

# Adopted

## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting July 17, 2017

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

**Item 1: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II Legal:** Joe made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II at 5:45PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0-Poll Vote: Joe-yes, Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. The Board then entered non-public session.

**Move to exit Non-Public Session:** Joe made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 6:15PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert, Police Chief Jim Brace, Karen Scott, Kaleb Jacob, David Litwinovich, Anthony Cardone, Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, and Fire Wards Dick Moody and Wayne Blassberg of the public were present for all or part of the meeting.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:17PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda-**The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Joe moved to approve the consent agenda including authorization of sale of Transfer Station skid steer loader and Appointment of Helen Fanning to the Recreation Commission. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

None.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 2: Heidi Ackerman-Discussion Re: Road Work on Her Street and Taxes:** Not discussed as Heidi was not present.

**Item 3: Fire Wards-Discussion Re: Fire Station:** Fire Chief Dan MacDonald and Fire Wards Dick Moody and Wayne Blassberg were present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss updates from the Fire Wards. Dan said the Fire Wards plan to meet more regularly with the Selectmen to keep them updated. He reviewed the updates with a handout as follows:

- Finances:
  - The Fire Department expects to meet the budget as forecasted.

- CIP Project: Tanker 1: Captain Segien has been working on a design with a Committee, they are 75% complete and an RFP will go out next week to allow the Fire Department to prepare for its meeting with the Finance Committee.
- Operations:
  - Member Status: Eight new members have joined the Fire Department and two resigned.
  - Recruit Program Status: The Department is maintaining daytime coverage. There are a couple open shifts currently but they are expected to be filled soon with the new members.
  - Calls for Service: 254 calls as of June 30.
- Major Initiatives:
  - Cost reduction for all town departments for fire extinguisher maintenance 60-75% by changing vendors.
  - Grant-LEOP Plan Update-completed. The grant was received. The state is expected to approve the application then the Selectmen will sign off. Many town departments worked on this. There will be no cost to the town for this plan. It is important to keep this plan up to date to qualify for grants.
  - Grant-Communications Site Upgrade-65% complete. This is taking longer than expected after a vendor was discharged and replaced with a new vendor. The circuit is planned for upgrade as the current circuit is obsolete.
  - Grant-SCBA Upgrade-No update at this time but the Department is hoping to receive a 95% grant for this during the summer. This problem needs to be solved by 2020.
  - Grant-Wildland Fire Education Program-New Boston was selected to hold the first workshop for this program in May and it was a successful day.
  - New Fire Station Proposal-2018: The new fire station proposal did not pass in 2017. A committee is working to update a Warrant Article for 2018. The Fire Wards will meet with the Selectmen with future updates.
- Recent Major Responses:
  - July 8 storm that only occurred in New Boston:
    - 65% of residents without power.
    - All major roads closed.
    - Fire Department radios down initially but working within ½ hour.
    - Excellent cooperation between Town Departments.
    - All roads back open within 22 hours of storm.
    - Power restored to all residents within 26 hours.
    - Investigating with the state possible financial relief for cleanup.
    - Received many comments on excellent communication to residents.
    - The Highway Department has been working all week cleaning up brush from the storm and has put the Bedford Road project temporarily on hold.
- Other:
  - Asplundh has begun tree cleanup as planned with the Planning Board.
  - Route 77: Dan noticed issues with old wire left on some poles about a year ago, Eversource agreed it was a problem and has begun working on it.

**Item 4: Police Chief James Brace-Re: Resignation of Officer:** Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss updates as follows:

- The Selectmen were requested to accept a donation to the Police Department. The Lovejoy and Neville families recently donated a 6x8 shed for the shooting range. The Highway Department delivered the shed to the range. **Jim spent \$200.00 on materials which he and Lt. Masella used to restore the shed.** A lock was obtained and it is now in use. Jim estimates the donation is worth approximately \$500. Joe moved to accept the gift of a shed valued at \$500 from the Neville and Lovejoy families for Police Department use with thanks. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0
- The Police Department received complaints about speed on Parker Road. This is probably related to the construction in downtown Goffstown. The Department is patrolling the area during each shift and the speed control sign will be placed there. The sign has been helpful in several areas of town this spring. Speed on Bedford Road is also a problem.

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

**Item 5: Adoption of Public and Non-Public Minutes of July 3, 2017:** The Selectmen reviewed the Public and Non-Public Minutes of July 3, 2017. Joe moved the Public and Non-Public minutes of July 3, 2017 be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

None.

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

**Item 6: Report of YTD Expenses and Revenues:** Peter reported expenditures are in line with 60-70% of the budget and the budget is expected to be sufficient this year. Revenue proceeds are going great, especially with motor vehicle registrations and building permits. Transfer Station revenues are less than expected so far.

#### **Item 7: Town Administrators Report:**

- Town Common Tree Cut: Peter reported the tree was removed and the common looks great. The roots were ground out and the lawn will be seeded. The Selectmen will send thank you notes to Jimmy Waller and Dale Smith for donating their time and equipment to make this happen.
- Ridgeview Lane Tower-Landscaping/Air Conditioning: The noise issue is resolved and the landscaping issue continues.
- Perambulation: This issue came up after Goffstown noticed a town border marker possibly in the wrong place. Peter scheduled a meeting last week with a Goffstown official but it was postponed and will be rescheduled. New Boston hopes to confirm its borders with the help of a volunteer.

#### **Item 8: Selectmen's Reports:**

- Forestry Committee: Joe is working on a narrative of the Colby Lot Management Plan and expects to be done soon.
- Rodney will meet with Police Chief Jim Brace about the road speed issue discussed above.
- Rodney attended the recent Planning Board meeting where a request for a firearms dealer on Molly Stark Lane was approved. No customers will go to the house, all orders are online and through dealers. The site plan states “No foot traffic” as required by the property owner.
- Rodney reported the Planning Board also discussed a three lot subdivision at Indian Falls Road/Susan Road in place of a previously requested seventeen lot subdivision. One lot consists of 97 acres and a “No further subdivision” clause may be added to that lot. The Planning Board accepted the application as complete and a sitewalk took place.
- The Planning Board is continuing work on the Master Plan. There was no update at the last meeting but the Planning Board will discuss the Facilities chapter next month.

**G. PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

**Item 9: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and (c):** Joe made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II(a) and (c) at 6:54PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0-Poll Vote: Joe-yes, Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. The Board then entered non-public session.

**Move to exit Non-Public Session:** Joe made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 7:10PM and Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Joe moved to seal the Non-Public minutes for a period of five years. Rodney seconded. All voted in favor. 3-0

Joe moved to accept the retirement of Lt. Masella effective July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017, seconded by Christine. Vote was 3-0 to accept.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:11PM. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on August 14, 2017 (6:00 PM)  
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