

Approved 3/25/96

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

March 18, 1996

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

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

Dan MacDonald of 101 Tucker Mill Road and Dan Teague of Colburn Road were present as members of the public for the entirety of the meeting.

Selectman Carlstrom made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from March 4, 1996. Selectman Goodin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Goodin made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting non-public minutes from March 11, 1996. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Selectman Goodin made a motion to accept the Selectmen's Meeting minutes from March 11, 1996, as amended. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board of Selectmen reversed the tax deed on Tax Map 010, Lot 064 located at 29 South Hill Road to the former owners, Newton and Betty Smith, upon payment of all back taxes and related fees.

Town Administrator Selig updated the Board on the status of the former Martel Property (Map 008, Lot 084-026) located on Foxberry Drive in New Boston. The Board reversed the tax deed on this parcel to the former owner, Thomas E. Martel, Jr., upon receipt of payment for all back taxes and related fees by Paula R. Martel.

Former Town Treasurer Simone Hunter came before the Board of selectmen to discuss whether she would be permitted to undertake treasurer work while on duty as secretary to the building office. The Board of Selectmen indicated that they would like to speak with the Building Inspector about the matter before making any decision. The Board will discuss the matter further on March 25, 1996.

The Board of Selectmen discussed various issues affecting their position as Selectmen of the Town.

Much discussion centered around setting goals and objectives for the Selectmen and the Town as a whole.

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The Board discussed resuming department head meetings in an effort to foster communication and get Town officials moving in a positive direction for the good of the Town. It was suggested that the first meeting could be held in the evening so that Selectman Carlstrom could be in attendance. The Selectmen are considering holding this first meeting on Wednesday, April 3, 1996.

The Board discussed the Town Administrator's job description and determined that the Town Administrator would no longer be required to obtain the Selectmen's permission before taking action on administrative matters relative to his office. The Town Administrator would, however, be responsible to update the Selectmen on major decisions which were relative to their office on a weekly basis at regularly scheduled Selectmen's Meetings. Selectman Pimenta asked Mr. Selig to put a copy of the Town Administrator's job description in his mailbox over the course of the next week for him to review.

Selectman Pimenta made a motion to appoint Selectman Darlene M. Goodin as the Chairman of the New Boston Board of Selectmen until 1997 Town Meeting. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The vote was: Selectman Pimenta-yes; Selectman Carlstrom-yes; Selectman Goodin-abstained. The vote carried.

The Board discussed the fact that Road Agent Murray has begun to post roads with 6 ton weight limits due to the spring thaw.

The projected 1996 Tax Rate is as follows: Town - \$6.35; School - \$26.00; County - \$2.18. The total New Boston 1996 Tax Rate is projected to be \$34.54 per thousand dollars of assessed valuation.

Town Administrator Selig updated the Board on up-and-coming seminars which the Selectmen are eligible to attend.

The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Claire and Jim Dodge of Dodge Farms located at 32 Dodge Road, New Boston, commending Sergeant Tim Lamy for exceptional police work during a recent incident at their farm.

The Board of Selectmen briefly reviewed the 1990 Forestry Management Plan of the Town of New Boston.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed 1995 property tax abatement requests.

The Board of Selectmen discussed various ways in which gravel pits could be inspected on an annual basis. It was suggested that the code enforcement officer could be made responsible for

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physically inspecting the pits each year as opposed to the Selectmen. The Board wanted to ponder this issue for another week before making any decisions.

The Board of Selectmen reviewed a March 15, 1996, letter from Sandy Gallup of the Recreation Department to Betsey Dodge of the Conservation Commission concerning wetland issues at the Old Coach Road ballfield.

The Board of Selectmen discussed the idea of posting Selectmen's Meeting agendas. It was decided that each week the appointment portion of the agenda would be posted on Fridays so that citizens of New Boston would have a better understanding of what was to be discussed at weekly Selectmen's Meetings.

The Board reviewed payroll and accounts payable checks.

Chairman Pimenta signed pistol permits.

The Board reviewed and/or signed other miscellaneous correspondence and materials.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd I. Selig", written over a horizontal line.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator