

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
New Boston Select Board Meeting

February 26, 2024

APPROVED

In attendance at Town Hall: Donna Mombourquette, William McFadden, Kary Jencks

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Donna Mombourquette at 6:30PM with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Sign Consent Agenda

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Consent Agenda dated February 26, 2024. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

1st Public Comment

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Seeing no public comment, Donna Mombourquette closed the public comment session.

Appointments

Item 1: Welfare Administrator Chloe Diorio

The Board welcomed Chloe Diorio, Welfare Administrator. Ms. Diorio gave an overview of the welfare process for the Town.

New Business

Item 2: Vote to Expend Funds from the Municipal Facilities Expendable Trust Fund for Sprinkler Repair with John L. Carter Sprinkler Company

Donna Mombourquette moved to expend \$10,930 for necessary work and bid on for the project with John L. Carter Sprinkler Company. Seconded by Kary Jencks.

Discussion:

Bill McFadden noted that there is extra funding for the electrical work. Once a hard number is known, the Board could take an additional vote. Donna Mombourquette suggested that the motion be made for a not to exceed number instead.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – nay; Donna Mombourquette – nay; and William McFadden – nay; 0-3-0 motion failed.

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Donna Mombourquette moved to expend an amount not to exceed \$15,000 for necessary work for the project with John L. Carter Sprinkler Company. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Item 3: Office Moves

Donna Mombourquette explained that the proposal is for different moves within the Town Hall offices. There was agreement on the Board for these proposed moves.

Item 4: Employee ID Badge Procedure

Donna Mombourquette explained that the Police Department is willing to create employee ID badges, to be Town property. This is a formalizing of the existing process.

Bill McFadden questioned the necessity if employees are not asked to display or show their badges. Donna Mombourquette noted that these can be helpful if employees go out into the public for work.

The Board agreed to move forward with formalizing this procedure.

Item 5: Review and Sign Cybersecurity Contract

The Board reviewed and signed the cybersecurity contract with Emertech, effective April 1st.

Item 6: Review and Sign Comcast Limited Franchise Agreement

The Board reviewed and signed the Comcast limited franchise agreement.

Old Business

Item 7: Approval of Deliberative Session Minutes of February 5, 2024 and Public Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2024

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Deliberative Session meeting minutes of February 5, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the meeting minutes of February 12, 2024 as presented. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – abstain; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 2-0-1 motion carried.

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Item 8: Select Board March Meeting Schedule

The Board discussed its meeting schedule. It was noted that Bill McFadden is running unopposed and could be sworn in immediately after the election. The two Board members could then choose to meet on March 18th. The Board agreed to tentatively schedule a meeting on March 18th.

Internal Reports

Item 9: Select Board Reports

Bill McFadden stated that the Energy Commission met on the 15th and discussed updates on Community Power and the Town's high-speed Internet from Comcast. There was a Highway Safety Committee on the 20th, regarding discussion on the speed issue on Route 77 and the intersection of Hooper Hill and Mont Vernon Road. There is a proposal to remove the island in that intersection. There was a Fire Station Committee Meeting on the 21st and plans are being finalized to go off to bid. There was also discussion regarding the driveway realignment.

Kary Jencks explained that she has been speaking with the Town Planner regarding the new Building Inspector, Mr. Ed Hunter. The Community Economic Development Committee approved the minor changes made by the Board made to their bylaws. She continues to work on an interview schedule for the Town Administrator.

Donna Mombourquette stated that she has attended three meetings related to Community Power. She also attended a stakeholder group commissioned regarding Senate Bill 16, related to unused utility poles throughout New Hampshire. She has also been following other items of recent and upcoming legislation.

2nd Public Comment

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Karen Scott, 110 Dane Road, asked if Donna Mombourquette is running for the House. Donna Mombourquette suggested that this be addressed in an email.

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Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A: 3, II (c)

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Donna Mombourquette moved to enter into Non-Public per RSA 91-A: 3, II (i) (c) and (a), at 7:08pm. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Kary Jencks moved to exit Non-Public at 9:30pm. Seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Bill McFadden moved to seal the Non-Public minutes for ten years. Seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Kary Jencks moved to adjourn at 9:35pm. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, March 4, 2024