

# Adopted

## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting June 17, 2019

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Joe Constance	Selectman
	Karen Scott	Selectman
	Christine Quirk	Selectman
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator

Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard, Conservation Commission Chairman Laura Bernard, Chris Hall, David Litwinovich, Bill McFadden 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 Joe Constance at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Joe 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 state their 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 Peter beforehand. Seeing none, Joe closed the first session of public comment.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 1: Christopher Hall-Introduction of Applicant for The New Boston Recreation Commission and Request for Appointment for A Term Ending on March 31, 2022:** Chris Hall was present to meet with the Selectmen to introduce himself as an applicant for the Recreation Commission. He is a lifelong resident of New Boston and wants to become involved and help the community now that his children are getting older. He was approached by the Recreation Commission as he has been involved with the Recreation programs. Christine moved to appoint Christopher Hall to the Recreation Commission for three years. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Item 2: Dick Perusse-Discussion and Clarification Concerning 'Line Striping' Bids and Inclusions:** Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss line striping bids and inclusions. He sent hard copy invites to Industrial Traffic Lines in Londonderry

and another company and e-mailed invites to several companies. One bid was received from Industrial Traffic Lines to line stripe the town hall and library parking lots and roads. Nineteen miles of roads in town are line striped. Quality Pavement in Massachusetts also bid with restrictions. Dick recommends accepting Industrial Traffic Lines' bid as New Boston has used them several times before and they are a local company. A Massachusetts company was used before with unsatisfactory result. Christine moved to accept the bids for line striping in parking lots and roads. Karen seconded the motion. Majority were in favor. 2-0 (Karen didn't vote)

Bedford Road partially needs a final coat and line striping after. Coating lasts one year. This was not done last year.

### **Item 3: Laura Bernard and Ken Lombard-Informational Update on Conservation**

**Commission and Open Space Sub Committee Activities:** Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard and Conservation Commission Chairman Laura Bernard were present to meet with the Selectmen to update them on Committee activities. Ken noted the Committee held an open house last week for landowners with thirty acres or more to show them how to protect their land. The powerpoint presentation shown at that meeting was viewed. The Committee learned this information from a Saving Special Places Workshop. Federal tax breaks are currently available. 1,098 acres of land are currently protected in New Boston with plans to protect an additional thirty acres. A map showing New Boston protected lands was viewed. The Selectmen asked what percentage of land is protected. This has not been calculated. The Open Space Committee has been pursuing protecting land across from the river for years. Negotiation discussions are continuing to preserve this view along River Road. The Committee wants landowners to know they are available to help. There are conservation easement books available if anyone is interested. Brenda Lind published a book about how to conserve land that is being updated and planned to post on line soon.

Laura noted the Conservation Commission focuses on land abutting rivers to protect water quality. The thirty acres planned for protection is along the middle branch of the river. Another family contacted Laura a couple years ago as they wanted to donate land along Lyndeborough Road to the Conservation Commission. Ken negotiated with NEFF to take the land as they own the land around that parcel. A parcel on Old County Road was donated to the Conservation Commission a couple years ago. Ken has been marking boundaries and installed a sign naming it the Gallerani lot, after the former owners. The lot is now monitored to prevent significant damage that was previously being done to the lot by motorized vehicles. The Selectmen thanked Ken for all the hours he has spent working to protect New Boston land. Ken thanked all who have assisted him over the years. Louise Robie is working on fundraising matching funds for a \$100,000 federal grant that was awarded to the Conservation Commission to help finish work on the Rail Trail. The grant is available until September 30, 2021. The Commission continues to sponsor two New Boston children each year to Barry Conservation Camp. The Commission donated \$3,000 to the NBCS sixth grade Sargent Camp field trip this year and hopes to donate to NBCS for conservation clubs and camps each year.

Kaleb Jacob of Fraser Drive was present and asked about New Boston's interest in protecting the Air Force Tracking Station land if it becomes available. New Boston is interested. This has also been discussed in the Planning Board for some conservation and development. Some of the land is part of Amherst and Mont Vernon. Kaleb noted Mont Vernon zoned it industrial and New

Boston could do the same. Kaleb said it is a good place for an industrial/commercial base that could help ease property taxes. Ken noted there was discussion to limit it to 50 acre lots.

Kaleb asked if landowners approach the Open Space Committee to protect their land to ease their tax burden. Ken said no, the land is usually already in Current Use for some tax relief at a different tax rate, not a tax break, and landowners approach the Open Space Committee to protect the land. The town has received many outright donations. Laura noted Conservation Easements do not mean landowners are giving up their land, it just preserves land even through subsequent owners.

The Selectmen thanked all who are working for land conservation in New Boston.

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

**Item 4: Approval of Public and Non-Public Minutes of June 3, 2019:** The Selectmen reviewed the Public minutes of June 3, 2019. Christine moved the Public minutes of June 3, 2019 be accepted as amended. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0. The Selectmen reviewed the Non-Public minutes of June 3, 2019. Christine moved the Public minutes of June 3, 2019 be accepted as presented. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0.

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

None.

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

##### **Item 5: Town Administrators Report:**

- Estimate for Recreation Bus Shelter: The shelter is ordered and will be in place shortly.
- Road Committee: The Committee met June 11 and toured some problem roads.
- Line Striping: As above.
- Record Retention: Meeting scheduled for June 19.

**Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:** None.

#### **G. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Bill McFadden of Dane Road was present and asked if the line striping bid is fair as no competitive bids were received. Road Agent Dick Perusse noted the bid was average.

**Item 7: Possible Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)-Personnel:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 PM. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on July 1, 2019 (6:00 PM)  
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