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Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

September 9, 1996

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

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

At 7:00 p.m., Police Chief McLaughlin and electrician Dwight Lovejoy came before the Board to discuss the placement of the emergency generator at the New Boston Central School. Also present were Dotty Fillmore and State Representative Susan Clay. It was discussed that the cost of installing the generator would be approximately \$3,696.00 for parts and \$2,500.00 to \$3,000.00 for labor for a total of approximately \$6,700.00. However, only \$2,600.00 was budgeted for the installation as part of the emergency management budget. The Selectmen will therefore request enough money at the 1997 Town Meeting to cover the entire cost of the installation. In the meantime, the Town will proceed with the installation of the concrete pad at the Central School and the placement of the generator on top of the pad. The Selectmen also decided that maintenance for the generator would come out of the Town's emergency management budget. Mr. Lovejoy will go ahead and put together the specifications for installation so that the Board will be able to put the project out for bid as soon as funding is provided at the 1997 Annual Town Meeting.

The Board reviewed a letter of resignation submitted by part-time police and animal control officer Tom Fleming. Chief McLaughlin plans to utilize available officers to cover the animal control officer function for the time being. Over the long term, Chief McLaughlin recommended combining the animal control budget with the full time officer patrol budget to help fund a fourth full time police officer at 1997 Town Meeting. This, in addition to applying for a second COPS FAST grant, would enable the Town to obtain a fourth full time officer with minimal short term impact to the tax rate. Chairman Goodin said she did not like this idea. The Selectmen indicated that they would have to ponder this idea for the time being. Mr. Selig was asked to conduct a telephone survey of the Selectmen prior to the COPS FAST application deadline.

Dotty Fillmore was recognized by Chairman Goodin to address the Police Chief. Mrs. Fillmore wanted to know why it seemed as though all of the Town's part-time officers were leaving the Police Department. Chief McLaughlin responded that the Town has high standards for its part-time and full time police officers and over the last five to six years, part-time officers have left the Police Department for a variety of reasons, many of which he was not at liberty to discuss due to confidentiality issues. Chief McLaughlin explained that Town is currently seeking to fill a part-time officer vacancy. Mrs. Fillmore said she read between the lines and asserted that the

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Chief might be attempting to force out part-time officers in order to build a case in favor of hiring additional full time police personnel.

The Board discussed the possibility of changing the manner in which pistol permits were denied as a result of RSA 159:6-e, which enables public officials to be held personally liable should they deny a pistol permit without appropriate rationale for the negative decision. Chief McLaughlin is desirous of the Selectmen denying the permits directly. Chairman Goodin inquired as to whether the Board would have access to confidential personal files in order to deny the permits in an informed manner. Chief McLaughlin indicated that he would look into the situation and get back to the Board. Mr. Selig will also check with the N.H. Municipal Association to see if they had an opinion on the matter.

The Board was informed that Sergeant Tim Lamy was the recipient of a grant from N.H. Police Standards and Training to attend supervisor training at Babson College. The grant amount was \$864.30.

At 7:40 p.m., Road Agent Lee Murray came before the Selectmen for his monthly meeting. Road Committee Chairman Harold Strong, State Representative Susan Clay, and Dotti Fillmore were also present. Road Agent Murray discussed various road issues with the Selectmen including: the possibility of utilizing more subcontractors to expedite roadwork; the added cost of utilizing outside subcontractors; providing the Selectmen with monthly reports; the possibility of hiring a full time mechanic to work on Town vehicles.

At 8:20 p.m., members of the New Boston Playground Association came before the Selectmen. Present were: Harold Strong, Susan Clay, John Ryan, Lee Lowell, Susan Lowell, Ella Daniels, Patty Gale, Linda Rollins, Gene Lowell, Dotti Fillmore, Kathy Daniels, Maurie Pelchat, and Wayne Daniels. The Selectmen discussed Warrant Article 14-1995 with the assembled group in regard to renovations to the R.R. Depot. After clarification as to what repairs had been made to the R.R. Depot, Selectman Pimenta made a motion to disburse \$4,000.00 under Article 14-1995 to the Playground Association. Selectman Carlstrom seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 8:30 p.m., members of the Old Coach Road Ballfield Committee came before the Selectmen to update the Board on renovations which are proposed at the Old Coach Road field. Present were: Lee Brown, Rick Riendeau, Chuck Forsaith, Dotti Fillmore, and Susan Clay. Lee Brown explained the proposed time schedule to the Selectmen and obtained the Board's approval to proceed with the project. At least three price quotes should be obtained for purchases. Purchases will then be reviewed by the Recreation Director and submitted for approval to the Town Administrator. Rick Riendeau will act as foreman for the project. Lee Brown and Chuck Forsaith will handle the construction aspect of the project. The Selectmen gave the Road Agent permission to allow the ballfield volunteer group to utilize some municipal machinery for the



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project. Appropriate safety precautions must be followed at all times. In addition, one trained person should be appointed to be in charge of each piece of equipment. Chairman Goodin asked Mr. Brown to contact Forestry Committee Chairman Graham Pendlebury to let him know which trees would be taken down at the Ballfield.

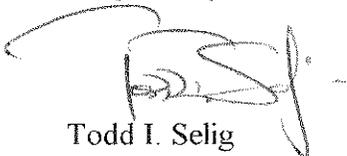
Chairman Goodin signed pistol permits.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. so that the Selectmen could travel to the Central School to set up for the N.H. State Primary on September 10, 1996.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. Selig', with a large, sweeping flourish above the name.

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator