

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
May 7, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:03 PM.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Gordon commented that whoever was responsible for raking the Town Common this spring did an excellent job and that he would like to thank them.

APPOINTMENTS:

7:00 PM Alan Sherburne Sherburne Land Acquisition

Alan Sherburne presented the Selectmen with the deed to the property and copies of the Powers of Attorney. In return, the Selectmen presented a check to Mr. Sherburne and thanked him for his generosity to the Town. Brandy Mitroff will have the details of the acquisition in the New Boston Bulletin.

7:15 PM Greg Begin Police Department

Chief Begin was present to give his monthly update for the police department.

- Cruisers – The painting is completed on the two cruisers. The new one is painted dark blue. The Chief requested permission from the Selectmen to take the older cruiser home in order to enable him to do the early morning and evening calls. The Selectmen agreed unanimously.
- Speeding Complaints – The Chief has received complaints from residents on Bedford Road regarding speeding and the department has patrolled the area. The majority of vehicles on Bedford Road, within a forty-minute span, were four miles or less over the speed limit. The second complaint concerned the excess speed of gravel trucks in the Parker Road area, and the hauling of gravel before 7 AM. Police supervised truck speeds not to exceed twenty-two miles per hour. The last issue concerned gravel at Cimray Homes on Parker Road being hauled out in preparation for a sub-division. This sounds like a gravel operation and may require gravel permitting. Burton will look into the operation.
- Beth Piatt has applied for a part-time position with the New Boston Police Department, and is anxious to begin work following her upcoming vacation. Her credentials include normal patrol in Concord and Lebanon and she has previous experience in inter-disciplinary crisis management with youth in the town of Lebanon. Dave made a motion to follow the Chief's recommendation of May 3, 2001, to hire Ms. Elizabeth Piatt as a part-time police officer for New Boston. Gordon seconded the motion. Both were in favor. Ms. Piatt was welcomed to the force.

7:30 PM

Bonnie Koch

Transfer Station

Bonnie was present to give her monthly update for the Transfer Station.

- Lindon Hodgkins has been hired for Thursdays. He's good with people and catches on quickly and is willing to cover Saturdays on occasion. Bonnie has advertised for one full-time position and has received one application for the full-time position and one for the Saturday position.
- Hours for the Transfer Station will be extended on Thursday evenings, beginning on June 7th, through the months of June, July and August.
- Waste Management is not consistent and is losing customers to other vendors.
- The trailer was deemed uninspectable a month ago by Diesel Don's. Fleet Co. gave an estimate of \$5600.00 to patch holes and \$10,000.00 to repair. Department of Transportation looked at trailer and suggested patching and welding for one more year. Trailer is scheduled to be replaced next year at a cost of \$45,000.00 on a fifteen-year replacement schedule.
- The waste oil collection area needs a roof. The bins for the roofing and treated materials need a concrete slab and walls made of concrete blocks.
- The State says the Town needs to wait for grass to grow on the Septage Lagoon before it can be used. Hopefully, composting will begin in this area this fall.

MINUTES: Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes of April 16th as written. Dave seconded the motion. Both were in favor. Gordon made a motion to accept the minutes of April 23rd as amended. Dave seconded the motion. Both were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning** – Next week's meeting will include discussion on six sub-divisions, and at 9:30 PM there will be an informational session regarding the process with Mr. Joseph Foistner.
- 2) **5/2.01 /Deeding Status** – The driveway on McCurdy Road is owned by three separate parties. One of the owners, from California, has paid some of the taxes, but not all of it. Burton is writing a letter of explanation to this party. Mr. Belanger's property on River Road is in arrears and he has not answered correspondence from the Town. Leslie Nixon has represented the family for years and feels uncomfortable representing the Town in this case. She will speak with the Belangers and explain the situation.
- 3) **Town Hall Sprinkler Installation Status** – Near completion; waiting for the electrician to wire and for the Fire Department to fill the tanks. It will be hooked into the emergency generator, if possible. Burton has the invoice for \$37,500.00.
- 4) **Neville Gravel Pit Permit Renewal** – Very little excavating is being done, however, processing is being done. Saturday hours are being requested. Selectmen renewed the permit for one year, but suggested a review before the Planning Board or ZBA regarding an on-site manufacturing operation may be appropriate.
- 5) **Salary Program Clarification** – Selectmen discussed the content of a letter from the Highway Department employees, and it's effect on the department as

a whole. They discussed the rationale for pay raises according to the new salary program, and how to explain them to the employees. This will be discussed at future meetings and a revision made to the salary program, allowing a cap for all raises including promotions. The highway heavy equipment operator job is to have two rates, (the new one will include being able to operate the grader).

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Education Aid** – Due to the increase in the value of homes, the Town sends more money to the State. Therefore, the State sends less money back to the Town for Education.
- 2) **“Charge” for Town Office Space Committee** – Burton is ready to write a letter for the committee to begin work in June.
- 3) **Property/Casualty Insurance Renewal** – Burton is working on replacement costs for property and supplies. He has come up with a more accurate figure of \$85,000.00 for Town Hall and it’s offices.
- 4) **Other** –
 - The auditors have checked with the bank with respect to a cap on the Town’s account and the bank will be sending an informational letter in response.
 - Dave would like to talk in non-public regarding an employee situation.
 - Selectmen signed a card for Dave Woodbury, who is at home, recovering from heart surgery.
 - Burton passed around a letter of thanks that will be sent to those resigning from their appointed positions. They include Bill Brendle, Dan Rothman, and Kim DiPietro.
 - Growth Management Committee Appointments – The Selectmen will meet with the candidates next week.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Brandy Mitroff had a question for Dave Delorey regarding the continuance of the stone wall at his home, and the road’s width. Mr. Delorey declined to respond due to the nature of the subject and his position as Selectman. Gordon also declined to discuss the matter until Selectman Woodbury has recovered and is present at the meeting, and also until discussion on the easements have begun.

Dave made a motion to enter a non-public session according to RSA 91A: 3II (c). Gordon seconded the motion. Both were in favor. The public adjourned the meeting at 9:13 PM.

Dave Delorey made a motion to exit non-public session at 9:25 PM, Gordon seconded the motion. Both were in favor.

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