

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting April 19, 2021

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Joe Constance	Selectman	via audio/conference call
	Karen Scott	Selectman	via audio/conference call
	David Litwinovich	Selectman	via audio/conference call
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator	

Energy Commission member Roger Dignard, Road Agent Allen Brown and other members of the public were present for all or part of the meeting via town hall streams/audio/ conference call.

This meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor's Executive Order 2020-04 insuring compliance with RSA 91-A considering COVID-19 circumstances. Due to the State of Emergency declared by the Governor because of the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Governor's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this public body is authorized to meet electronically. Please note that the public can access this live meeting by viewing it via a "live-stream" link on the New Boston NH website. Please note that all votes that are taken during this meeting shall be done by roll call vote.

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 reviewed the April 19, 2021 consent agenda. David moved to approve the April 19, 2021 consent agenda including reappointment of Ken Lombard to the Finance Committee, appointment of River Marmorstein to a full-time position as New Boston Police Officer and approval of a purchase of a used truck for moving trailers at the Transfer Station. Joe seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-no. The motion carried. 2-1.

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 call 603-848-5387 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, Joe closed the first session of public comment.

Item 1: Public Hearing-Request Acceptance of Police Department Body Camera Donation For \$10,000: The Selectboard reviewed the documentation provided. The donor will no longer

be anonymous as he has passed away but indicated in writing that this \$10,000 donation was for body cameras. This Public Hearing is to accept the \$10,000 donation from James “Bud” Baudreau. Karen moved to accept the \$10,000 donation from James “Bud” Baudreau for Police Department body cameras. It was noted that Mr. Baudreau wished that the funds be put towards any other protective and safety equipment should the body camera article failed at Town Meeting. David seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 2: Roger Dignard-Request for Participation in The Electric-Smart Plan Program Re: Lighting Fixture Replacements: Energy Commission member Roger Dignard was present to meet with the Selectboard to request participation in the Electric-Smart Plan Program from EMC to update light fixtures in various town buildings. This project is anticipated to save \$1,800 per year in electricity costs at today’s rates. Funding options were reviewed as a payment plan is available. Joe moved to authorize participation in the Electric-Smart Plan Program for electric light replacements in various town buildings and to pay \$7,000 in full if funds are available in the budget. Karen seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Approval of Public Minutes of March 15, 2021 and Non-Public Minutes of February 24, 2021 and March 15, 2021: The Selectmen reviewed the Public minutes of March 15, 2021. Karen moved the Public minutes of March 15, 2021 be accepted as amended. Joe seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen reviewed the Non-Public minutes of February 24, 2021. David moved the Non-Public minutes of February 24, 2021 be accepted as presented. Joe seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0 Karen moved the Non-Public minutes of March 15, 2021 be accepted as amended. Joe seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Request Acceptance of A \$1,000 Donation to The Recreation Department (No Public Hearing Required): The Selectboard reviewed the provided documentation. David moved to accept the \$1,000 donation from the Chau family for ice skating rink maintenance for the upcoming winter season and thank the Chau family. Joe seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 5: Appointment of Sonya Fournier From Probationary to Permanent Part Time in Building Department: Joe moved to appoint Sonya Fournier as Permanent Part Time Building Department Assistant. David seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 6: Preparation Re: Deliberative Session Including Assigning Motion Makers for Each Article: The Selectmen reviewed each Warrant Article and determined who would move

and second each one at the Deliberative Session May 3.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 7: Allen Brown-Possible Awarding of Paving Bids and Work on Lyndeborough Road (Road Closing for One Week): Road Agent Allen Brown was present to meet with the Selectboard to review the documentation provided for the paving bid request. After much discussion relative to the comparisons of each bid Allen explained that Continental had the most to offer in that the Road Guards were included in the price. Also, Allen explained that Continental had the experience especially through much work being done in the past and present for the State of NH DOT. Karen moved to award the paving bid contract to Continental Paving. David seconded the motion. Poll Vote: Joe-yes, David-yes, and Karen-yes. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 8: Town Administrators Report:

- Continued Road Paving Plans: As above under Item 7.
- Town Meetings: Deliberative Session rescheduled to May 3, 2021, voting day rescheduled to June 8, 2021.
- Energy Commission Report: As above under Item 2.
- Second Month of Department Manager's Reports: This new process is working out well for both the Selectboard and Town Administrator.
- Preparation for Deliberative Session Underway: The town and school are preparing for socially distanced Deliberative Sessions including meetings with school officials, setting up the NBCS Gymnasium for the event, preparing handouts for the public, preparing information booklet for each Selectboard member, Deputy Town Clerk and Moderator, and preparation as above under Item 6.
- Follansbee Forest Timber Cut: Bid request sent out to potential bidders. The Forestry Committee is handling this matter.
- Year-To-Date Expenses and Revenues: Provided.

Item 9: Town Department Managers Monthly Reports: Peter provided documentation from the Department Managers.

Item 10: Selectmen's Reports:

Joe reported the Forestry Committee is working to place town forests into Conservation Easements to be protected for perpetuity. The Forestry Committee will meet with Conservation Commission representatives on March 23 to discuss. The Follansbee and Johnson Lots are being marked for timber cutting for conservation purposes as above under Town Administrator's Report.

David reported the Planning Board met March 23 to review an application to construct an addition from Ecosmith Recyclers and office building construction at Chestnut Hill Road.

Karen reported the Road Committee will meet April 21.

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Item 11: Non-Public-Per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)(b)(c): Joe moved to enter Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II at 6:40PM. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: David-yes, Joe-yes, and Karen-yes. The Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Joe moved to exit Non-Public Session at 6:55PM. David seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: David-yes, Joe-yes, and Karen-yes.

Per discussion in non-public, the Board's consensus is to keep the salary grades and steps in place until the budget is decided on June 8, 2021.

Joe moved to seal the Non-Public Minutes for five years as the usual custom. David seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote- Joe-yes, David-yes, Karen-yes.

ADJOURNMENT: David moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:56PM. Karen seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: David-yes, Joe-yes, and Karen-yes.

Prepared by Maralyn Segien

**Next Scheduled Meeting: May 3, 2021-Deliberative Session
New Boston Central School Gymnasium-7:00 PM**