

# Approved

## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting February 23, 2022

**PRESENT:** Karen Scott Selectman  
David Litwinovich Selectman  
Donna Mombourquette Selectman

Assistant To The Town Administrator Laura Bernard, Bill McFadden and one or more additional members 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 David Litwinovich at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consent Agenda-** The Selectmen reviewed the February 23, 2022 consent agenda. Donna moved to approve the February 23, 2022 consent agenda items including payroll, Accounts Payable and other signed official documents of actions that have been taken over the last number of weeks. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

David noted the Board always welcomes public comment and feedback. There are two opportunities for public comment, one at the beginning of the meeting and then another at the end. Anyone with a comment is asked to comment as per the rules for live meetings and state your name and address for the record and that comments be respectful and thoughtful. The Board will listen, but public comment is typically not back and forth. If there is any need for extended dialogue a request to be added to the agenda and supporting documentation should be sent to the Town Administrator beforehand. Seeing none, David closed the first session of public comment.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

### **D. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 1: Acceptance Of Conservation Easement At Map 002 Lot 141:** The Selectboard reviewed a proposed Conservation Easement donation at Map 002 Lot 141 including an exclusion area for an existing home. Karen moved to accept the Conservation Easement donation at Map 002 Lot 141 as presented. Donna seconded the motion. The motion carried. 3-0 The Select Board signed, and Laura notarized the document.

**Item 2: Schedule For Coverage On March 8<sup>th</sup> For Town Voting Day:** Each Select Board member plans to attend the entire day.

**Item 3: Town Of New Boston Investment Policy 2022:** The Select Board reviewed the Investment Policy that is required by the auditors to be updated annually. It has not changed. Donna requested a dated addendum be added to each policy when policies are revised or reviewed. This will be added to this policy and the Select Board will sign it in the next Consent Agenda. Trustee of Trust Funds Fred Hayes also reviewed the policy previously.

#### **E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 4: Approval of Public Minutes of January 10, 2022, Public minutes of January 14, 2022, Non-Public minutes of January 14, 2022, Public minutes of January 18, 2022, Public minutes of January 19, 2022, Non-Public minutes of January 19, 2022, Public minutes of January 26, 2022, Non-Public minutes of January 26, 2022, Public minutes of February 2, 2022, Non-Public minutes of February 2, 2022, Public minutes of February 16, 2022, Non-Public minutes of February 16, 2022:** The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of January 10, 2022. Karen moved the Public minutes of January 10, 2022 be accepted as amended. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of January 14, 2022. Karen moved the Public minutes of January 14, 2022 be accepted as presented. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Non-Public minutes of January 14, 2022. Donna moved the Non-Public minutes of January 14, 2022 be accepted as presented. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of January 18, 2022. Donna moved the Public minutes of January 18, 2022 be accepted as amended. David seconded the motion. The motion carried. 2-0-1 The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of January 19, 2022. Karen moved the Public minutes of January 19, 2022 be accepted as amended. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Non-Public minutes of January 19, 2022. Donna moved the Non-Public minutes of January 19, 2022 be accepted as presented. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of January 26, 2022. Karen moved the Public minutes of January 26, 2022 be accepted as amended. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Non-Public minutes of January 26, 2022. Karen moved the Non-Public minutes of January 26, 2022 be accepted as amended. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of February 2, 2022. Karen moved the Public minutes of February 2, 2022 be accepted as presented. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Non-Public minutes of February 2, 2022. These will be reviewed further in Non-Public session. The Select Board reviewed the Public minutes of February 16, 2022. Karen moved the Public minutes of February 16, 2022 be accepted as presented. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board reviewed the Non-Public minutes of February 16, 2022. Karen moved the Non-Public minutes of February 16, 2022 be accepted as presented. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Select Board thanked Recording Secretary Maralyn Segien for her efforts preparing and organizing the Board minutes.

**Item 5: Shared Well Agreement-Review Attorney's Draft:** The Select Board reviewed the draft agreement submitted by town counsel in follow up to the discussion at the January 19, 2022

Select Board meeting. David moved to forward the draft agreement to the other parties for review and approval after which the Board will review again for approval and recording with the Registry of Deeds. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

**Item 6: Town Administrators Report:** The Select Board reviewed the Town Administrator's report as follows:

- Many positive comments were received about the Powerpoint Budget presentation at the Deliberative Session and the entire Deliberative Session. It is available to review on the town website, official town Facebook page and town hall streams.
- Town Administrator candidates have been interviewed and the Board will consider them further during Non-Public session.
- Jim attended a Lyndeborough Road bridge project summary meeting with the town engineer and FL Merrill to determine the final schedule for bridge completion. A second invoice is anticipated to be submitted within two weeks with work completed in the spring.
- The Select Board requested information in non-public session January 3, 2022 that has not been received yet.
- Karen and Laura received an e-mail of a plowing complaint on Thornton Road. The Highway Department is investigating.

**Item 7: Department Manager's Reports:** The Select Board reviewed the provided documentation.

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

David reported the following:

- Planning Board will meet March 14, 2022. A site walk is planned March 12.
- There is information posted on the website about the 2022 Warrant. The Board asked that a summary of the cost of each Article to the taxpayers be added to the website. This information is already available, embedded into each Article.

Karen reported the Road Committee will meet April 13, 2022.

Donna reported the following:

- The Solid Waste Advisory Committee will meet March 7, 2022.
- The group/unofficial broadband committee met January 24, 2022. Donna was unable to attend. Committee member Bill McFadden was present and reported the committee met January 24 with the Energy Commission. The group is at a standstill as they are waiting for needed information from Fidium/Consolidated Communications. Committee member Jennifer Allocca will follow up with them. The Energy Commission met February 15, 2022 to discuss the broadband project. The Commission would like to create a map to display in the lobby on voting day showing where Consolidated Communications and Comcast claim the broadband lines are available. Voters will be surveyed to confirm this at their location on that day.

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Bill McFadden of Dane Road was present and noted the following:

- Recommended remedy of any liability issues be clearly defined in the formal shared well agreement. Laura noted the three parties would be involved in routine testing and remedying of any issues found.
- Eversource has delayed its rebates, but they are now in place. Interim Town Administrator Jim Brace approved the expedited installation of LED light fixtures around town. This is planned the week of March 7.
- The New Boston Taxpayers' Association is holding its annual meet the candidates night March 6, 2022 at 6:00 PM at the library. Interim Town Administrator Jim Brace approved livestreaming the event. It will be live streamed and available to view anytime at [https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location\\_id=108&id=44106](https://townhallstreams.com/stream.php?location_id=108&id=44106) (townhallstreams.com/towns/newboston). Mark Anderson will moderate the event.

Seeing no further Public Comment, David closed the second session.

**Item 9: Possible Request for Non-Public-Per RSA 91-A:3, II(b)(c):** David moved to enter Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(b)(c) at 6:48PM. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: David-yes, Donna-yes and Karen-yes. The Board then entered non-public session.

**Move to exit Non-Public Session:** Karen moved to exit Non-Public Session at 8:11PM. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: David-yes, Donna-yes and Karen-yes.

Donna moved to seal the non-public minutes for five years. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: David-yes, Donna-yes and Karen-yes.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Karen moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:12PM. Donna seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room March 14, 2022 (6:00 PM)  
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