

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES

October 2, 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 Selectmen did not have an opportunity to approve the regular minutes of the September 25, 1995, Selectmen's Meeting.

Fire Ward Richard Moody presented an award to the Selectmen on behalf of the Fire Wards for the Town's participation in the Hilltop Fire District. The award was first presented to Bedford Fire Chief Robert Fabich at the Fire-Rescue International Conference held on September 13, 1995, in Louisville, Kentucky. The Towns of Bedford, New Boston, and Amherst were awarded the "Award of Excellence" for the role they have played in creating the New Boston-based Hilltop Fire District, which serves Bedford, Amherst, New Boston, and the U.S. Air Force Tracking Station. The award was given by the International Association of Fire Chiefs and the U.S. Department of Safety and Engineering. Establishing the fire district has saved the member towns & the Air Force Tracking Station approximately \$1,000,000.00, the cost of building substations. Town Clerk Margit Hooper photographed the event. It is hoped that the local newspaper will run an article on the story.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that after speaking with Terry M. Knowles, the Registrar of Charitable Trusts at the N.H. Department of Justice, he had confirmed that if the Town declares old cemeteries abandoned, an act of Town Meeting could turn said cemeteries over to the New Boston Cemetery Association for upkeep and preservation. In this manner, the Town would not need an elected Board of Cemetery Trustees to care for and preserve only two or three small abandoned cemeteries in New Boston. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to speak with the Cemetery Association to determine if they would be interested in taking on this responsibility. Mrs. Lisa Johnston of the Historical Society's Cemetery Subcommittee has identified three old cemeteries which are presumed to have been abandoned: Eaton Cemetery off of Route 77; North Side Cemetery off of Saunders Hill Road; and Gregg Cemetery off of Saunders Hill Road. Mrs. Johnston is still looking into the history of the Bunker Hill Cemetery off of Bunker Hill Road.

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Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that the N.H. Department of Revenue Administration had set the 1995 Tax Rate for New Boston at \$30.90 per thousand. The 1994 Tax Rate was \$28.78 per thousand.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to change the assessed value of Mrs. Maureen Mansfield's property (Map 011, Lot 047) located at 4 Joe English Road, New Boston, from \$137,000.00 to \$139,400.00 as per the Independent Assessor's recommendation. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Selectmen scheduled a site inspection of the Coastal Materials gravel pit for October 12, 1995 at 6:00 p.m. The Selectmen will meet first at the Town Hall. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to remind them of this date as we get closer to October 12.

The Selectmen asked Town Administrator Selig to invite Ricky Riendeau, Edward DiPietro, and John Palmer in to meet with them concerning their applications to fill the vacant Alternate seat on the New Boston Planning Board. Mr. Jay Marden will not be considered for the position by the Selectmen and will not be interviewed by them.

Town Clerk Margit Hooper is contemplating whether or not she plans to recommend that the Selectmen invest in computer hardware and software for the Clerk's Office. This software would be provided by Business Data Solutions and would be fully integrated into the Town's current bookkeeping, accounting, and tax collecting systems. The approximate cost of such a system would be in the range of \$11,000.00. It would handle motor vehicle registrations and dog licensing for the Town Clerk. Mr. Selig recommended that Clerk Hooper make a formal presentation to the Selectmen on this plan during the budget process.

Selectman Carlstrom will serve as the Board of Selectmen's representative to the New Boston School Board's Building Expansion Committee for the Central School.

The Board of Selectmen approved a 3 month probationary review report prepared by Planning Coordinator Dodge for Planning Board Secretary Deborah Wareham.

Mr. Selig informed the Selectmen that Independent Assessor George Hildum is preparing for the N.H. Board of Tax and Land Appeals case involving HILCO which is scheduled for October 31, 1995 in Concord.

Mr. Selig gave the Board of Selectmen a report on both the New

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Boston Recreation Commission's Oktoberfest and the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission's Annual Dinner which were held on 9/30/95 and 9/29/95, respectively.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that Police Chief McLaughlin was applying for a radar enforcement grant for 6hr/wk for a period of 10 weeks.

Mr. Selig appraised the Selectmen of the following election schedule for 1996: N.H. Primary - February 13 or February 20; Town Meeting - March 12 and March 16; Gubernatorial Primary - September 10; Presidential Election - November 5, 1996.

Police Chief McLaughlin would like to hire the Central School's maintenance man, Charles Strausbaugh, to do cleaning at the Police Department on a regular basis. Matt Fleming, who has been cleaning the Department over the last few months, would like to give up the job now that his police duties are on a full time basis. Mr. Strausbaugh just polished the floors at the Police Department and did a great job. He is looking for a part-time job like this one at the Police Department. Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to hire Mr. Strausbaugh on a part-time basis at the Police Department to perform cleaning services. Chairman Pimenta seconded the motion. The motion carried with Selectman Goodin abstaining.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed price quotes relevant to purchasing an emergency generator for the New Boston Police Department. The Selectmen considered various options but desired to discuss the matter again next month during Chief McLaughlin's monthly meeting with the Board.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that Nancy Cook of 478 Lyndeboro Road has complained again about Brian Towne's gravel trucks and loader operating before 7:00 a.m. and blocking the road to two-way traffic. He is supposedly hauling 22 wheeler trucks down the road. According to Mrs. Cook, the road is not wide enough for her son to pass the front loader in the early a.m. on the son's way to school. This makes the son nervous and often makes him late getting to school. The Selectmen asked Mr. Selig to call Brian Towne and inform him of the complaint. The Selectmen were concerned that this was the second time Mr. Towne had allowed trucks traveling to and from his pit before 7:00 a.m. If this occurs again, the Board will have to meet with Mr. Towne regarding the matter.

Road Agent Lee Murray asked Mr. Selig to inform that construction would begin on the Depot Street the next week. The faulty decking will be repaired.

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manufacturer's expense.

Mr. Roland Sallada has requested that the Town ask Bucky Leach to deliver crushed rocks to the Historical Society to be placed within the gate area next to the front door of the Historical Building. The Historical Society does not have money to pay for the rocks so he would like to know if the Town can cover the cost. The Selectmen informed Town Administrator Selig that as long as the cost was below \$100.00, Mr. Selig could arrange for the rocks to be delivered without further action by the Selectmen.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Board that the Conservation Commission has sent Winnifred Brown the necessary documents to transfer her land into the name of the Town.

Town Administrator Selig informed the Selectmen that they had received a bid from David Wilson and Bruce Davenport on replacing the large first and second story windows on the Town Hall which face the front parking lot and the Ryan Residence. The cost for replacing all five of these windows would be \$7,940.00. The Selectmen have asked Town Administrator Selig to determine if there will be enough money left over in 1995 Warrant Article #15 to pay for these windows. The new storm windows would make the upstairs Recreation Department and front stairway much warmer in the winter months.

Joe Constance will serve as the New Boston School Board's representative to the Finance Committee for 1995-96.

The Board reviewed and signed payroll and accounts payable checks.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board signed intent to cut forms.

The Board signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator