

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 11, 2019

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

Police Chief Jim Brace, Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, Graham Duck, Karen Scott, Kaleb Jacob and two more 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 Joe Constance at 9:00AM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda including the hiring of Michael DePetrillo as part time employee of the Transfer Station/Recycling Center; reappointment of Mark Suennen to the Planning Board, appointment of Michael Dahlberg from Alternate to Regular member and reappointment of Kenneth Clinton, both to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Christine 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 a 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: Graham Duck-Concerns Regarding Trucking On Wilson Hill Road/Byam Road Neighborhood: Resident Graham Duck was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the potential of a solution as there is more traffic on his road with heavy trucks consistently traveling it. He spoke to John Neville at Neville Excavation who said he plans to continue using the road to travel to a construction site he is working at Indian Falls Road. Graham noted he supports the development but the roads are narrow, crumbling and crowning and the constant trucks traveling the road all day is not a sustainable solution.

Joe noted another resident met with them with these concerns in 2018. The Selectmen and Police Chief then researched the situation. Alternate routes were considered such as Bog Brook

and Christie Roads but they are no better. Through trucking is not allowed, such as trucking to the town of Bedford, but trucking to a job site in New Boston is legal. Chief Brace is revising the New Boston Through Trucking ordinance and better signage is needed and being addressed. Joe noted there were trucks travelling Bedford and Byam Roads, sometimes at high rates of speed.

Rodney noted Neville is a New Boston business and he and other New Boston trucking companies have the right to use roads to go to job sites in New Boston. They could be rerouted through the center of town and up Meetinghouse Hill Road to Bedford Road. He asked residents to be patient and noted this travel will eventually end when the construction is complete.

Graham noted Neville indicated the current construction is expected to last three years and New Boston builds bad roads. Graham said he is concerned with the condition of the road, speed is not an issue but the trucks are large and heavy and he is concerned about road condition and for other cars and pedestrians on the road.

The Selectmen noted New Boston roads were not built for that type of travel and the Selectmen will consider a possible solution such as requesting these local businesses to alternate routes periodically.

Item 2: Dick Perusse, Road Agent-Re: Speed Limits On Dirt Roads: Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the possibility of reducing the speed limit on New Boston dirt roads as they are deteriorating due to winter conditions exacerbated by vehicle speed. Motorists are not traveling in an appropriate manner or in a manner that would prevent roads from deteriorating further. He requested dirt roads be posted at 20 miles per hour. The Selectmen asked if that would be enforceable. Police Chief James Brace was also present and noted that would be enforceable but a study might be required before posting a speed limit lower than 25 miles per hour. The Highway Department has received calls about the condition of the dirt roads due to mud and ruts. Faster speeds cause ruts to get larger. Slower speeds create less potholes. The Selectmen agree the town needs to post and enforce speeds properly. The Selectmen and Road Agent agreed to begin the process of posting dirt roads at 25 miles per hour. The process will include a Public Hearing and the proposal will be introduced at the March 18 Selectmen's meeting.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Approval of Non-Public Minutes of January 28, 2019, Public and Non-Public Minutes of February 19, 2019 and Deliberative Session Minutes of February 4, 2019 As Submitted By the Town Clerk's Office (Cathy Strausbaugh): The Selectmen reviewed the Non-Public minutes of January 28, 2019. Rodney moved the Non-Public minutes of January 28, 2019 be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen reviewed the Public minutes of February 19, 2019. Rodney moved the Public minutes of February 19, 2019 be accepted as amended. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 (Christine abstained). The Selectmen reviewed the Non-Public minutes of February 19, 2019. Rodney moved the Non-Public minutes of February 19, 2019 be accepted as presented. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 (Christine abstained). The Selectmen reviewed the Deliberative Session minutes of February 4, 2019. Christine moved the Deliberative Session

minutes of February 4, 2019 be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Karen Scott was present and noted the number of calls in the second paragraph on page three seems inaccurate. The Selectmen disagreed.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Discussion Of Selectmen's Availability At The Polls On March 12th: Joe will be at the polls in the morning, Rodney will arrive at noon then Joe will return later in the day. Christine will also be there late afternoon.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 5: Town Administrators Report:

- Record Retention: No update.
- Recreation Commission Bus Shelter: No update.
- Laurel Lane Pond And Drainage: Peter will contact NH DES.
- Railing In Front Of Town Hall: Dan Towne ordered the railing and it is ready to be installed before March 18.
- Auditors Explanation of Fund Balance: The auditors provided a written explanation to confirm the explanation given at Selectmen's meetings and the Deliberative Session and it was posted on the town website and official Facebook page.
- Update Of Status Of Mountain Road Issue: This will be discussed in non-public.
- DES Complaint Re: Fire Station Drainage Disposal: Response sent out explaining that the Fire Wards have jurisdiction.
- Signage On Byam Road And Wilson Hill Area: As above.

Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:

- The Planning Board heard a request from a new owner to rehabilitate the former NAPA building. The new owner met with the ZBA as required and will meet with the Planning Board again tomorrow night. The Board also set its 2019 goals.
- Joe reported the Forestry Committee will meet tonight. Signs were made for the Christmas tree area. They are ordering the Christmas trees for the current NBCS first graders to plant. An educational forest walk with the County Forester will be scheduled with NBCS sixth graders in April.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett was present and thanked Rodney for his service as a Selectmen, for holding the Department Managers to a higher standard and being a good mentor to the town.

As a Department Manager, he discussed the mailing that was sent to town residents from the Taxpayer's Association. Since the mailing went out he has received many questions about a Transfer Station CRF that does not exist and misinformation contained in the mailing that residents don't have a choice. The town put an expendable trust fund in place for the Transfer Station through Warrant Articles that funded the trust at \$5,000 per year over a three year period

to be used for any catastrophic failures at the Transfer Station. In 2018 the Transfer Station tried to use the funds but couldn't because the Warrant Articles were worded wrong. The 2019 Warrant Article is a request to correct the wording of the trust to be able to use the funds for repairs that are not available in the yearly Transfer Station budget as the repair line is small. The misinformation is wrong and the town is extremely transparent.

He also noted the mailing mentioned a detailed proposal about curbside pickup that was given to the Selectmen. He said when he gives a proposal to the Selectmen he is required to submit it in writing and present it. He never saw anything in writing about the proposal. He spoke to Taxpayer Association Chairman Kaleb Jacob, asked him for a copy of the proposal and asked why twisted truths are included in the mailing. Gerry noted Kaleb works hard for his Association but asked where the town stands on things that go out from outside entities that are not correct. Joe noted the town will answer and clarify misinformation about the trust on its website and official Facebook page today. Minutes from an oral presentation to the Selectmen about curbside pickup are available but nothing was submitted in writing.

Rodney noted modern politics has come to New Boston where misinformation and untruth is out before the truth. The website can clarify but there is no perfect way to deal with this.

Gerry noted he chose to work in New Boston because of the way New Boston does things. He has been through a lot of changes with several Selectmen and two Town Administrators and was held to high standards.

As a taxpayer, Gerry noted the Taxpayer's Association said that NBCS teachers are paid at the high end of the scale but that is inaccurate. The Selectmen suggested he contact the School Board about that right away.

Kaleb Jacob of Fraser Drive was present and asked for a copy of the NH DES complaint for fire station drainage, the town response and any documentation the town received on that. .

Rodney noted it is his last meeting as a Selectman. He thanked the Department Managers and Selectboard for a job well done. He noted he has reviewed his taxes over the past ten years and noticed they increased only \$23 for the town portion only over the last ten years. He said he is very proud of the Department Managers, the true taxpayer's association, who are doing very well to make sure he and his parents can live in New Boston.

Joe noted it is the end of the Selectmen's year. He has spent a lot of time involved with the Transfer Station on the Solid Waste Committee and with the School District with eleven years on the School Board. The scrutinization of the New Boston budgets is considerable. The system is democratic and thorough.

Item 7: Possible Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(c): Legal Issue. Rodney moved to enter into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II(c) at 9:33 AM. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: Joe-yes Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Christine made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 9:38AM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Rodney moved to seal the minutes for five years. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 AM. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on March 11, 2019 (6:00 PM)
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