

# Approved

## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting December 5, 2016

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Joe Constance	Selectman	
	Rodney Towne	Selectman	
	Christine Quirk	Selectman	Absent
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator	

Kaleb Jacob of the public was present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:00 PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda-**The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Joe moved to approve the consent agenda. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 1: Adoption of Public Minutes and Non-Public Minutes of November 21, 2016:** The Selectmen reviewed and amended the Public and Non-Public Minutes of November 21, 2016. Joe moved the Public and Non-Public minutes of November 21, 2016 be accepted as amended. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 2: Update On YTD Expenditures and Revenues:** Peter reported he reviewed the Fire Department budget with Joe and they noted it has leveled off. The Welfare budget is expected to be overbudget this year due to rent and electric bill requests this month. The Town Clerk revenues have increased as they usually do at the end of the year. Building Department revenues are also doing well. Some revenues at the Transfer Station are better than expected but some did not do as well as expected. The town is handling the default budget well.

### **F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Item 3: Approval of 2017 Town Holiday Schedule and Selectmen Meeting Schedule:** Peter reported these are ready for Selectmen approval. Joe moved to approve the 2017 Town Holiday Schedule as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 Selectmen's meetings can be held anytime as called by the Chair. Christine will attend some upcoming meetings via video. Joe moved to approve the 2017 Selectmen's Meeting Schedule as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

**Item 4: Town Administrators Report:**

- Old Coach Road Issue With Fairpoint: Peter and the Road Agent held a conference call with officials from Fairpoint on December 2, 2016 where Fairpoint committed to getting the poles done by the mid to end of January.
- Finance Committee: The meeting process is progressing well. The Committee will meet December 8 to view the Fire Station Powerpoint Presentation as presented to the CIP Committee. The Committee will review the School District budget December 15. Peter is updating the bond schedule.
- Disposal of 1999 Ambulance: Peter and Dan have not yet met to discuss.
- Rodney noted disposition of the current fire station is the Selectmen's responsibility and needs to be included in the Warrant Article. \$10,000 to cover excluded items is expected to be added to the Warrant Article.
- The Selectmen plan to meet to discuss the direction of the 2017 budget. More changes may be needed for the Selectmen to vote to agree to the budgets. A meeting is planned for December 14 at 11:00 AM.
- The Recreation Commission has reviewed the job description and duties of the Recreation Department clerk. They compared this position to similar positions in other towns and in New Boston and found the step and grade of the current person is not where they should be. This potential proposal is not included in the budget the Recreation Department presented to the Finance Committee. The Selectmen recommended any change in this position be included in the current final Recreation Department budget number. They reviewed a document provided by the Recreation Commission and found the full time service of the current position to be inaccurate and would like this clarified in any proposal on this position.

**Item 5: Selectmen's Reports:**

Joe reported on the recent Planning Board Meeting. Fire Inspector Eric Dubowik met with the Planning Board and spoke about the Fire Department water supply, cisterns and sprinklers, and a proposed change in the language. Joe asked what constitutes an adequate water supply in New Boston and how it would relate to the Master Plan. He asked how town growth affects New Boston fire protection. Rodney explained the current cistern capacity and fire hose length requirements are designed according to insurance requirements. Now some houses also have sprinklers, more effective than cisterns. Eric is proposing supplements for developments where water is not as available as it is in other parts of town. The town or developers could build more cisterns. The Selectmen will review the proposed language and how it works with the Master Plan. Peter Schellenberger also met with the Planning Board. The Planning Board asked him for clarification of his plan for the Ecosmith Recyclers business, asking him to keep the area neat as it is located along a scenic road.

**Public Forum:**

New Boston Taxpayers' Association Chairman Kaleb Jacob was present and noted over the past eight months he has attended meetings, learned more about the town process and found it to be transparent. He would like it to be more transparent. He likes the town and the people who work for the town. He doesn't think the town heeded the warning sent by the taxpayers in March as some budgets are steadily increasing. The town has not gone to the Taxpayer Association asking them how the town can change. His board may recommend he advertise a default budget be passed again in March. He did not think the Planning Board/CIP Public Hearing was advertised well enough. The Selectmen noted it as advertised on the town website and all over town, not just inside the Town Hall doors. They noted the Public Budget Hearing is January 17, 2017 at 6:00 PM.

**Item 6: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(a):** Joe made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II(a) at 6:38 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0-Poll Vote: Joe-yes and Rodney-yes. Board then entered non-public session.

**Move to exit Non-Public Session:** 6:50PM-Joe made a motion to exit Non-Public Session. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Joe moved to seal the minutes for 25 years with Rodney seconding. Vote carried 2-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:50PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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**Next Scheduled Meeting: Conference Room on December 19, 2016 -Town Hall  
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