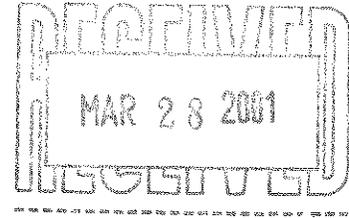


**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
February 26, 2001**



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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPOINTMENT:

7PM Greg Begin Police Department

Chief Begin was present to give the Selectmen a monthly update on the department. Officer Dedario has resigned for personal family reasons, leaving two openings to be filled. The Chief has sent out nine letters and received seven responses from prospective candidates. An oral board has been set up for March 7, 2001 for the interview process. Chief Begin has also applied for Federal Grant funding to be used on purchasing computing equipment. The request is for forty to fifty thousand dollars, of which ten thousand would come from the Town. The filing deadline is March 30th.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** – There was no meeting last week. The previous week discussion evolved around the Scott Belanger and Bobby Kennedy lots and a five-lot sub-division on Parker Road.
- 2) **2001 Warrant Insert for Paper and Sample Ballot** – Selectmen reviewed the insert for the New Boston Bulletin which explained the warrant articles and included a sample ballot.
- 3) **License and Permits Ordinance signing** – Selectmen signed the ordinance for large outdoor gatherings and it's licensing application process. This will take effect sixty days from now.

Waldorf Estate – Phase III

Hans Harro Hassel, representing Waldorf Estates and Mr. Dave Walker of Bedford Designs were present to discuss with Selectmen the status of Phase III of Waldorf Estates and to request a preliminary extension of the project. Selectmen reviewed a letter written by the Town's attorney, William Drescher, and are concerned that his reply to Mr. Foistner's letter may not be based on *complete* information. The Town supplied all requested documents to Attorney Drescher. Mr. Walker of Bedford

Designs offered to provide copies of all improvements made to Phase III with regard to the detention pond. Burton will forward this information to Mr. Drescher.

APPOINTMENT:

7:30

David Delorey

Clark Hill Project

Dave excused himself from the board for this portion of the meeting as it pertains to a personal matter regarding the Clark Hill Project and its impact on his property. According to the Deloreys, there was no flooding in their basement prior to the relocation of the roadway in front of their home. The Town of New Boston built a new roadway without permits or easements. The new gravel road bed was better compacted than the old one, thereby causing the roadway to act as a dam, forcing up to eight inches of groundwater at times, to leak into the Deloreys basement. The Deloreys brought the issue to the attention of the Town at the time, but the Road Agent was not instructed to fix the problem. In the meantime, the Deloreys have installed drainage pipes into a new gravel bed, which feeds into an eight-inch culvert, which runs under the new roadway. Dave has provided expenditure receipts and is requesting reimbursement from the Town for materials and his own labor. Mark feels that the Town failed to respond to the Delorey's request sixteen to eighteen months ago, and that a fair settlement is now in order. The letter from Dufresne-Henry seems to be incorrect in stating that the roadway did *not* serve as a dam. Mark also stated that the old roadbed needs to be deeded back to the Deloreys, Mr. Lee, and Pat Monbouquette, in order to bring closure to the project. The Selectmen agreed to discuss this matter further and should come to an agreement by next week's meeting.

APPOINTMENT:

8:00PM

Bill Morrissey

Mill Street Conservation Access

Attorney Jed Callen has a proposal from Bill Morrissey regarding access to the Mill Street Conservation property and is sending copies to Burton and the Board of Selectmen for review. This item will be on the agenda for next week.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 3rd meeting are being revised for approval at next week's Selectmen's meeting. The minutes of February 12th will also be reviewed at this time.

OLD BUSINESS (cont'd):

- 4) **Bookkeeping** – Burton would like to bring the payroll portion of accounts payable back to Town Hall. He has spoken with Paula Ciørla, who has a degree in accounting and is willing to work part-time. Cassandra from MRI will review the work with her next Tuesday and after three weeks time she should be able to work alone, with phone calls to MRI. June Hicks and MRI will oversee the new bookkeeper. An interview will be set up with the Board of Selectmen.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Temporary Trailer Permit Fees** – The current fee is being increased to cover the cost of advertising. Mark made a motion to increase the fee to \$52.50, in order to cover the cost of advertising. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor. A public hearing will be held March 19, 2001.
- 2) **2001 Tax Calendar and Tax Lien Process** – Burton distributed a copy of the Tax Collector's Calendar with critical dates to the Selectmen for review. Property Liens are processed in the spring. Tax deeds, formerly done in the Fall, must also be done right after the liens. Deeding takes place after taxes have not been paid in three years. If the Town should seize property for non-payment of taxes, said property should be sold for the purpose of collecting back-taxes, with any excess money being returned to the original owner(s). The Town of New Boston does not want or need the responsibility of maintaining personal properties.
- 3) **Candidate Forum** – A Candidate Forum will be held at 2:00PM on Sunday, March 11th. The meeting will be held upstairs in Town Hall and is an opportunity for the public to meet the candidates running for office.
- 4) **Planning Dept. Computers** – The Planning Department is acquiring new computers from Compaq at a cost of seven hundred dollars apiece. The hardware has been used as demonstrators and cannot be sold as "new".

OTHER:

- 1) Irene Beaudreau, Tax Collector, will be attending a "Tax Liens" workshop with BMSI.
- 2) Toni Pierce, Recreation Director, will be attending a group workshop entitled, "Managing Conflicts".
- 3) Bonnie – 7:00PM, Wednesday, March 21, 2001 – **Pay As You Throw** presentation for Selectmen and Solid Waste Committee.
- 4) Burton announced that there is a bill in legislature right now that, if passed, will change the State BOCA Code to the National Code.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Christine Quirk inquired as to whether the Selectmen had received a letter from her attorney regarding the maintenance of the Class VI portion of Cochran Hill Road near the campground. There seemed to be some concern as to who would maintain the road in the event that the Sherburne Land be purchased by the Town and recreation fields be built in the future.

Joe Nangle commented on the Current Land Use Penalties & Yield Tax, stating that setting land aside is a better use of these revenues. He also is of the opinion that cluster zoning is designed to preserve landscaping.

Mark made motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:20PM. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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