

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
March 12, 2001**

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Nixon was present to present the Selectmen with an update on the Grant application. She has been told that the preservation of the Whipple Barns of New Boston is a very eligible project. The maximum amount of money that can be awarded is \$500,000. Jan will be meeting with the Daniels, and will also be attending an informative session on Thursday, March 22, 2001 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, if anyone is interested in going. Jan expressed a desire to work with the Selectmen during the application process over the next one and a half weeks.

Gordon Carlstrom wanted to thank Lee Murray and the Highway crew for keeping New Boston's public roads in good shape during the recent winter storms. He also thanked Mark Anderson for his time and service as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

APPOINTMENT:

7:00 PM Road Committee

Lee Murray, Bo Strong and Gary Robbins were present. At a recent informal meeting of the Road Committee, members discussed what they felt the role of the Road committee should be. Bo Strong spoke on behalf of the committee members. The committee feels that they are a valuable organization to the Road Agent. They have no financial powers and are strictly an advisory group. They provide the Road Agent with their input and ideas, but the decisions will continue to be the responsibility of the Road Agent. They will be supportive of the Road Agent. The committee plans to hold four meetings per year, with additional meetings held when necessary. They would like to have a publicized meeting in the future to work on the roles and responsibilities of the Road Committee. The committee will review Dave's letter, making changes or additions, and submit a proposal to the Selectmen.

MINUTES: Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of January 3, 2001 as written. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mark made a motion to accept the minutes of February 12, 2001 with revisions. Dave seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dave made a motion to accept the minutes of February 26, 2001 with minor changes. Mark seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** – there was no meeting of the Planning Board.
- 2) **Town Clerk Office Repairs** – The Town Clerk would like to change the layout of the office to create a more efficient work area. This would involve moving the counter forward, creating two workspaces and room for file cabinets. The Town Clerk will sketch a proposal and submit it to the Selectmen.

APPOINTMENT:

8:00 PM

David Delorey

Drainage Issues

Dave excused himself from the Board for this portion of the meeting due to a conflict of interest. Selectmen read a revised settlement proposal to the Deloreys. Selectmen increased their previous offer of \$8,214.13 to \$10,000 for reimbursement of monies expended by the Deloreys to rectify drainage problems thought to be caused by the relocation of Clark Hill Road. Dave then read his letter outlining the history of events that took place, in chronological order. Dave distributed to the Selectmen an alternative agreement and asked them to reconsider the offer. The Selectmen called for a short break to review and further discuss the settlement in private. After careful consideration, Selectmen agreed to a settlement of \$11,700 in order to avoid costly legal fees. Minor changes were made to the agreement, which will be retyped and signed by all parties involved. The proposed agreement includes a Right-Of-Way Easement and View Protection clauses. The Deloreys and the Town of New Boston hereby unconditionally agree, upon the Town's payment of the Compensation, to consider this matter closed. Attached is the executed agreement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Recreation/Selectmen Interface** – Burton will be meeting with the Recreation Commission and reporting back to the Selectmen. Burton researched the Recreation Commission's By-laws and learned that the Commission has a broad range of authority regarding overseeing the Recreation Director. Burton will be meeting with the Commission and will report to the Selectmen next week. He informed the Selectmen that the Recreation Department's books are being audited in the year 2001 by the Town's auditor.
- 2) **Sale of Compost Bins** – Bonnie will be selling compost bins at the transfer station. More information will be available soon.

OTHER:

- 1) **Mark submitted a letter** to the Selectmen regarding Joseph's Foistner's allegations against New Boston residents and employees. He suggested the letter be reviewed by the Town's attorney and forwarded to the proper officials in order that they are aware of the threatening and demeaning situation in New Boston. Burton will send the letter to the attorney.
- 2) **Mill Street** - Selectmen reviewed Burton's response letter to the Morrisseys regarding the Mill Street Conservation property. It addressed the items of parking, the right of way, the streetlight, street signs, and the issue of legal

fees. The Town is making every effort to come to a resolution with the Morrisseys that will satisfy them, as well as the citizens of New Boston and the Conservation Society. Mark urged the Board of Selectmen *not* to consider reimbursement of legal fees in this particular case.

- 3) **Town Report Insert** – will be available at the Central School on Tuesday during voting and also will be distributed at various locations around town. There will also be a notice in the New Boston Bulletin alerting residents that they are available.
- 4) **The Zoning Board** will be attending a session in Manchester. The topic will be the Supreme Court’s ruling on “hardship”.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Willard Dodge offered to help with the parking spaces near the Mill Street Conservation property. He also asked to be kept informed of the status of the whole Foistner matter. Willard commended Nic Strong, Planning Coordinator, for notifying a Nashua realtor that certain lots in New Boston had not yet been approved for building. Joe Nangle suggested printing procedures to follow for future owners of property. He also felt that the cost of printing of the Town Report be absorbed by the printer, due to the errors within. Selectmen agreed and it was decided that Burton would have the printer provide fifty copies of the Town Report, with corrections, at no cost to the Town. In addition, they will be assembled with the spiral binder. These will be available to the public on a first-come, first-serve basis.

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

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