

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
December 4, 2000**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:10 PM.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Ed DiPietro is under the impression that Lee Murray was told by the Selectmen NOT to finish Clark Hill Road. Selectmen and Mr. Murray assured him that the culvert by 550 Clark Hill Road would be taken care of as maintenance work in the future. Ed also inquired as to whether a developer bought a large parcel of land on Tucker Mill Road, and if so, whether he should pay a portion of the upgrading to the road. Mark Anderson assured him that the owner of the property does not intend to develop the property and that only a single home will be constructed.

Pat Jennings inquired about the progress of the library sites. George Hildrum will be viewing the sites on Tuesday and there may be an analysis available next week. Stakes are being placed on the school property and a site walk will be scheduled soon.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**7:00 PM                      Greg Begin                      Police Department**

Chief Begin presented to the Selectmen the Police Rules, Regulations and Policies document, to be signed, thereby giving the Chief proper authorization. He also brought to the attention of the Selectmen a recent car accident in New Boston where a car had been towed by Allied Towing of Weare, and the New Boston resident had been charged an additional \$75.00 because the call came from the Police Department. The Chief would like to call and discuss the matter with the company. Chief Begin will draft an agreement with towing companies for the future to include set, standard fees which will be signed by the companies. The Chief also approached the Selectmen regarding erecting speed limit signs in New Boston. This project will be spread over a three-year period and will cost approximately fifteen hundred dollars per year. The Selectmen agreed to budget this amount in the "sign" budget.

Chief Begin and his family are buying a home on Sugar Hill Road in Weare and should be in before Christmas. Congratulations to our new Chief!

Mark made a motion at 7:40 PM to enter a non-public session according to RSA91-A: 3 paragraph (b), for the purpose of hiring police personnel. Dave seconded the motion. Members of the Board were polled individually, all were in favor. Mark made a motion to exit non-public session at 8:00 PM. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor. Michael Folini has been hired and will join the New Boston Police Department as a part-time officer to handle the DARE program.

**7:30 PM**

**Lee Murray**

**Highway Dept. & Cochran Hill Rd.**

Dave Delorey excused himself from the Board for this portion of the meeting. Lee Murray was present to obtain direction from the Selectmen regarding the ditch-line on Cochran Hill Road. Dave's septic system runs parallel to Cochran Hill and according to Eric Merrill, the State Septic Inspector, the ditch-line has to be thirty-five feet away from any septic system. Lee will restore the original ditch-line, which has been filled in over the years, and which also meets the requirements of the septic design. Lee made a request of the Selectmen to purchase a new line-striper at a cost of four thousand nine hundred dollars. It will be used to maintain the cross-walks in town, parking lot lines and STOP lines throughout the town. Oil based paints are not used any more, only latex paints. The trade-in value of the old striper is low and it should be sold as a compressor, if nothing else. Selectmen will review the literature and get back to Lee. There is money in the budget to purchase this item.

**7:45 PM**

**Rick Riendeau**

**Towing**

Rick Riendeau was present to discuss the towing of his daughter's vehicle by Allied Towing of Weare. The total charge for the three mile tow was one hundred twenty-five dollars, seventy-five dollars higher due to the fact that the New Boston Police requested the tow. The fees schedule is being reviewed by Chief Begin, and standard fees will be set with towing companies in the future.

**8:00 PM**

**Mark Anderson**

**Temp. Trailer Hearing**

Mark Anderson excused himself from the Board for this portion of the meeting. The purpose of this hearing was to renew the temporary trailer permit for a period of one year, until October 2001. Mark was unaware of outstanding fees and has submitted building plans and acquired permits from the building department for the purpose of this extension. Dave motioned to extend the permit for one year, pursuant to collecting the outstanding fees. Gordon seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**MINUTES:** Dave motioned to approve the minutes of November 6<sup>th</sup> with the necessary changes. Mark seconded the motion. Dave motioned to accept the minutes of November 13<sup>th</sup> as amended. Gordon seconded the motion. The minutes of November 27<sup>th</sup> were postponed until next week.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Planning** - The Planning Board did not meet last week.
- 2) **Salaries** - Selectmen continued review and discussion of salaries. Selectmen compared positions and wages of various other towns. Mark feels that a ten to eleven percent increase in salary is excessive and that employees would leave if they feel they are underpaid. Step one should reflect the starting salary for employee replacement. The evaluation system should be used to support salary increases beyond inflation levels. Burton will update the step plan and salaries will be finalized next week.
- 3) **Final CIP** - Selectmen reviewed CIP articles. Commitments are prioritized by number on the list. Kim DiPietro informed the Selectmen that she has

requested an accounting of the highway block grant money expenditures and reserve for the Finance Committee.

- 4) **Sherburne Land - Sand Deposits:** Bob Todd has informed the town that according to the test pits there is 130 thousand cubic yards of sand available. The land should pay the town back over time with the use of sand alone. Then it would be available for reclamation and other uses by the town. This property will be a warrant article on the voter's ballot in March 2001.
- 5) **Comstar** - Burton found out that the fire wards are authorized to make a decision on whether to use this service or not, but the Selectmen actually have the final word. The objective of this service is to pursue reimbursement from insurance companies, not individuals, for the use of the ambulance. The Selectmen agreed to attend the meetings regarding this issue, which will be held at the fire station.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Deliberative Session Date** - There was some discussion as to whether this should be held on the same evening as the School's session. This would involve both a Public Budget Hearing and Deliberative Session for both groups. Burton is going to ask Jed Callen and Lee Nyquist for their opinions on this matter.

**OTHER:**

- 1) **Letter from Ed Lee** - Burton received a letter from Ed Lee requesting a tax-deductible invoice from the town. The Selectmen suggested quoting his letters in the file to reflect the original document.
- 2) **Mill Street Conservation** - The town is waiting to hear from Mr. Morrissey.
- 3) **Steep Driveways** - The Selectmen discussed and agreed that the town should not be responsible for police and fire protection to dwellings with driveways that have a grade in excess of ten percent. This should be noted on the plot plans for new buyers of such homes. Nic Strong will take this issue up with the Planning Board.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**      None

Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:13 PM. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Cindy Romano