

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 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 24, 1995, Selectmen's Meeting.

At 7:04 p.m., the Board held a public hearing to determine if Susan and Frank Woodward would be granted a temporary mobile home permit at their burnt-out residence at 107 Greenfield Road (Map 010, Lot 016). Frank and Susan Woodward were the only members of the public to attend the hearing. Chairman Pimenta reviewed the entire application aloud and asked if there was any input from the public concerning the Woodward's application. There being no concerns raised, the Selectmen granted the said permit. The public hearing closed at 7:09 p.m.

Police Chief Jim McLaughlin came before the Board for his monthly meeting. Chief McLaughlin discussed a letter he had received from Don Chapman regarding a telephone control box located in the Town's center within the 100 year flood plain. The box needed only to be raised and will be addressed by Mr. McLaughlin.

Chief McLaughlin is planning to sit down with the New Boston Building Inspector to determine what type of work needs to be done in regard to the projects approved at Town Meeting for the Police Department, and to get specs on them.

The Fire Department has found a company in Amherst which provides propane fuel at very reasonable prices and does not charge a rental fee for their propane tanks. Energy North, our current supplier, charges rental fees for their tanks. The Board pointed out that Daniels and Webber also deliver propane and suggested that all three sources be contacted to determine which provides propane at the least expensive price. The propane in question will be used to power the Town's emergency generator.

The hiring process is currently under way for the Town's new part-time police officer. A field of 18 was narrowed down to six

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applicants. In the next three weeks, Chief McLaughlin expects to have made a selection.

The state has given the Town 25 youth bike helmets for the Summer Youth Rodeo Program. However, the radar enforcement money which the Town expected was denied by the state due to lack of funds.

Chief McLaughlin asked the Board if it had reviewed the Department's policy book. The Board had not yet done so. Mr. McLaughlin wanted guidance from the Board as to whether it is happy with the current policies, or whether changes need to be made. The Board indicated it would review the Department's policies as soon as it had an opportunity.

Chairman Pimenta asked the Chief if the Town of New Boston shoots injured animals when they are found on the road. Chief McLaughlin responded that the Department makes every effort to bring an injured animal to the veterinary hospital. If, however, an animal is injured to the point of no return, it is possible that the animal may be shot. But every effort is usually taken to avoid shooting the animal.

The issue of Chief McLaughlin serving on the Weare Police Chief Search Committee was brought up. Selectman Goodin stated that it would be acceptable to spend a few hours per week doing Search Committee work, but asked the Chief to keep track of these hours and to show them to the Board if more than a few hours per week were spent doing this work. Chairman Pimenta said that the Board would probably not have minded if Chief McLaughlin had asked the Selectmen if they were agreeable to him taking the position on the Search Committee before actually accepting the position.

Chief McLaughlin asked the Board if it could remember what ordinances former Selectman Bo Strong had referred to when he discussed "gathering ordinances" a few months ago. These would be ordinances which would require people who plan on holding outdoor functions to apply to the Selectmen for a permit. The Board did not recall and asked Town Administrator Selig to look into the matter.

Mrs. Ann Dilley, Mr. Dick Dilley, Mr. Roland Cook, Mrs. Nancy Cook, and Miss Lindsey Cook came before the Board to discuss concerns they have regarding Mountain Road in New Boston. Kris Stewart is currently in the process of applying for a permit in Lyndeborough and has asked New Boston if it would be willing to widen and improve Mountain Road, if he could use the road as an exit for his gravel trucks leaving the proposed Lyndeborough gravel pit. Road Agent Lee Murray has recommended the Stewart proposal to the Board. The Dilleys and Cooks do not want any

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improvements done to Mountain Road, they do not want trucks using Mountain Road, and would be open to discontinuing Mountain Road altogether. The Dilleys and Cooks fear that allowing gravel trucks on Mountain Road would destroy the culvert at the bottom of the Road, make the road unsafe for the residents of the area, kick up a great deal of dust, and generally deteriorate the condition of the roadway. The Dilleys and Cooks would like to see a load limit placed on the Road if it is not discontinued. The Board did not make any decision on the matter and asked Town Administrator Selig to bring the Highway Agent and Road Committee in next week to discuss the matter. The Board also wanted to see the outcome of the Lyndeborough gravel pit public hearing next Wednesday, May 10, 1995, at 7:30 p.m., before it made any decisions on Mountain Road.

