

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
April 9, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:00 PM.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**      None

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**7 PM                  Toni Pierce                  Recreation Department**

Toni Pierce was present to discuss with Selectmen the Skateboard Park Petition submitted by the youth of New Boston. Toni feels that the best location for such a park would be in the downtown area, within walking distance of the school. Skateboard parks vary in cost, according to complexity of design. Toni will present the issue at the next meeting of the Friends of Recreation on Aril 10, 2001. The Friends have already expressed a willingness to help finance a skateboard park if an appropriate site is found. Toni met with the Forestry Commission on April 2, 2001 regarding the use of the Lydia Dodge Lot for additional parking for the ballfield on Old Coach Road. Members of the Forestry Commission were agreeable to parking on this property. On the Sherburne Land, there are approximately nine usable acres. Temporary fields are a possibility leading to permanent ones in the future, after the Highway department has excavated for winter sand. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the need for water at the ballfield. The Recreation department is looking into the feasibility of installing a well at the field. The Cabin Fever Dance went smoothly with approximately 150 persons in attendance. The Concert Series will begin on June 17<sup>th</sup> with it's annual Strawberry Festival, done in conjunction with the Church. The Summer Program will be run again this year under the direction of last year's program director. The operating hours of the Recreation Department have been changed from 9 AM – 4 PM to 9 AM – 3 PM. This change is due to the need of the director spending additional hours in the department's various programs and events.

**MINUTES:** Selectmen agreed to attach the agreement with the Deloreys to the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> meeting under Public Comment. Gordon made a motion to approve the minutes with the discussed corrections and additions, David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dave Delory made a motion to accept the minute of March 19<sup>th</sup> with minor changes. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

### OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** – Members of the Board reviewed the sub-divisions and are planning work sessions for the near future.
- 2) **Response to Foistner Letter of 3/30** – Interested parties present for this portion of the meeting were: Claire & Jim Dodge, Lou Maynard, Joe Nangle, Christine Quirk, Brandy Mitroff, Willard Dodge, Dwight Lovejoy, John Bunting, Brent Armstrong, Maureen Mansfield, Lee Murray, Nicola Strong, and Warren Houghton. The Selectmen reviewed and discussed the content of Mr. Joe Foistner's twenty-five page document containing over twenty allegations of criminal acts and misconduct against the Town of New Boston and its employees, past and present. David Woodbury classified the allegations into three categories while Dave Delorey created a process which such submissions would follow should action by the Selectmen be required. Selectmen would like Mr. Foistner to re-submit the document in the new format. If this request is not met within a reasonable amount of time, then no further attention will be given to this matter. Burton will write a letter of response for the Selectmen to review.
- 3) **Update: Sherburne Lot, Jade Realty Gravel Pit, Final Tax Deeding Notices.** A copy of the revised deed on the Sherburne Lot has been sent to Allen Sherburne, along with a date for the deed signing of May 7, 2001. Burton provided the necessary paperwork for the new owners of the Jade Realty Gravel Pit to complete. About a dozen Final Tax Deeds were sent out by Town Hall. Burton is sending a copy of the contamination report for a parcel of land between Davis Land and Lull Road, (the Bowen Lot), to see if the State will act on it.

### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Disaster Declaration – March 5-7 Snowstorm** – Burton is requesting assistance from the State to help cover the costs of dealing with the March 5<sup>th</sup> snowstorm.
- 2) **Personnel Changes – Transfer Station** – Deborah Smith of Lull Road is resigning as of the end of next week due to personal reasons. Burton and Bonnie have been discussing work options to cover her replacement. A person to work Saturdays is still needed.
- 3) **1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Budget Review** – Burton reported that the new bookkeeper seems to be working out well. The Selectmen reviewed the budget line items with Burton. The Highway department's winter budget is overspent due to the increased snowstorms. Some of the Block Grant money may be used to help defray these costs.
- 4) **Other** – The Planning Board is working on the **naming of new roads for the Cimray Homes subdivision**, and is looking for input. The Selectmen feel that the developer should have some input on this matter. Burton met with John Bunting regarding the numbering sequence of **Labree and Orchard Roads**. Next week the Selectmen will be taking a look at the **new appointments** and be signing on them. Closing for these positions closes on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. **Next week's meeting** will be delayed until 7:30 PM in

order that all Selectmen may attend. The Selectmen signed a letter of approval for the commencement of the Phase I work on **Howe Bridge**. This portion of the work will cover the cost to study all options of replacing the bridge and the varying expenses.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Christine Quirk inquired as to whether a 200 foot buffer had been added to the deed of the Sherburne Land. Burton confirmed that this had been done and that it had been sent to Allen Sherburne for his signature. Brandy Mitroff suggested that the minutes of March 8<sup>th</sup> reflect Kathy Morrissey's attendance at the meeting and also those in attendance at future meetings.

Dave Delorey made a motion to enter into a non-public session at 10:35 PM, according to RSA 91A:3, for the purpose of discussing a personnel issue. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor. Dave Delorey made a motion to exit the non-public session at 10:45 PM. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor. Selectmen announced that a letter was being sent to Toni Pierce who had asked the Board for guidance on a particular matter.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: (continued):** Brandy Mitroff asked the selectmen if she should provide the chief of police with documentation that she had regarding the two persons who allegedly signed a document regarding Waldorf Estates and have sworn that they did not sign the document. Gordon Carlstrom advised her that this was a decision that she needed to make.

Dave Delorey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 PM. David Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Prepared by Cindy Romano*