

Town of New Boston

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

November 17, 1997

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

PRESENT: Harold C. Strong, Selectman
Susan J. Clay, Selectman

At 7:30 p.m., Household Hazardous Waste Day Coordinator Michael Richard and Transfer Station Manager Bonnie Bethune came before the Board of Selectmen to discuss the success of 1997 HHWD. Although the Selectmen had decided last year that the next Hazardous Waste Day would be held in 1999, and every two years thereafter, the current Board decided to move back to an annual schedule with the next scheduled for 1998. Although Michael Richard requested \$8,000.00 for the 1998 HHWD Budget due to strong turnout in 1997, the Selectmen have yet to commit to a specific dollar amount. The Selectmen also discussed the recent award won by the Transfer Station and presented by the Northeast Resource Recovery Association, as well as wages for Transfer Station personnel in 1998.

At 8:30 p.m., the Board met with members of the New Boston Road Committee to discuss various road projects for the Town. The Road Committee has recommended spending an additional \$100,000.00 on Clark Hill Road in 1998 on the completion of Phase I and the start of Phase II.

The Selectmen discussed whether the Town should base its health insurance contribution on Blue Cross/Blue Shield Comp 100 as in the past; Blue Choice; or Matthew Thornton in 1998. Chairman Carlstrom has stated in the past that he favors switching to Blue Choice. In Town Administrator Selig's documented view, if the Town is truly concerned with holding the line on spending, he feels Blue Choice is a good alternative which will save the Town about \$3,000.00 in 1998 over Comp 100 rates and still offers employees a comprehensive health program. In this respect, Mr. Selig recommends making the change to Blue Choice. In the past, the Board had considered only offering Matthew Thornton health insurance and basing contributions on Matthew Thornton rates. The Board ultimately voted to de-link the Town's Contribution from BC/BS Comp 100 rates, and instead to base the Town's contribution for health insurance for full time employees on the Blue Choice program rates for 1998.

Town Administrator Selig will be at the NHMA Conference in Manchester this Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

The next regular Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for November 24, 1997.

The Board signed Intent-to-Cut forms.



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

Selectman Clay made a motion to adjourn at approximately 9:00 p.m. Selectman Strong seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Selig".

11/24/97

Todd I. Selig
Town Administrator