

Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
August 28, 2000

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

APPOINTMENT:

7:00PM Lee Murray Highway Department

Lee Murray was present to bring the Selectmen up to date on work projects and the spending of monies. Part of the Bedford Road drainage project will be worked on this fall and completed next spring. Holden Engineering has been hired to do the engineering study. The emergency generator at the school has been equipped with an automatic shut-off switch. The highway department is also bringing in gravel and setting some stone for the Conservation footbridge.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kim DePietro brought to the attention of the Selectmen that a very large tree has fallen across the Class VI portion off Old Coach Road. She anticipates some opposition from one of the abutting landowners in the removal of the tree.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 6) **Tax Deeding Process Status** - three properties in New Boston are about to be deeded to the town due to nonpayment of taxes. The town is working with the owners to clear up the tax issues in order to avoid these properties being deeded over to town. The town's policy is to collect the money, not own the property.

MINUTES: Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of August 14th, 2000 with the changes provided. Gordon seconded the motion.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** - On August 29, Tom Cox will be giving a presentation on wireless communication systems. At 8:30PM there was a continuance of the sub-division discussions. The site walk for the Friendly Beaver Campground was postponed.
- 2) **CIP - Selectmen Entries & Member to Committee** - meetings begin on September 13th. There will be four to five meetings. Gordon Carlstrom will be the Selectmen's representative at the first meeting. The goal is for CIP to be completed by November 1, 2000. The only CIP entry for the Selectmen involved quotes to replace the chimney and roof of Town Hall, plus estimates to upgrade town office space.

- 3) **Gravel Pit Ordinance** - Letters have been sent to the pit owners. Burton and Dennis will be visiting Mr. Wheeler; he will produce quality map within two weeks. The ordinance needs to be revised in accordance with NH State. Grandfathered pits need to have a reclamation bond when a new area is opened up and topsoil is removed.
- 4) **MRI Report - RECS (recommendations)** - Nic Strong and Burton Reynolds produced an itemized list of recommendations from the MRI report.
- 5) **Bookkeeper** - Still searching for new bookkeeper. Brandy is placing an ad in the New Boston Bulletin, will also post on the website. Amy Rice will fill in and serve as a backup to do payroll and accounts/payable when needed. The town has the option of using MRI's Fund Accounting & Payroll Service if necessary.
- 6) **Events Ordinance Review** - Selectmen are reviewing and rewriting portions of the Events Ordinance. Clarifications are being made between "public or private" events, and these will be reviewed with the 4-H Board of Directors.
- 7) **Use of Alcohol at Gym** - A copy of the town's insurance policy is being sent to Elaine Tostevin for reference. Burton is checking to make sure the town's policy does not exclude liquor. School Board members are protected by State Law for decisions they make as Board members.

NEW:

- 1) **Purchase of Fuel Oil** - Due to the fluctuating prices with for fuel oil, the Selectmen decided to purchase fuel oil from Putnam's Fuel Company at a floor price of ninety-five cents per gallon.
- 2) **Links off Town Web Site** - selectmen reviewed and discussed David Rising's link to the church off the town's website. It was decided that only non-commercial government use links were acceptable.
- 3) **Town Buildings Handyman** - Eric Scoville's resume was submitted and reviewed by the selectmen for the position of handyman. Burton will notify him and set up an interview.
- 4) **Cable Contract Renewal Committee** - members of the committee are David Landry, Jack Mitroff, Barbara Smith and David Onslott. Dave Delorey will serve as advisor to the committee.
- 5) **Granite State Gravel Pit Expansion** - looking to purchase acreage from Lorden to expand excavation area in Lyndeboro. No permit is required unless they expand into New Boston. Given the large expansion, Conservation and Planning will accompany the Lyndeborough boards when they do their site walk.
- 6) **School Draw Down Schedule** - There was no schedule last year for payments from the town to the school. This year there will be a schedule so that the town administrator can plan for payments.

OTHER:

- 1) **Conservation Footbridge** - There will be a site walk on September 24th. An article is being placed in the newspaper appealing for contributions and the

commission has already sent away for several grants. The cost is \$54,000 and they only have \$40,000 in hand.

- 2) **Seminars** - Burton will be attending a seminar on the BMSI Budget Process, and the annual DRA budget seminar in Manchester on September 18, 2000.

Dave made a motion to go into non-public session at 9:25PM to discuss the police chief search. Gordon seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously. The public was dismissed at 9:25PM. Exit non-public session at 9:35PM.

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gordon seconded, at 9:35PM.

Cindy Romano