

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
November 26, 2001**

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

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

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**7:00 PM      Randy Parker      Parker Library Lot**

Burton contacted Randy Parker before Thanksgiving to see if there was anything the Town could do to expedite the process. Leslie Nixon has reviewed the deeded easement and questions the transfer of the property to the Town. Further study reveals that the right of way may need to be changed. Don Grosso is looking at all possible traffic flow patterns. Selectman Woodbury suggested revisiting the existing easement and the underlying documents in order to get a definitive ruling on the easement. Selectman Carlstrom questioned whether the matter ought to be reviewed by Attorney Drescher. Selectman Woodbury suggested that the Library Trustees be kept involved and informed of the situation. A title search needs to be obtained and the feasibility of transferring the easement requires further study.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of November 5<sup>th</sup> and Selectman Woodbury moved to accept them as amended. Chairman Carlstrom seconded the motion. Both were in favor. Selectman Armstrong abstained from voting.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Planning Issues** – The November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Planning Board was a work session. Items discussed were:
- The driveway permitting process - in the future the Planning Board will defer to the Road Agent regarding driveways, except in instances involving policy or land uses.
  - The wetlands buffer proposed in the zoning ordinance - this issue needs more work, but needs to be resolved soon. The Planning Board will decide on November 27<sup>th</sup> whether or not to endorse the amendments or not.
  - Ernie Thibeault's bill for Byam Road – Selectman Woodbury has some questions regarding the invoice and suggested that someone with accounting experience review the bills. This will probably affect the acceptance date of the road by the Town. Mrs. Byam's letter needs to be resolved before acceptance of the road.

The November 27<sup>th</sup> meeting will be a formal meeting of the Planning Board, and there is a long agenda scheduled.

**2) Cable Contract** – Burton is doing a status check on the contract and the Selectmen are waiting for an update from Jack Mitroff.

**3) Short Term Disability** – Full time employees currently earn twelve sick days per year, with three exceptions; Town Administrator, Police Chief, and the Recreation Director. Sick days may be accumulated up to 90 days, but only twelve will be paid upon separation. The Selectmen need to determine the cost-effectiveness of short-term disability insurance versus increasing the amount of sick days earned. Burton suggested using partial sick days in conjunction with disability benefits. This topic will be reviewed again by the Selectmen.

**5) Recreation – Revenue Split** – Steve Plodzik will be auditing the Recreation Department's books beginning with August 1, 2001. Recreation will "gift" to the Town an amount of money to cover monthly expenses paid by the Town. All fees received by the Recreation Department will become the property of the Town. Selectman Woodbury suggested that these fees be used solely for recreation purposes and not be put into the general fund. The Friends of Recreation need an insurance policy separate from the Town.

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1) Year to Date Financials** – Burton reviewed with the Selectmen the year to date financials of the Town budget. Included in the review were the encumbered accounts, the warrant articles, and the Town's operating budget. Among the deficit line items were the Bookkeeper, Auditing, Town Clerk and Tax Collector.

**2) 2001 Goals – Status** – Burton reviewed the goals and their status with the Selectmen. Among those were; Short Term Disability insurance, cable contract, alternate school access, bookkeeping, town email addresses, town ordinances, Road Committee responsibilities, reorganizing Town Clerk office, junkyards, operating budget changes, RSMS, Pay-As-You-Throw program, ambulance fees, Open Land pamphlet, Performance Review forms, and the warrant articles from March 2001.

**3) Insurance for Fire Department Volunteers** – the volunteers are currently working under the workers' compensation plan. This will be on the agenda for next week.

**4) Date for Budget Hearing and Library Bond Hearing** –  
**Budget Hearing** – Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
**Library Bond Hearing** – same night, school library

**G. OTHER:** None.

**H. PUBLIC COMMENT:** Al Romano of Lyndeboro Road complained about the hours of operation of Granite State's Gravel pit off Hopkins Road. He asked if there was anything else that could be done, aside from calling the pit owner. The Selectmen suggested that he send a letter to the Selectmen. The Selectmen agreed that most of the complaints they receive concerning gravel pits in New Boston are regarding the abuse of the hours of operation, rather than noise or speeding trucks.

**I. ADJOURNMENT:** Selectman Woodbury moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 PM. Selectman Armstrong seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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**Selectmen's Agenda**

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- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. PUBLIC COMMENT
  
- C. APPOINTMENTS
  - 1.
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  - 3.
  
- D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 1. Minutes of 11/5/01
  - 2.
  
- E. OLD BUSINESS
  - 1. Planning Issues
  - 2. Cable Contract
  - 3. Short Term Disability
  - 4. Parker Library Lot
  - 5. Recreation – Revenue Split
  
- F. NEW BUSINESS
  - 1. Year To Date Financials
  - 2. 2001 Goals - Status
  - 3. Insurance for Fire Department Volunteers
  - 4. Date For Budget Hearing and Library Bond Hearing
  
- G. OTHER( announcements/items arising since posting of agenda that need prompt attention)
  
- H. PUBLIC COMMENT
- I. ADJOURNMENT