Mr. Edward Lee came before the Board to discuss the road in front of his home at 260 Clark Hill Road and the letter which he sent to the Board of Selectmen dated April 25, 1995. Mr. Lee raised concerns about an old water well located near his home. After some discussion, Mr. Lee stated that he would have no objections to the Town filling the old water well across from his home. The Board asked Town Administrator Selig to have Road Agent Lee Murray contact Mr. Lee to arrange a time to fill the well.

Mr. Lee felt that the Highway Department was purposefully knocking over the green stakes he puts up to keep trucks and cars off of his grass on the Town's right-of-way. Mr. Lee also was upset that the Town Administrator had informed him that the rock garden in the Town's right-of-way to the left of the Lee's driveway would have to be taken down. The Selectmen said they would drive out to look at this rock garden and would discuss the matter further next week. Mr. Lee felt that trucks were going too fast down his road and were using the road as early as 6:00 a.m. Chairman Pimenta told Mr. Lee that trucks going to jobs on the road could use the road whenever they pleased but that gravel trucks should not be hauling until later in the morning. Mr. Lee complained that the road is very dusty. Chairman Pimenta told Mr. Lee that Road Agent Lee Murray was waiting until a rain to put down liquid calcium on the road which would reduce the dust levels. Mr. Lee felt that a "six figure" dollar amount had been set aside to fix portions of Clark Hill Road but had not yet been used by the Selectmen. Chairman Pimenta told Mr. Lee that no "six figure" dollar amount existed.

The members of the Board of Selectmen intend to drive to the Lee Residence this week to personally inspect the concerns raised by Mr. Lee about Clark Hill Road.

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Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that Dr. Eugene Ross had been named as Interim Superintendent of SAU #19.

Town Administrator Selig gave the Board a copy of the deadline sheets the Planning Office must work under each week. Planning Coordinator Claire Dane prepared these for the Planning Secretary to help her better understand the various functions of the Planning Office. Mr. Selig explained that the Planning Coordinator had met with the Planning Secretary to discuss how the Secretary was progressing in the position.

The Selectmen will review the Police Department's new wrecker insurance policy for next week's meeting.

The Board gave Mr. Peter Beers permission to take the junk cars located at the old dump in back of the Highway Garage.

The Board gave Town Administrator Selig permission to accept Mr. David Poole's bid for the installation of an electrical panel in the recycling building at the Transfer Station.

The Board discussed the intersection of Meetinghouse Hill Road and Cemetery Road. A stone wall is being constructed by the abutting landowner, Mr. Gregg Young, at this intersection and concerns were raised as to whether the wall had created a dangerous intersection in this location by obstructing visibility for cars coming down Cemetery Road. After further inspection, it was determined by the Police Department that there was still a site line with the wall in place, and that therefore the wall was acceptable in terms of safety. In addition, the Building Inspector determined that the wall was not in violation of any zoning ordinances. The wall, therefore, was determined as acceptable according to current ordinances and applicable laws.

The Board wanted to keep the application process for the recreation department secretarial position open until May 13, 1995. This would give potential applicants four weeks to respond to the 4/13/95 advertisement in the Goffstown News. An add will also be placed on the television on Channel 8.

The Board asked Todd Selig to ensure Road Agent Lee Murray states where he uses his grade-all and other heavy equipment on the invoices he signs each week and submits to the Board for payment.

The Board instructed Town Administrator Selig to have Lee Murray bring the trash bucket located at Bailey Pond to the dump for disposal, and to replace it with a new 50 gallon trash bucket. Mr. Joseph Constance has offered to empty the bucket on a weekly basis. The Board would like Lee to check on the status of the

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bucket approximately every other week to ensure Mr. Constance is actually emptying the bucket. If Mr. Constance fails to empty the bucket, the Board has asked that the Highway Department take on this responsibility to ensure the bucket does not overflow with trash.

Town Administrator Selig asked the Board if it had any business to be brought forward at the next department head meeting. At present Mr. Selig had very little to put on the agenda. The Board discussed the possibility of holding department head meetings on a quarterly or as needed basis rather than on a monthly basis. It was felt that it might be a waste of everyone's time to get together without having any substantive issues to discuss. This topic would be discussed at Wednesday's meeting.

Mr. Bo Strong came before the Board to determine if Wayne Daniels would be given permission to do blasting at the New Boston Cemetery for a grave in a ledge area. The Board gave its permission.

Pistol Permits were signed.

Intent to Cut forms were signed.

The Board signed weekly payroll and accounts payable checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator