

Adopted

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 20, 2017

PRESENT: Joe Constance Selectman
Rodney Towne Selectman
Christine Quirk Selectman
Peter Flynn Town Administrator

Deputy Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Angela Sullivan, Police Chief James Brace, Kaleb Jacob, School Board chairman Wendy Lambert, Anthony Cardone, Steve Sears, Willard Dodge, Bill Callahan, Bill McFadden, Officer Ryan MacLean, Cathy Widener, Guy Tino, Officer Jesse Byam, Officer Andrew Vollaro, Officer James Moran and fifteen other members of the public were present.

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

Reorganization of Board of Selectmen-Nomination and Election of a Chairperson: Joe nominated Rodney as Chairman of the Board. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Rodney then took over the meeting and welcomed Christine back to the Board after her recent re-election.

Appointment of Selectman Planning Board Member: Each Selectman holds a one year term of Planning Board representation for continuity. Alternates can be arranged as needed for meetings that the representative cannot attend. Christine moved to nominate Joe to serve on the Planning Board for 2017. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Joe moved to approve the consent agenda. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Introduction of William Callahan for Appointment to the Road Committee: Bill Callahan was present and said he is interested in volunteering for the Road Committee. He moved to town approximately one year ago and wants to become part of the community, add his ideas to help build and shape New Boston. He has worked in the construction material industry for twenty years with concrete, asphalt and aggregate. He is interested in the other side of the industry such as roadwork. Joe suggested the current Road Committee meet again to discuss its future as they recently met and considered the future direction of the Road Committee including

the possibility of pausing to reappraise its role or possibly discontinuing the Committee entirely. The Road Committee can then get back to Bill and others who may be interested in volunteering on this Committee. The Selectmen thanked Bill for his interest and encouraged him to consider other areas in town where he can volunteer. The Selectmen will get back to him in a couple months.

Item 2: Police Chief James Brace:

Appointment of Jesse Byam from Part Time to Full Time Officer

Introduction to the Board and “Formal” Swearing of Officer Jesse Byam and Officer

Andrew A. Vollaro (Both Officers Have Been Previously Appointed but Not Introduced to

the Board): Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to appoint Jesse Byam and Andrew Vollaro as New Boston Police Officers. Jim noted that five years ago today he was introduced to the Board as New Boston’s new Chief and he made a commitment to building a Police Department residents would be proud of. That process starts with finding great officers. He introduced two officers that were previously appointed to the Selectmen. Officer Andrew Vollaro was hired in January 2017 as a part-time Officer. He earned his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice and an internship in the New Boston Police Department in 2016. He is currently completing his training at Police Standards in Concord and is scheduled to graduate on May 5th. Officer Jesse Byam was hired in October 2016 as a certified part-time officer from NH Marine Patrol and completed his New Boston training in November. He also worked for the Old Orchard, ME Police Department. He graduated in 2016 from Franklin Pierce College with a Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice. He will begin the NH Full Time Police Academy on May 1. He is recommended for appointment to the newest full-time position according to the Police Department’s 2017 budget request passed last week. Christine moved to appoint Jesse Byam a full time New Boston Police Officer as of April 2, 2017. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Jim said these officers will add to the solid foundation the Department has developed over the past few years and will be part of the future leadership at New Boston Police Department and solidify the team built there over the years. In front of a large crowd of friends and family, both officers were formally sworn by Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh, then had their badges pinned on by family. The Board welcomed Jesse and Andrew.

Lifesaving Awards: Officer James Moran And Officer Jesse Byam: Chief Brace presented lifesaving awards to Officer James Moran and Officer Jesse Byam for their efforts in December 2016 when they responded to a report of a 21-year-old man who was not conscious and barely breathing; the result of an apparent overdose. Upon arriving on scene, they partnered to deploy the AED and begin an assessment of the victim. Following their assessment, CPR was administered. During the resuscitation efforts, a pulse was registered and the victim begin breathing on his own. In partnership with the New Boston and Goffstown EMS Departments, the victim was transported to Catholic Medical Center in Manchester where he fully recovered from the medical event. The actions of these two young officers resulted in a life being saved and exemplified the very best of the standards set forth by the New Boston Police Department. Officers Moran and Byam were presented with a commendation and a lifesaving pin for their effort. The Board congratulated them.

