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**Town of New Boston
Special Selectmen's Meeting
October 28, 2016**

PRESENT: Joe Constance Selectman
Rodney Towne Selectman
Christine Quirk Selectman **via Live Video**
Peter Flynn Town Administrator

Assessing Contractor George Hildum and Rob Charest

Call to order: A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 1:30 PM.

Item 1: The Board discussed the details of the new tax rate as set forth by the NH Dept. of Revenue along with Mr. Flynn's input to the State including the updated revenues and a number of check listed items required by the DRA.

Christine Quirk asked for the Fund Balance information and Mr. Flynn said it was \$1,340,508. He also said that the Town did not need to use any fund balance to offset taxes this year due to the lower rate coming forth.

Rodney wanted to review all the details with the Board before authorizing an official Press Release.

Joe moved to release the tax rate information as established by the DRA and also publish the detailed breakdown as put together by Mr. Flynn. Rodney seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Item 2: Assessing Contractor George Hildum explained that his viewpoints were strictly technical and not considered a legal opinion and feels that the judge sidestepped legal arguments and relied on factual determinations in the Diaz vs. New Boston abatement case. He now is of the opinion "When in doubt, take it out" philosophy.

George also referred to lots on Joe English Road that have gone through similar current use situations.

At this time the Board moved to go into non-public session for legal purposes

Joe Constance moved to go in to non-public session per RSA-91-:3, II, (c) .and (e)

Poll Vote taken: Joe-yes, Rodney-yes and Christine-yes (Christine-via Live Video)

The board went into Non-Public at 2:05PM.

The Board came out of non-public at 2:20PM per a motion by Rodney Towne seconded by Joe Constance. Vote was 3-0.

Christine moved to NOT Appeal the Diaz Abatement Court Decision recently decided by the Court. Rodney Seconded. Motion was 2-1 not to appeal. Joe voted to appeal.

Item 3: John Winslow Case- the Board discussed whether to allow an extension to the due date that Duke Winslow was to clean up his site. He had until November 1, 2016 and claims through his attorney that he could not completely comply with the order. He cited his illnesses and also disputed some of the items required to be moved.

After much discussion the Board took a vote as follows: Christine Quirk moved NOT to grant an extension to Duke Winslow to clean up his site as directed in a court order. Rodney seconded the motion. The vote carried 3-0.

The board then directed the Town Administrator to advise Atty. Leslie Nixon as such.

ADJOURNMENT: Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:30 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Prepared by Peter Flynn