boston. This approval was recommended by the New Boston Planning Board.

The Board reviewed the Town Clerk's minutes of the 1995 Town Meeting. The Selectmen requested one additional week to look over the minutes for possible errors.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that it may be possible to allow the Playground Association to use the old R.R. Depot as a restaurant through a "use variance" issued by the Zoning Board. Mr. Selig will look into this alternative as opposed to holding a Special Town Meeting for the same purpose.

The Selectmen determined that they would draw up a proclamation for the New Boston Joe English Grange's up-and-coming 120th anniversary party.

The Board decided it would pursue all of the people who owed back property taxes to the Town from 1989, 1990, and 1991 through the courts if necessary to recoup the overdue taxes.

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The Board approved the New Boston Safety Committee's suggestion that the Town hold a fire extinguisher workshop for its employees.

The Selectmen authorized those Highway Department employees who serve as volunteer fire fighters for the Town of New Boston to respond to fire emergencies as long as they have the approval of the Highway Agent. Any Highway Department employee who receives the authorization of the Highway Agent to respond to a fire emergency will receive regular wages for time spent as a volunteer fire fighter during his regularly scheduled work day. Highway Department employees will not receive Town remuneration for time spent as a volunteer fire fighter outside of their regularly scheduled work day.

Ms. Kim DiPietro requested through the Town Administrator that "Slow - Horse Crossing" signs be placed on Clark Hill Road to warn motorists that horses are frequently ridden along this road. The Board decided not to honor Ms. DiPietro's request. Signs with slogans such as "Slow - Horse Crossing" and "Slow Children" are widely viewed as nuisance signs, and in many cases cause more harm than good along municipal roads. They are considered in most cases a liability to the Town.

The Board signed Payroll and Accounts Payable checks.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator