

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting October 2, 2017

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

Recreation Director Mike Sindoni, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Cemetery Trustees Clete Peirce and Warren Houghton, Historical Society members Bob Todd, Jay Marden and Dick Moody, Conservation Commission member Louise Robie, Karen Scott, David Litwinovich and Kaleb Jacob 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 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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: Jay Marden-New Boston Historical Society-Cemetery Inquiry: Historical Society members Jay Marden, Dick Moody and Bob Todd were present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss their concern about the overgrown condition of the Gregg Mill Cemetery on Saunders Hill Road. They said the Smith family was recently visiting from California to see where their ancestors were buried. They found saplings growing and the Historical Society became concerned and wants to clean up the area before the saplings become trees. The cemetery is believed to be bounded by a stone wall. They volunteered to view the area with a drone and have arranged to have the Boy Scouts clean up the area in the fall when leaves are off the trees. Rodney and Cemetery Trustees Clete Peirce and Warren Houghton noted there have been issues of access in the past as the property owners refused Cemetery Trustees entrance to their property for maintenance. Rodney suggested approaching the property owners again for permission, and if not, legal action could be taken according to the appropriate NH RSAs. The Selectmen recommended the Historical Society and Cemetery Trustees meet to discuss next steps. The Cemetery Trustees will schedule a meeting to discuss this issue. The Historical Society is interested in attending.

Item 2: Mike Sindoni-Request for Use of Town Hall Parking Lot for Halloween Trunk or Treat Event: Recreation Director Mike Sindoni was present to meet with the Selectmen to request permission to use the Town Hall parking lot for the annual Trunk or Treat event. He

noted the Recreation Department began the Trunk or Treat event two years ago as an alternative to the former Halloween Costume parade event. With Trunk or Treat residents who don't get trick or treaters at their house can bring their vehicle to the Town Hall parking lot to decorate it for a contest and prizes and pass out candy from their vehicle. The Recreation Department wants to try this again this year. They request to use approximately 12 parking spaces in the Town Hall parking lot beginning at 4:00 PM on October 31. Joe moved to reserve twelve spots on the town common side of the Town Hall parking lot for Trunk or Treat on October 31 from 4:00 PM to the end of trick or treating. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 3: Louise Robie-Conservation Commission Request To Paint Crosswalks On Gregg Mill and Parker Road: Conservation Commission member Louise Robie was present to meet with the Selectmen to request permission to paint a pedestrian crosswalk from Lang Station to Phase II of the Rail Trail and on Parker Road between Phase II and III. She has arranged for this with the Road Agent. The Conservation Commission and Rail Trail Committee would both paint and maintain the crosswalks. Pedestrian/Bike signs are also requested to warn drivers of pedestrians and bikers crossing the road in these areas. She noted the Rail Trail is used a lot. She took a census over the weekend and learned people come from near and far to use the New Boston Rail Trail. Joe noted he is in favor of the crosswalks. Rodney suggested review by the Highway Safety Committee due to safety and enforcement concerns. Peter will set up a Highway Safety Committee meeting to discuss. Road Agent Dick Perusse was present. He noted he is on the Highway Safety Committee and his concern is location and placement of the crosswalks. Louise has not yet designed the crosswalks or their placement and will work on this with the Committee.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4: Adoption of Public Minutes of September 18, 2017: The Selectmen reviewed the Public minutes of September 18, 2017. Joe moved the Public minutes of September 18, 2017 be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 5: Request By Chief MacDonald to Have Letter from Him Read Aloud at the Selectmen's Meeting: Fire Chief Dan MacDonald wrote a letter to the Selectmen dated September 21, 2017 and requested it be read into the minutes publicly. It is regarding the incident on Foxberry Road September 19, 2017 and recognizes the critical role the Road Agent and each New Boston Highway Department employee provided at the scene. Joe read the letter aloud. The Selectmen thanked Dan for recognizing the Road Agent and Highway Department for their efforts outside of their normal duties in this very difficult circumstance.

Item 6: Town Administrators Report:

- One Side of Painting at Town Hall: Beginning tomorrow.
- War Memorial Cleaning Pointing: Peter spoke to the contractor and minimally he will

clean the plaque and check the stone in the fall.

- Town Mapping: Bob Todd is no longer the town mapper as he is now retired and no longer has the necessary equipment. Peter will send out a request for bids for this task and would like the person to have GIS experience. Sandford Engineering is expected to provide a quote.
- Budget Prep Update: Finance Committee books for Committee members are expected to be ready for distribution on or about October 26. The CIP Committee begins meeting October 4. Christine will be the Selectmen representative on the CIP Committee.
- Town Administrator Evaluation: Pending.
- Expenditure and Revenues: Attached to information packet, budget is where it should be and there is the possibility of a surplus this year. Most departments are well within their budgets and not expected to exceed their budget. More accurate actuals will be provided to the Finance Committee as the end of the year approaches.
- Rodney reported Selectmen findings at the ramp at Bedford Road at numbers 588 and 590 discussed at the last meeting. Joe reviewed the area, Rodney reviewed aerial photography and they determined that the pavement had never been seventeen feet, although three feet needs to be added to bring it back to what had been there. The Selectmen reviewed it with the Road Agent and decided to add four feet of pavement to the area for an adequate solution.

Item 7: Selectmen's Reports:

- Joe reported the Planning Board and Fire Wards have been discussing fire suppression systems for thirteen years. Over the past year they have been exchanging questions and answers back and forth to determine the best procedure for New Boston. The Fire Wards presented to the Planning Board with a Powerpoint Presentation at the Planning Board's recent meeting. The Planning Board asked Fire Ward Scott Hunter to work with the Town Planner to determine which areas of town is water deficient and research models/regulations other towns have for subdivisions and cisterns. Joe then asked they research the possibility of less costly alternatives for cisterns as they are very expensive. This will also be used for the New Boston Master Plan. Christine noted the town voted several years ago on this. Rodney noted that vote was nullified by the state legislature. Joe noted sprinkler systems cannot be required and the town cannot have mandatory inspection of sprinklers in homes as it is entirely voluntary. Rodney noted the NH legislature decided sprinkler systems cannot be mandated, the town decided to give the option of cisterns or sprinkler systems to developers and many developers choose to install sprinkler systems in new homes due to decreased costs. This has caused areas of town to be without water supply. Residential sprinklers are designed for life safety but not to preserve the structure. The Fire Department is concerned with life safety first but then also has to deal with extinguishing a structure fire and any exposure. Sprinklers have a limited effect on extinguishing a fire depending on their rating and adequacy of the well and the town needs fire suppression systems. Fire ponds were discussed as New Boston considered options but never approved them as they have issues such as needed maintenance and winter freezing.
- Rodney noted citizen concerns about the closure of the Transfer Station brush pit. The Selectmen agreed at their recent meeting it could be closed for one month at a time. Peter will request a status from the Transfer Station Manager including actual figures of cost of removal, if any, and when it can be done.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

- Karen Scott of Dane Road asked the status of the Selectmen's discussion at the last meeting where they considered tearing up paving recently installed at St. Jude Road. The Selectmen noted they reviewed the area and determined it was paved appropriately.
- Planning Board member David Litwinovich noted the Planning Board is interested in the hire of the new town mapper and requests they be asked about their experience with GIS systems and possible future integration of GIS into the town mapping.

Item 8: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A: 3, II (a) and (e) Legal and Personnel:

None as Peter spoke to all Selectmen individually today about the matter. The Selectmen noted their opinions have not changed tonight so there is no need for non-public.

ADJOURNMENT: Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Prepared by Maralyn Segien

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on October 16, 2017 (6:00 PM)
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