Acceptance of E-Ticket Equipment Grant Award: In December the State of NH notified the Department of a potential grant for E-Ticket equipment. This was a pilot program in 2013 to allow tickets to be electronically transferred to the roadside and allow officers to print tickets, saving time and helping officers stay safe. It was implemented became statewide and the state made grant funds available to small towns once it realized small towns did not have the funding

for this. The Department applied for the grant and it was awarded in January. Jim began getting quotes from vendors for the equipment. He asked the Board to formally accept the grant so the Department can move forward. The cost is approximately \$3,400 for five units. This is paid for 100% by the grant now and the costs to the town would be maintenance and paper for the printer. Approximately \$500-1,000 maintenance and possibly one replacement per year will be added to future budgets. Joe asked about safety and how much time this would save per traffic stop. Jim said this would save approximately five minutes per stop and saves the officer from sending time looking down while processing paperwork, typing, etc. Peter signed the grant acceptance paperwork. Joe moved to accept the grant award #310-17a-062 for E-ticket equipment. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 3: Road Agent Dick Perusse-Highway Department-Authorization To Trade A Vehicle For Another From Another Community: Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss trading the town's 1967 1,000 gallon International tank truck for another town's 1988 2,500 gallon International tank truck. The other party is very interested in New Boston's truck and New Boston is very interested in their truck that would be very beneficial to New Boston. Joe moved to allow the Road Agent to trade the town's 1967 1,000 gallon International tank truck for another town's 1988 2,500 gallon International tank truck. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4: Adoption of Public Minutes of March 6, 2017: The Selectmen reviewed the Public Minutes of March 6, 2017. Joe moved the Public minutes of March 6, 2017 be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0-1 (Christine Quirk abstained)

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 5: Request From Footbridge Committee to Set up Trust Fund with Donations Left Over: Peter reported the NH DRA and Town Attorney Mayer suggested setting up a trust fund for donations left over from fundraising for the Middle Branch Footbridge as the fundraising goal was exceeded. This will be handled by the Trustees of the Trust Funds as are the entire town's other trust funds. The money is for footbridge maintenance and is not expected to be needed for quite some time. There is approximately \$6,000 left. Donor Carol Hess was contacted for permission as it is needed to use the money for a purpose other than footbridge construction. This fulfills the Selectmen's wish that no taxpayer money should go into the bridge and maintenance should be funded by donations. This fund can continue to collect donations as they come in. Joe moved to allow excess and future donated funds for the South Branch Footbridge into a trust fund to be managed by the Trustees of the Trust Funds for any future repairs to the footbridge. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 6: Town Administrators Report:

- Old Coach Road Issue with Fairpoint: Peter called Fairpoint who said they would be back to work in the area as soon as possible. The Selectmen asked when Fairpoint would be taken over by Consolidated Communications as they are taking over Fairpoint's debt

and it may be easier to deal with Consolidated. Peter will contact Fairpoint and the authorities if things are not taken care of by April 15.

- Update on Official Voted Budget And YTD Expenditures and Update On Revenue Report (YTD): Provided. Estimated revenues will be provided at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Item 7: Selectmen's Reports:

Joe reported the Planning Board learned that the Thibeault pit sale took place Wednesday. There is a cash bond with reclamation deadline of July 7 for \$75,000. The money will go to the town if the area is not reclaimed. The new owner and the town want the area reclaimed as soon as possible.

Joe reported the Forestry Committee met. Draft minutes are available. The Follansbee lot is complete. Tom Miller set out six sample spots for the American Tree Farm system. The Committee will work at the O'Rourke lot next. A harvest will be taken from the O'Rourke lot and the Transfer Station by the end of March. The Committee hopes to have all the town forests become part of the American Tree Farm system and possibly all Conservation Areas in the future.

Rodney thanked all involved for a successful voting day. Despite the challenges, 1,217 voters voted. The Selectmen thanked all who worked that day. Christine noted the gym needs to be warmer for future elections. School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert was present and noted the school apologizes as the heat was not working correctly that day. It is fixed now.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Steve Sears of Carriage Road noted he submitted a posting on the official town Facebook page asking the Selectmen to appoint special study committees to plan options going forward due to issues the town is facing and the outcome on Election Day. He has noticed over the past five years the public is not buying what the Selectmen are trying to sell. People moving in with expertise and backgrounds could help the town. Last year the New Boston Taxpayers' Association asked to interview town Department Managers and Committee and Board Chairmen. The Selectmen said at that time the Department Managers and Committee and Board Chairmen didn't have time to devote to that investigation. This would help ease that burden and help the town come up with ideas alternative to the current ideas. There is a lot of talent in town; people who have moved here in the last ten years are interested in helping with short term studies.

Item 8: 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. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0-Poll Vote: Joe-yes, Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Joe Constance made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 6:56 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Joe moved to seal the minutes for ten years. Rodney seconded. Board voted 3-0 in the affirmative.

Joe moved to advance Building Department Assistant Jan Caswell from Grade 3, Step 6A to Grade 3, step 7A. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on April 3, 2017 (6:00 PM)
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