

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
November 13, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7: 25 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 PM Deanna Powell Library Trustee Appointment

Deanna Powell was present to meet the Selectmen. There were no questions from either party. Dave made a motion to appoint Deanna as Library Trustee. Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor. Deanna will be sworn in by Irene Baudreau, Town Clerk.

MINUTES: Approval of the minutes of October 30 and November 6 was post-poned and will be on next week's agenda.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning** - There was no meeting last week. There has already been a site walk at Peter & Kim Hogan's residence on Scobie Road in regards to a home business. On the agenda for Tuesday is a wetlands crossing at Brad Knight's of Bedford Road, and the maintenance of Cochran Hill Road at Friendly Beaver Campground. Dave made a motion for the Quirks to upgrade that portion of Cochran Hill Road adjacent to their property to Class V gravel road standards. Owners agree to maintain Class V specifications and it will be the road agent's responsibility to enforce these standards. Gordon seconded the motion. All in favor.
- 2) **Snow Removal** - Dave made a motion to adopt the snow removal policy written by Lee Murray, dated April 2, 2000. Gordon seconded the motion, with corrections. All in favor.
- 3) **Library/Recreation Site Review** - A presentation was given to the School Committee last Thursday. The School Committee agreed to a site walk on the upper portion of the property for suitability purposes. Two major concerns were future expansion needs of the school and location of boundaries. Sites that are no longer being considered are; the school's White Buildings, the Drewry property, and the Whipple Barns. Burton will follow up on other sites, including the 4-H Foundation, and acquire prices from owners, based on appraisal of properties.

- 4) **CIP** - there will be a CIP meeting on Wednesday, November 15, 2000. Burton passed out materials for the Selectmen to review.
- Library/Recreation** - \$50,000 will be added to the CRF this year, for a total of \$150,000 to be used for purchasing property.
- Public Kindergarten** - The School Board voted to put forth a warrant article for public kindergarten based on public support. Selectmen agreed that the article should disclose both construction cost and operating budget.
- Fire Equipment** - The current 50 thousand CRF is inadequate. It will move up to 75 thousand in year 2002 and to 85 thousand in year 2005.
- Highway Department** - The tractor is a controversial item and remains on the list for 2002. Previous board members have not recommended it. The 1-Ton truck is on a four-year cycle. It has a 1997 chassis and a 1991 dump body with hydraulics. Lee would like to trade it in for a heavier duty one-ton truck and revise the replacement cycle to every six years. The 1987, 1994 and 1998 dump trucks are scheduled to be replaced in the years 2002, 2004 and 2008, respectively. The department is getting new quotes on the loader and grader.
- Land Rights** - This amount is high due to the Sherburne Land. Bob Todd is determining how much sand is available on the property. Burton will ask Bob Todd to discuss with Conservation and FLESA.
- Recreation** - A recreation center was discussed and it was determined that the need for a new gym is premature at this point. This decision was based on information regarding future programs and the public's requests. The Recreation department needs to put together a CIP plan for next year, if not sooner.
- Town Hall** - A CRF is to be established starting in year 2002 for the first floor renovations to be done around year 2006. The roof and chimney need to be repaired by year 2005.
- Transfer Station** - The trailer is due to be replaced in the year 2002.
- 5) **Salary Review** - The Selectmen have agreed that Step four will be the mid-point, or market value, for experienced and/or trained employees. Steps one through three would receive a five- percent increase in wages, representing cost of living plus an incentive. Steps four through six would receive a three and a half percent wage increase, keeping them above market value. The scales would be adjusted every three years. This plan will be reviewed again next week.
- 6) **Sherburne Land Update** - Bob Todd and Willard Dodge will be getting together to dig test pits on the property.
- 7) **Pat Monbouquette Update** - Pat reported that markers have been placed to mark the culvert near her home on Clark Hill Road. The rocky sub-soil was replaced with a load of loam, however, she would like to be reimbursed for the rest of the loam that was removed from her field during the relocation of Clark Hill Road. Lee Murray, Bo Strong and Don Wheeler will meet with Burton Reynolds and one of the Selectmen at her home to try to determine how much loam was removed. Pat will be notified of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Workers Compensation Agreement** - Burton would like to continue with the existing compensation funds. Quotes from both option plans and one outside competitor will be reviewed next week in order to make a decision.

OTHER:

- 1) **MRI** - Rita has printed out a history of bank deposits for tax payments and Burton will review the process with Irene Baudreau, Tax Collector.
- 2) **Computer** - Dan MacDonald requested authorization to purchase a computer for the Emergency Management Function at a cost of \$900.00-\$1000.00. Dave made a motion to support Dan's request for a computer. Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 3) **Mill Street** - There will be a site walk at 9:00 AM on Thursday, November 16, 2000, with two people from the Office of the State. Members of the Planning Board will be present.
- 4) **Municipal Association Conference** - Burton will be attending this conference on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 in Manchester.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kim DiPietro of Clark Hill Road informed the Selectmen that a large truck had gone off the road by Pat Monbouquette's house. **Al Romano** of Lyndeboro Road expressed his concern with the cost of the book-keeping being done by MRI, and how the Town will pay for it. He also inquired about how the Highway department determines which roads to pave.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:12 PM. Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor.