

Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
October 16, 2000

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:05 PM.

PRESENT:	Gordon Carlstrom	Chairperson
	Mark Anderson	Selectman
	David Delorey	Selectman
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator

APPOINTMENT:

7:00 PM

Nic Strong

Planning Department

Nic Strong, the Planning Coordinator, was present to bring the board of selectmen an update on several issues

Clark Hill Road - A recent application for a sub-division on the new portion of Clark Hill Road has been received. According to Attorney Drescher of Milford, the frontage is adequate, but the old portion of the road needs to be discontinued by a vote of the town. A property survey needs to be done on Pat Monbouquette's property for the purpose of lot-line adjustment, as well as Dave Delorey's property. Mr. Delorey is installing conduit underground for the utilities so those telephone poles may be removed. An old culvert, which empties onto Cochran Hill Road, seems to be infiltrating the Delorey's septic system. The Selectmen will do a site walk in order to resolve the problem.

Warrant Articles - The Planning Department would like to set aside money for a study on Visual Resources. This inventory would be helpful in the future to protect important visual points in the town. The second article would be for a Build-out Study, in which the current zoning ordinances would be developed to the maximum on paper, thereby giving the town a visual, and an understanding of changes to the ordinances.

Update on Regulations - board members are working on previous sub-division regulations that had never been adopted. The board can adopt these after a public hearing.

Master Plan - There are five chapters left; natural resources, economic base, transportation, future land use, and recommendations and implementations. Funding is set aside from previous years to do these.

Comp. Time - Nic has approximately 26 hours of comp. time accrued and would like to carry it over to next year. The board of selectmen agreed to let her do this.

Waldorf Estates - the preliminary approval for the proposed phase-three of Joe Foistner's sub-division expired in 1990. A letter was sent to Mr. Foistner informing him that he would need to submit a new application with revised plans. A telephone conversation conveyed Mr. Foistner's unwillingness to comply; therefore, the board is meeting with town counsel to discuss the proper course of action.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Bo Strong commented that the Road Committee had met and that things were moving along. He suggested that the town contact the State Septic Inspector regarding the culvert and Mr. Delorey's septic problem and contact Robert Todd regarding the surveying that needs to be done on Clark Hill Road.

APPOINTMENT:

7:15 PM

Lee Murray

Highway Department

Car damage - Lee received a letter from someone whose car was damaged while travelling on a gravel road that was being graded. The car was travelling on the left side of the road, and when met with traffic, the driver decided to cross back over the deep gravel to the right side. Highway signs were in place at the time. It was determined that the damages to the car were not the town's responsibility.

Road Specifications - **Brian** Dorwart has put together some guidelines for the building and development of roads. Lee and the selectmen will review these together after budget season.

Winter Sand Options - Selectmen are considering getting together with Forestry for a site walk at the Town Forest near Friendly Beaver Campground to determine whether this would be a feasible source of sand. A vote of the town is required in order to do this.

Monbouquette Letter - Pat Monbouquette is concerned about the corner in front of her house on Clark Hill Road. She feels that it should be banked or at least have reflectors. The selectmen decided to place reflectors near the culvert only. Banking the road will be taken under advisement of the road committee. The highway department will also screen the loam that was removed from her field during the relocation of Clark Hill Road or deliver another load, if it has too many rocks.

RS-MS (Road Surface Management System) - Lee is in charge of road data input for the software. There will be a presentation on December 7, 2000 with the Finance Committee. At that time, a recommendation will be made for a schedule of completion of the program.

APPOINTMENT:

9:00 PM

Clifton Wilson

Temp. Trailer Permit Hearing

Cliff Wilson is selling his home and would like to put a trailer on his property on Middle Branch Road. The trailer would serve as a contractor's office and electrical supply to operate equipment for repairs, and a storage unit. This is a one-year permit with a conditional approval for the second year. Mark made a motion to grant the trailer permit for one year. Dave seconded the motion. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** - The board has been updating the regulation for subdivisions at each meeting. The St. John's lot-line adjustment was approved at the last meeting. The Hogan's will be coming in for a site-plan review for a consulting business in their home. Two other hearings will take place, one on Clark Hill Road and the other on Bedford Road.
- 2) **Morrissey Response** - This will be accomplished in a non-public session.
- 3) **New Police Chief Announcement** - Greg Begin will commence work on October 23, 2000, after the official swearing in by town clerk. Greg is currently serving as captain on the Lebanon Police force and is looking to relocate to the area.
- 4) **Bookkeeping Issues** - Burton met with the new bookkeeper from MRI and Rita, who is the accountant. Rita is making progress on the earlier part of the Year 2000 books, while Cassandra is keeping accounts payable and payroll

current. MRI is updating New Boston's system by transferring data on a weekly disc, which Burton enters on the computer.

- 5) **2000 Goals** - The Selectmen reviewed an updated list of the Year 2000 goals.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Trustees of the Trust Funds Meeting of 10/4/00** - Money from the Poor Relief Fund and Library Fund goes into the revenue section of the budget. One offsets welfare expense and the other goes to the library, accordingly. Harold Losey oversees the funds and invests them to benefit the town best. Monthly reports are issued to the town and lists Capitol Reserve funds. Dave provided two other options for review.
- 2) **Boston Post Cane** - this cane is traditionally given to the oldest citizen in Town. Discussion involved purchasing a replica cane, keeping the original at the Historical Building. It was decided to continue using the original cane for nostalgic reasons.
- 3) **Certificate of Appreciation** - A plaque and certificate of appreciation will be presented to Chief Jim McLaughlin on Thursday, October 24, 2000, at 1:00 PM at the Police Station. The Selectmen agreed to name the conference room in recognition of the Chief. A non-recurring check will be issued for his remaining earned time.
- 4) **Alternate to Finance** - Applications from Scott Belanger and Fred Hayes were received. Both parties will serve as alternates to the finance committee.
- 5) **New Boston Recycles Signs** - Bonnie would like to put up four recycling signs on the outskirts of New Boston; Route 13 in Mont Vernon and Goffstown, Route 77 in Weare, and Route 136 in Francestown. Mark made a motion to allow the signs to be erected. Gordon seconded the motion. Dave was opposed. The motion passed, subject to a letter from NHDOT, authorizing use at the State right of way for the signs.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe Nangle inquired about the cost of the recycling signs. Conservation will be ordering signs soon and he was wondering if the price might be cheaper if they were ordered with the Recycling signs.

Al Romano of Lyndeboro Road inquired about the new tax rate. Burton replied that it would be \$25.00 per thousand. He also commented that this is the third year that New Boston has been working on the RS-MS program. Also mentioned were the salary matrix, which the town is reviewing, and the policy for grandfathered gravel pits. The town has a large file, which is open for public review to anyone who is interested in the laws governing gravel pits in New Hampshire.

Willard Dodge would like to be informed of the Tucker Mill discussions. He also asked what criteria qualify for an executive session, to which the board replied anything that might potentially involve negotiations and/or possible litigation.

Pat Monbouquette asked if the town is considering reimbursing the Deloreys for the cost of the work that is being done at their expense. Selectmen agreed that the issue would be brought up later.

Dave made a motion to enter into non-public session at 10:35 PM according to RSA 91-A: 3 II, Paragraph (e) to discuss the response to Mr. Morrissey, and to discuss a benefits

issue for the new Police Chief, according to RSA 91-A: 3 II, Paragraph (a). Mark seconded the motion. All members were in favor. The public was dismissed.

The Board exited non-public session at 11:07 PM with a decision to send Mr. Morrissey a letter soliciting any new thoughts he may have regarding a resolution to the Mill Street Easement issue.

Mark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 PM. Dave seconded the motion. All members were in favor.

Cindy Romano