

TOWN OF NEW BOSTON
New Boston Select Board Meeting

January 29, 2024

APPROVED

In attendance at Whipple Free Library: Donna Mombourquette, William McFadden, Kary Jencks

A. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Donna Mombourquette at 5:30PM with a Pledge of Allegiance.

Sign Consent Agenda

Kary Jencks moved to approve the consent agenda for January 29, 2024. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

1st Public Comment

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Seeing no public comment, Donna Mombourquette closed the public comment period.

Appointments

Item 1: Lou Nixon - Current Use Question

Lou Nixon came before the Board to explain his request for an abatement of a current use land penalty. Several questions were asked by Donna Mombourquette for clarification regarding the lands in question. No other questions were asked. Donna Mombourquette suggested the Board would take the request under advisement with a decision forthcoming.

Item 2: Brandon Merron Fire Department – Review and Accept Forestry Equipment Grant Award

Chief Fraitzl explained that this is a request for a \$2,000 50/50 matching grant to help with preparation and mitigation of forest fires. The funding would be used to replace forestry fire hoses, nozzles, and protective equipment. Some of the matching funds will come from the Forest Fire budget, with the rest to come from the Fire Equipment budget line.

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the grant provided by the Division of Forest & Lands Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant in the amount of \$2,000 to be matched with municipal funds. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

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Item 3: Frank Fraitzl Fire Department - Acceptance of Tool Donation and Review of Clerk of the Works Proposals

Chief Fraitzl explained that the Black & Decker Corporation is making a hand powered tool donation in a value of \$2,300 to the Department.

Kary Jencks moved to accept the tool donation from the Grainger's Public Safety Incident and Emergency Management Corporation Teams' Fire Agency program alongside Stanley Black & Decker equaling a donation amount of \$2,300. Seconded by Donna Mombourquette.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Chief Fraitzl explained that five RFPs were sent out for the new Clerk of the Works position for the Fire Station. Two responses were received.

The Board agreed to move the recommended contract along for legal review.

Item 4: Personnel Policy Committee – First Reading Personnel Policy Revisions – Storm Leave, Personal Leave, Vacation Leave, Sick Leave

The Board tabled discussion on this topic to February 1, 2024.

New Business

Item 5: Review and Approve Economic Development Committee Bylaws

The Board tabled discussion on this topic to February 1, 2024.

Item 6: Deliberative Session Plan

The Board tabled discussion on this topic to February 1, 2024.

Old Business

Item 7: Approval of Public Hearing Minutes of December 18, 2023, Public Meeting Minutes of December 18, 2023, December 26, 2023, January 3, 2024, and January 16, 2024

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Public Hearing minutes of December 18, 2023. Seconded by Kary Jencks.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Public Meeting minutes of December 18, 2023, as amended. Seconded by Kary Jencks.

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Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Public Meeting minutes of December 26, 2023, as amended. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Public Meeting minutes of January 3, 2024. Seconded by Kary Jencks.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Donna Mombourquette moved to approve the Public Meeting minutes of January 16, 2024, as amended. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Internal Reports

Item 8: Select Board Reports

Bill McFadden stated that on January 4th he attended the Finance Committee meeting as an audience member. On January 10th there was a Road Committee meeting to review the Highway budget. On January 11th he attended the Finance Committee meeting as an audience member. On January 14th there was a Board meeting/budget review for the public at the Library and he wished there was better turnout. On January 16th, there was a Highway Safety Committee meeting regarding the Bedford Road culvert project. On January 16th there was a public budget hearing. On January 24th there was a Community Power public forum with many community members in attendance. January 23rd was Primary voting day and there was a good turnout with 2,400 voters. There was a Fire Station Committee meeting on January 24th to discuss progress of the Fire Station and the driveway alignment. He also met on January 27th with an MRI representative regarding the Town Administrator hire.

Kary Jencks noted that she recently ran a Department Manager's meeting. She has continued to work on the budget and support the Department Heads.

Donna Mombourquette stated that she has attended two Finance Committee meetings as the Board representative. She also attended the public forum with the Department Managers. She attended a NH Municipal Association Board meeting and attended a call with the NH DOT regarding a request for additional funding for the Gregg and Tucker Mill bridge projects.

2nd Public Comment (if needed)

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Seeing no public comment, Donna Mombourquette closed the public comment period.

**Kary Jencks moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:25pm. Seconded by Bill McFadden.
Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William
McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

Public Hearings 6:30 PM

Public Hearing - Review and Acceptance of Transfer Station Fee Structure Update

Donna Mombourquette called the public hearing to order at 6:37pm.

Gerry Cornett, Transfer Station Manager, explained that he is requesting a few changes to the Transfer Station fee structure to keep up with recent inflation. Tipping fees have increased 43% in two years. He explained that the Transfer Station is being inundated with mattresses lately and not making back the money to dispose of these.

**Kary Jencks moved to accept the new 2024 Transfer Station fees, as presented.
Seconded by Bill McFadden.
Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William
McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

**Kary Jencks moved to close the first public hearing at 6:36pm. Seconded by Bill
McFadden.
Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William
McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

Public Hearing - Community Power Program Initiation

**Kary Jencks moved to open the second public hearing at 6:36pm. Seconded by Bill
McFadden.
Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William
McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.**

Daryl Luter, Energy Commission, and Emily Manns presented regarding the Community Power Program, and answered questions from members of the public and the Board.

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Kary Jencks moved to close the second public hearing at 7:22pm. Seconded by Bill McFadden.

Roll Call Vote: Kary Jencks – aye; Donna Mombourquette – aye; and William McFadden – aye; 3-0-0 motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristan Patenaude

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 1, 2024