

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
November 27, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:08 PM.

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Gordon Carlstrom	Chairperson
	David Delorey	Selectman
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mark Anderson	Selectman

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Brandy Mitroff brought to the attention of the selectmen some changes that needed to be made in the Winter Parking and Snow Removal ordinance. Dave made a motion to amend the ordinance and Gordon seconded the motion. Brandy also expressed her opinion regarding the loam that Pat Monbouquette would like to be reimbursed for by the town. She stated that the town swapped the old roadbed for a portion of the field, and that the loam from the field belongs to the town to be used at their discretion. The subject will be revisited in the future.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Sarah Chapman</b>	<b>Library Sites</b>
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Sarah and Don Chapman, Tim Cady, and Pat Jennings were present for further discussion on possible sites for a new library. George Hildrum will look at the most favorable locations for market analysis. Burton will contact Willard Dodge regarding the 4-H fairgrounds property. Bob Todd will place stakes to mark the boundaries for the upper school property for the purpose of a site walk with the school board. Tim Cady emphasized the importance of having a specific property with purchase price for the townspeople to vote on in March. Selectmen hope to follow up next week with progress.

<b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>Margaret Watkins</b>	<b>PWA</b>
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Margaret Watkins met with the Board of Selectmen in January 2000 regarding a riverbank stabilization project on Gregg Mill Road. Plans for this work arrived in November and the PWA needs permission to use town property to begin work. Current river flow is causing erosion of Route 13 and the Department of Transportation may put in a berm. Selectmen would like to see the plans redesigned to direct the water flow and informed Margaret that Brian Dorwart is interested in helping with this project.

**MINUTES:** Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of October 30<sup>th</sup> as amended. Gordon seconded, all in favor. Changes were made to the November 6<sup>th</sup> minutes and revisions are being made to the November 13<sup>th</sup> minutes.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Planning** - no report was given due to the absence of a Selectman at the last meeting. There will be no meeting of the Planning Board on Tuesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. Selectmen reviewed a draft letter from the Quirk's attorney regarding that portion of Cochran Hill Road that will be upgraded and maintained by Friendly Beaver Campground. The draft differed from the one Selectmen had proposed. Burton will send both to Town Counsel Leslie Nixon, along with the town Gravel Road Goals, for her comments.
- 2) **Salaries** - Burton distributed paperwork to the Selectmen for review regarding employee steps and evaluations.
- 3) **Workers Compensation Renewal** - Compensation Funds of New Hampshire has many years worth of premiums. Property Liability Trust cannot match discounts due to lack of workers' compensation premiums. Compensation Funds compensation rates will be reduced by forty percent, thus the Board agreed to keep our coverage with them.
- 4) **Bookkeeping Reconciliation, etal** - Burton provided Selectmen with a copy of update letter from MRI. A representative from MRI will come to town on December 20<sup>th</sup> for review of books. The tuition payments for November have been made to the school without having to borrow from the bank. Tax bills have been sent out and are generating revenues to the checking account. A clerical person is needed to handle A/P and payroll checks from MRI. Clerical person would cut down on bookkeeper's hours. MRI has not yet produced a draft of the Policy and Procedures Manual, but has made significant progress on balancing our accounts up to the present with only a few minor areas still under review. The Board asked Burton to prepare cost comparisons for staying with MRI and for hiring our own bookkeeper again.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Comstar** - This is a billing service that could be provided to the town to cover the expense of ambulance runs. They currently serve Wilton and Lyndeborough. The fire wards have preferred "free" service in the past, but Burton would like the fire wards to consider the service for year 2002. Selectmen would like Burton to find out who is authorized to decide whether to use the service.

## **OTHER:**

- 1) **CIP - Kindergarten** -The School Board will determine the content of the kindergarten warrant article for March.  
**Tucker Mill** - waiting for quote from Elliot and DES. Total cost is estimated at \$150,000; eighty thousand to come out of CIP, the rest from block grant or road maintenance money  
**Clark Hill Road** -The culverts near the DiPietro home and the Nickerson's field need to be fixed and the hill north of Dane Road is washing out. These projects will be done next year with block grant money.

- 2) **Town Hall Keys** - Burton informed the Selectmen that Dan MacDonald, Fire Chief, now has a set of keys to Town Hall for accessing the building after hours.
- 3) **Cable Committee** - Dave agreed to organize the next meeting of the committee.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Kim DiPietro would like the Selectmen to resolve the issue of the library and bring a decision to the voters in March. Kim also emphasized the importance of completing the Clark Hill Road upgrades before starting the Tucker Mill Road project. Dave Delorey stated that in the future, road projects need a schedule, a commitment, and funding in order to get the job done on time within the budget.

Brandy Mitroff asked how much money should be spent on the new library location. If 250 thousand is reasonable, why not revisit the Whipple Barns? Architect Roger Dignard may be asked to estimate additional costs associated with construction of a library on the upper portion of the school site. Brandy informed everyone of a presentation being given by Charles Williams to the Grange on Tuesday at 8:00 PM. Charles Williams was the person responsible for rescuing Gary Robbins.

Gordon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 PM. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cindy Romano