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Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

February 10, 1996

Chairman Pimenta called a special meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Michael S. Pimenta, Selectman
Darlene M. Goodin, Selectman
Gordon A. Carlstrom, Selectman
Todd I. Selig, Town Administrator

Members of the public who were in attendance included: Paula and Nathan Stockinger, Patrick Quinnett, and Julie Maglathlin, all residents of Clark Hill Road.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed various aspects of the 1996 Town Budget and relevant warrant articles for the 1996 Town Warrant. After much deliberation and discussion, the Selectmen finalized their stance on all issues concerning the 1996 Budget and Warrant.

Selectman Goodin made a motion against placing a \$100,000.00 article on the Town Warrant for the upgrade of Clark Hill Road. Chairman Pimenta seconded the motion citing the impact the project would have on the tax rate. The vote was: Chairman Pimenta - yes, Selectman Goodin - yes, Selectman Carlstrom - no. The motion carried.

The Selectmen decided that they could not support either of the two petitioned warrant articles for \$100,000.00 for Clark Hill Road or general road repairs.

The Selectmen concluded that the petitioned warrant article allocating \$9,500.00 towards upgrading the Town ballfield on Old Coach Road was inappropriate given the fact that no concrete plan had yet been proposed describing how the moneys would be used. In addition, the Board felt that in a year in which a police cruiser was not going to be replaced due to the impact a replacement would have on the tax rate, it would be wrong to fund renovations to an ill defined ballfield project.

The Board of Selectmen decided to support a petitioned warrant article establishing a sprinkler system installation capital reserve fund for the New Boston Fire Department. It was felt that since \$16,500.00 had already been raised through taxes in past years for this specified purpose, it would be appropriate to establish the fund.

The public hearing on the 1996 Town Budget is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, February 12, 1996. A second public hearing has tentatively been scheduled for Thursday, February 15, 1996, if needed.

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd I. Selig". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "T" and "S".

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator