

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
August 27, 2001**

A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Gordon Carlstrom at 7:01 PM.

**PRESENT:**            Gordon Carlstrom            Chairman  
                         David Woodbury            Selectman  
                         David Delorey            Selectman  
                         Burton Reynolds            Town Administrator

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**     None

**APPOINTMENT:**

**7:00PM            Sand Pit Hearing            Sherburne Lot (Highway Use)**

There was a public hearing held for the purpose of discussing the Highway Department's intent to excavate from the Sherburne property off of Cochran Hill Road. The Highway department plans to extrude 6,000 cubic yards of sand on an annual basis during a two to four week period. The topsoil will be set aside and used for reclamation in the future. There will be a fifty-foot buffer from the road and a seventy-five foot buffer from the wetlands at the back of the property. Christine Quirk of Cochran Hill Road is concerned about a steep slope and the safety of the children. Lee Murray, Road Agent, assured her that he would not leave a steep slope greater than 1:3 (height vs. run) in the excavation area. The public hearing was closed.

**7:15PM            Lee Murray            Highway Department**

Lee Murray was present to give the Selectmen an update on other Highway projects.

- Lee brought in a sample of a knit glove that will be available for trash pick-up by the general public. He will purchase ¼ case of gloves, (40 pairs.), along with trash bags.
- Cemetery Hill Road – needs three basins and one culvert; will be paved afterwards.
- Bedford Road – the final grading and paving will be done on Wednesday.
- Hopkins Road – needs one more culvert before paving work begins. The Granite State Pit will be supplying crushed gravel.
- Overloaded and speeding trucks were also discussed. The State needs to get involved in the monitoring of the trucks. The Selectmen will send a letter to the State on this matter, and also a letter of thanks to the Granite State Pit for their gravel contribution.
- A private contractor is now doing mowing throughout New Boston's roads. Dave Delorey mentioned that he is damaging some of the larger trees. Lee will speak with the contractor regarding this matter.
- Electrician David Cramb of New Boston has repaired electrical problems at the Highway Shed. The cause is undetermined, but lightening rods and surge

protectors have been installed. The Building Maintenance account will be over-budget due to this expense.

- The Bedford Road project had additional expenses due to hitting ledge. This will be taken from the Block Grant money. Dave Woodbury made a motion to accept the excavation invoice of \$7,215 for the additional expenses. Dave Delorey seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- South Hill Road – after discussion, Dave Delorey made a positive motion to accept the dedication of a section of South Hill Road, for the purpose of future widening and drainage work. The purpose of deciding the issue was to resolve a pending yet unexecuted dedication from an earlier sub-division. Dave Delorey spoke against the motion. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. The motion was defeated by a vote of two to one, with the chair voting in the minority.
- Truck traffic on Wilson Hill Road was discussed. No Thru Trucking signs have been placed on Bedford Road, at the end of Wilson Hill Road. It was decided to order another sign and place it on Byam Road near Route 13. Selectmen agreed to inform residents of action taken and also write to Ernie Thibeault expressing concerns with Byam Road and requesting a finish date.

**7:30PM                      Chief Begin                      Police Department**

Chief Begin was present for his monthly update to the Selectmen.

- Compensation to officers for their time spent in court was discussed. Currently the State reimburses the Town once a month with a single check and it is then dispersed to the officers. The Chief would like to pay the officers out of the overtime account and then reimburse the account with the State's check. This will increase the overtime expense to the Town slightly for the year 2002.
- Dave Delorey made a motion to accept the Chief's recommendation to grant an applicant's license to sell firearms. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- Pistol permits were also discussed.
- Hiring update – The Chief has been very busy and hasn't had time to do background checks on applicants. He would like to add another full-time officer for next year. Salary is a big issue in attracting officers to New Boston. Young officers don't want to work for small town departments, and the economy plays a role in attracting officers.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 6) **Personnel Issues – Non-public** – At 8:28PM Dave Delorey made a motion according to RSA91A: 3 Section (a ) to discuss a Police Dept. personnel issue. The motion was seconded by Dave Woodbury each member of the Board was polled individually and all were in favor. The motion was made by Dave Delorey to exit the non-public session at 8:45PM and seconded by Dave Woodbury. Each member of the Board was polled individually and all were in favor.

