

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
March 19, 2001**

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

PRESENT:

Gordon Carlstrom	Chairperson
David Woodbury	Selectman
David Delorey	Selectman
Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator

APPOINTMENT:

7:00 PM Swearing-In David Woodbury

Irene Boudreau, Town Clerk, was present for the swearing-in ceremony of David Woodbury of McCurdy Road as Selectman. The Town of New Boston congratulates David on his recent election. David's first act as Selectman was to nominate Gordon Carlstrom as Chairperson for the year 2001. Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor. Selectmen then discussed who would cover up-coming meetings. Gordon will cover the Planning Board until July, with Dave Delorey and Dave Woodbury alternating afterwards, Gordon will cover meetings of the CIP committee, and Dave Delorey will cover the Finance committee.

7:05 PM Temporary Trailer Fees Hearing

A public hearing was held to discuss an increase in the notice portion of temporary trailer fees from \$32.00 to \$52.00, to cover the cost of newspaper advertising. Dave Delorey made a motion to accept the fees as stated, David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor. The hearing was closed at 7:15 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

APPOINTMENT:

7:15 PM Hazardous Waste Day Mike Richards

Mike Richards was present to discuss the details of Hazardous Waste Day. There will be two collection dates; May 19th and September 29th. The hours of collection will be from 9AM until 2PM for both dates. He asked that the Selectmen declare the weeks of May 12th and September 22nd as Household Hazardous Waste awareness weeks. David Woodbury made a motion to declare these weeks as HHW weeks, Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Mike informed the Selectmen of a change in the company that would handle the hazardous waste this year. Safety Clean has been used in the past, but has cut down on the number of towns that they will service, so last year's dates were not available to New Boston. "Clean Harbors" is the name of the new company. It will cost the town \$200.00 more for the disposal of the 30 yard dumpster, but the net cost will be approximately the

same as last year. There will be no State Grant money available this year. Dave Delorey made a motion to approve Mike's recommendation to utilize "Clean Harbors" services for this year's collection dates. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7:30 PM Police Department Greg Begin

Chief Begin was present to give the Selectmen an update on the police department. He has recently applied for Federal Grant money in the amount of fifty-nine thousand dollars for technological improvements. Of this amount, the town would contribute nearly fifteen thousand dollars. The money would be used to purchase a file server for the police station, six new computers, three laptop computers, a complete police software package including online booking and imaging of photos for the records. This would enable officers on duty to download data onto the laptops in their cruisers. Currently, officers have no access to records when they are on the road.

The Chief also asked for the Selectmen's approval to purchase a year 2000 cruiser at a price of twenty-three thousand eight hundred and ten dollars, minus the trade-in value of two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars for the old cruiser. This price is for the vehicle only. Equipment from the old cruiser will be used to outfit the new cruiser. Dave Delorey made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Chief to purchase the 2000 cruiser. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7:45 PM Transfer Station Bonnie Koch

Bonnie Koch was present to give her annual report to the Selectmen. The report is sent to the Governor's Recycling program, DES, and the Do It Yourself program. The cost for running the transfer station is one hundred sixteen dollars per household. Revenues are up, as is waste, due to more homes in town. Trucking fees may increase if loads are diverted to Rochester. Wheelabrator may divert to Rochester occasionally, but how often is not known. Wheelabrator is turning away towns the size of New Boston, so a five year renewal contract is appealing.

The town is not benefiting from curbside pick-up of recyclables. They have to be sorted once they reach the Transfer Station; this is not cost-effective. Construction debris fees are being increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00 per cubic yard, which will cover the cost of trucking and tipping fees.

The Transfer station will be selling compost bins soon as part of the Governor's Recycling program. This will encourage homeowners to compost kitchen garbage at home and will decrease solid waste at the transfer station.

On Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00PM, Todd Ellis will be giving a presentation on the "Pay as You Throw" program. This covers the cost of trash bags and helps cover the cost of tipping fees.

MINUTES: Dave Delorey made a motion to accept the minutes of March 8th with the necessary changes. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning** - There was no meeting last week, nothing to report.
- 2) **Computer Consulting** – New Boston has had problems with the back-up system and networking within Town Hall. Dave Pollock from Bedford has consulted with New Boston at a rate of \$45.00 per hour as an independent contractor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Outcome of Warrant – Set Priorities** – Selectmen reviewed the results of the warrant articles with Burton and made a list of things to do to implement them.
- 2) **Major expenses Game Plan** – Burton will be contacting Holden Engineering to begin the engineering work on Howe Bridge, which needs to be replaced in the next couple of years. The warrant article for Tucker Mill Road was defeated, however, certain areas of the road will need some drainage work done this year. Holden Engineering will be coming to New Boston to mark the wetlands on Bedford Road and acquiring the permits for the project. The one-ton truck for the Highway Department will probably be purchased sometime in June. The Septage Lagoon at the Transfer Station will also be tested in June to check for contaminants; the Highway Dept. will be helping with this task. The construction bins for the Transfer Station will be installed probably in June. Pagers for the Fire Department will be purchased over time. Burton put together a list of over-all goals for the Selectmen to review, asking for input at a later date. Dave Delorey suggested a list of Goals and Objectives for the year 2001 for review.
- 3) **Leedham Parcel** – There is a .21 acre parcel of land on Clark Hill Road that Mrs. Leedham is claiming ownership. Selectmen suggested talking to Town Counsel about how to handle the situation.

OTHER:

- 1) There is some question as to whether attorney Bill Drescher received all information and documents with regards to Phase III of the Waldorf Estates. The Planning Department has met with Hans Harrow Hassle and Bedford Designs and they are now satisfied with the process and willing to move on from the preliminary stage to the final approval state. Drescher is satisfied with what he has seen to offer an opinion.
- 2) The Selectmen reviewed a letter from Attorney Bill Drescher addressing the allegations of Mr. Joe Foistner. Burton will retype the letter with the additions and changes that were made.
- 3) The USDA paid the taxes for a resident of New Boston when they shouldn't have and now the USDA wants to be reimbursed by the Town of New Boston,

instead of the landowner. Selectmen reviewed a letter written by Burton to the USDA, addressing the issue.

- 4) **Unpaid Balances Report** – this figure is lower than most past years.
- 5) **Workshop** – There will be a workshop for new municipal employees and individuals held in Keene on May 4, 2001. David Woodbury showed interest in attending the workshop.
- 6) **Bookkeeper** – Paula Cierla will begin working on April 1, 2001. BMSI is coming on April 2, and Cassandra from Municipal Resources on April 3, to help train Paula for the job. The starting wage has been set at \$15.00 per hour, with a pay increase to \$17.00 per hour after a six-month probationary period.
- 7) **Next week** - Selectmen will meet at Town Hall for a short business meeting and then proceed to the Fire Station for a review of the ambulance billing system.

PUBLIC COMMENT: **Lou Maynard** asked for a copy of the letter from New Boston and Town Counsel regarding Joe Foistner. Selectmen informed him that the letter is privileged information. **Dave Delorey** suggested that the "OTHER" section of the Selectmen's agenda be used to include topics that arise after the agenda has been posted, but that need to be discussed. **Willard Dodge** thanked the Board for communicating with Attorney Drescher and re-emphasized the importance of staying out of non-public session in regards to Mr. Joe Foistner. The public is involved and would like to be kept informed. Selectmen agreed to do so when possible. **Al Romano** suggested that the Selectmen re-read the statute on non-public session and also informed them that according to the statutes, anything that is discussed during public session is public knowledge, and should be made available to the public when requested. **Joe Nangle** raised the question of why Leslie Nixon's services were not being utilized in the Foistner situation. Selectmen's reasoning was that she has been mentioned in correspondence from Mr. Foistner, therefore an outside attorney is necessary.

Dave Delorey motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 PM. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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