

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
July 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:**

- Ella Daniels called Brandy Mitroff and informed her that she does not want to use the playground behind Town Hall for the skateboard park. The land behind the Depot is still a possible site for this project. Brandy will call Patty Oakes before looking at the land behind the school.
- The Recreation Department is looking at the Jean McCreary property and the town owned piece.
- Dave Delorey brought in the Cable Contract Renewal to send to the Cable Committee members. A copy will be given to Leslie Nixon.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

**7:00 PM      Greg Begin      Police Department**

- Police Firing Range – The Chief brought in the sign to show the Selectmen. It will be placed at the entrance to the firing range. A copy of the Range Usage sheet was given to the Selectmen. There have been no complaints since it was last discussed.
- July 4th – The Chief will go to the next 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee meeting to share ideas on traffic control for next year. The head stones in the cemetery were used as seats to watch the fireworks display, so people were asked to leave. Should the cemetery be closed from dusk till dawn?
- Officer Piatt wants to go to full-time employment from part-time. She is now certified for solo as of Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup>. Rate of pay would be \$15.00 per hour. Dave Delorey moved to promote Officer Piatt to full-time. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Chief Begin has one certified and four non-certified candidates for the other full-time position. They will be undergoing the normal testing procedures.
- The Bike Safety Program – Dodge's Store and Putnam's Waterview Restaurant are donating fifty free ice creams to kids who practice good bike safety. The police department will be giving out the tickets. The Bike Rodeo will be held on July 25<sup>th</sup> as part of the Summer Program.

**7:30 PM                      Mike Richard                      Hazardous Waste Day**

Mike Richard reported that \$8,700 was expended out of the \$12,000 budget for May. One hundred six people generated 2,415 gallons compared to 1,254 gallons in May 2000. A lot of latex paint was brought in, which is not hazardous. In the future, the public will be encouraged to open the cans to let them dry out and then throw them away. It was suggested that the detailed information and form be added to the website, and perhaps more information in the New Boston Bulletin. People need to complete the survey in order for the Town to be reimbursed by the State. It would cost \$146.00 to print the form and \$194.00 in postage to mail it to everyone. The budget for the fall will be \$3,000. Should the Hazardous Waste Day be held, but cut it off at \$3,000 worth of material? Mike feels that it would be unwise to not have a Hazardous Waste Day in the fall. Maybe the public should be educated that there will be more money in the spring budget. Other options include limiting the number of gallons or just getting rid of what has been left at the Transfer Station. This could also be done on a day that the Transfer Station is closed. Mike will meet with Bonnie and report back at the next meeting.

MINUTES: Dave Woodbury moved to accept the minutes of June 4<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> with the corresponding corrections. Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) **Planning Issues** – Dave Delorey will begin his rotation at the Planning Board meetings. Steep driveways on Christy Road will be discussed at the next meeting. Other matters are routine.
- 2) **Appointments** –
  - Dave Delorey moved to appoint Tim Trimbur to the Forestry Committee for a three year term. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.
  - Dave Woodbury moved to appoint Bo Strong to the SNHRP, contingent upon verification of the term. Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **Tree Removal – Class VI section of Cochran Hill Road:** Ellen Riley will be contacted to obtain permission to take down the tree. It is believed to be on their land. Dave Woodbury moved to lay the decision on the table. Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- 2) **Mid-Year Budget Status** – Most budgets are tight. Going to have to watch spending closely.
  - The shortage in the Highway winter budget is being solved by not spending some Block Grant money.
  - Also discussed was cancelling the BMSI software used by the Tax Collector for sending Tax bills.. Would there be any savings from not needing that module any longer?
  - Highway & Transfer Station- switch places for presentation of budgets to the Finance Committee. November 1, 2001 will be for the Library, along with the Salary Plan.

- Using a calendar, related to the budget process, show dates for all functions.
- 3) **Mid-Year Goals Review** – The status of the Selectmen’s goals, Department Heads’ Goals, and the Warrant Articles were reviewed. Attached are copies.
- 4) **Other (Items arising after posting of agenda that need prompt attention)**
  - **Thibeault Pit Letter** – a letter is being sent to remind Mr. Thibeault of the operating rules of gravel pits, after seeing a truck leave the pit at 6:30 AM Friday, and a gate left open late on Saturday PM.
  - **Drainage Easement** – was approved for a lot off Lyndeboro Road because the road had been built to the far side of the right of way, causing the drain to empty onto private property.
  - **Waiver Cochran Hill Road (Friendly Beaver Campground)** – Could we place road width in the listing of road specifications? The maintenance responsibilities between the parties will be reviewed again as Town use of the road becomes more clear. If we pay for repairs for Town use of the road, how do we pay our fair share? This question has been referred to Attorney Bill Drescher.

Dave Woodbury moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 PM. Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Prepared by Cindy Romano*