**APPOINTMENT:**

**8:45 PM Irene Baudreau/Paula Bellemore Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Irene and Paula were in attendance to present to the Selectmen a suggested proposal for both the positions of Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Paula would become the primary Tax Collector with Irene as the Deputy Tax Collector. Irene would become the primary Town Clerk with Paula as the Deputy Town Clerk. Also suggested was a floating third person within Town Hall to help out with time-consuming tasks during the busy periods. Irene agreed to help with Paula's basic training as Tax Collector and then a more advanced trainer will take over. Paula informed the Selectmen that she could only devote a maximum of twenty hours a week to the position.

After some discussion, Dave Delorey moved to accept the resignation of Irene Baudreau as Tax Collector, effective August 31, 2001. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dave Delorey also moved to appoint Paula Bellemore as Tax Collector effective September 1, 2001 until March 2002 when she will have to run for re-election. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Dave Delorey moved to appoint Irene Baudreau as deputy Tax Collector and Paula Bellemore as deputy Town Clerk. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

There will be a monthly progress report on the two new positions, with daily supervision by Burton Reynolds.

June Hicks, Town Treasurer, was present to inquire about the details of a bank deposit made on Monday, August 27, 2001. The details of the deposit were discussed and cleared up. June also inquired regarding documentation for tax deposits made in August 2000. Selectmen assured her that she would get the necessary papers.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of July 23<sup>rd</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed at next week's meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Planning Issues** – There will be a number of hearings at Tuesday night's meeting, one of which includes JFL Enterprises for eighteen house lots. There are two preliminary hearings, one for 2 lots, and one for 10 lots. There was a site walk for JFL. A couple of lots may not qualify due to wetlands and a cistern requirement. The hearing is scheduled for 8:00PM on Tuesday, August 28<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) **Cable Contract** – Jack Mitroff, of Thornton Road, and chairman of the cable committee, has spoken with many contacts and collected a lot of information. The proposed contract does not address the needs of the town and other cable

companies are not interested in New Boston. Jack suggested a public hearing on the subject, with negotiations to follow. Selectmen have tentatively chosen October 10<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2001 as hearing dates. Dave Delorey will contact Adelphia to set it up.

Dave Delorey moved to extend the meeting for one hour to address the agenda items. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- 3) **No Thru Trucking** – This was discussed earlier in the evening with Road Agent, Lee Murray.
- 4) **Wheelabrator Contract** – Selectmen reviewed and agreed to renew New Boston's contract with Wheelabrator. Dave Delorey moved to accept the contract, with an ending date of December 31, 2006. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor. Selectmen signed the contract.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) **CIP & Warrant Articles** – Selectmen reviewed CIP and discussed the warrant articles for the upcoming Town meeting. Burton is concerned with the economy in general and would like to keep the articles to a minimum.
- 2) **Revenues (MS-4)** – Burton passed out copies of year-to-date revenue figures and reviewed them with the Selectmen. MS-1 values are completed and Burton is reviewing with Linda Sizemore, Selectmen's secretary. The tax rate will be set in October.
- 3) **GZA Contract** – the contract was reviewed by the Selectmen and signed. Burton will return to DES.
- 4) **Town Hall Floors** - Burton has received quotes from Kevin Larmand of New Boston and Rick Perez of Goffstown, to strip and wax the tile floors and refinish the wood floors in Town Hall. Rick's quote was significantly lower. Selectmen agreed to go with the lower quote.
- 5) **Temporary Trailer Permit Expiration** – Mark Anderson's permit has expired. Selectmen agreed to send a letter suggesting that he to encourage discussion with the building inspector. A letter will also be sent to Clifton Wilson, who also has a trailer permit that is about to expire.

OTHER: None

#### PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Joe Nangle** made suggested that maybe a Forestry group keep an eye on the tree trimmers when they're in town, to make sure that trees are trimmed properly so as not to damage the trees in the future. Dave Delorey suggested having the utility companies come in to discuss trimming procedures.

**Al Romano** of Lyndeboro Road inquired about the proposed emergency entrance to the Central School. Gordon informed him that it would be a warrant article from the school. Al also informed the Selectmen that the Granite State Gravel Pit off of Hopkins

Road appears to be excavating in New Boston, which would require a gravel permit. He also complained about their extended hours of operation.

Dave Delorey made a motion to enter a non-public session at 11:20PM according to RSA91A: 3 Section III (a) to discuss a personnel issue. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. Members of the Board were polled individually and all were in favor.

Dave Delorey made a motion to exit the non-public session at 11:50PM. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. Members of the Board were polled individually and all were in favor.

Dave Delorey made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:50PM. Dave Woodbury seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Prepared by Cindy Romano*