

# Adopted

## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting October 1, 2018

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

School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert, Steve Sears, Keith Gentili, David Litwinovich, Kaleb Jacob and Karen Scott and one more member 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. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda including hire of Adam Baker and resignation of Brian Nault as Highway Department Equipment Operators. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

Karen Scott of Dane Road noted appreciation for the recent paving of Clark Hill Road and noted concern about two more washouts on upper Clark Hill Road. The Selectmen noted washouts are everywhere and there was a significant washout today on Lyndeborough Road. They said if citizens notice washouts they should call the Road Agent.

Steve Sears of Carriage Road was present to continue discussion of his proposal presented at the September 17 meeting where he said when he proposed a \$228 abatement per household that cover operating costs of the Transfer Station and Rodney said it should be calculated based on the value of the property similar to the tax calculation. Steve noted there are different categories of tax exemptions in town and they are not based on property value. The Selectmen said the tax exemptions are set according to state guidelines and voters determine the rate in New Boston. The Selectmen invited him to make an appointment for the next meeting if he wants to discuss this further. Steve said he did so for the September 17 meeting and was rudely interrupted during his presentation. The Selectmen said budgets are not being done per household, they are based on tonnage. This is in Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett's report that is included in the September 17 minutes and posted on the town website and official Facebook page. The Selectmen noted Steve had plenty of time for his presentation at the September 17 meeting and people were not interrupting, they were asking questions and were recognized by Steve before speaking.

Karen Scott of Dane Road said if the information the Selectmen included in the minutes had been supplied before or during the meeting Steve would have been able to review it and consider

it while answering questions. The Selectmen said it was not complete before the meeting, was several pages and Steve would not have been able to review it before answering questions. Karen said Steve now has the information and is trying to ask a question. The Selectmen invited him to make an appointment for the next meeting if he wants to discuss this further.

Steve Sears of Carriage Road said these discussions are a good part of being videotaped. The Selectmen noted the public videotaping can edit the videos.

Kaleb Jacob of Fraser Drive noted he is videotaping and he has never edited any of the videos.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

None.

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

**Item 1: Approval of Public and Non-Public Minutes of September 17, 2018:** The Selectmen reviewed the Public minutes of September 17, 2018. Rodney moved the Public minutes of September 17, 2018 be accepted as amended. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen reviewed the Non-Public minutes of September 17, 2018. Christine moved the Non-Public minutes of September 17, 2018 be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

**Item 2: Acceptance of Donation from New Boston Historical Society:** Peter reported it is town policy for Selectmen to accept all donations. The Historical Society has voted to donate \$4,585 to repair the front steps of the Wason Building that are failing due to age. Rodney moved to accept the donation of \$4,585 from the Historical Society to the town. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Item 3: Bid Award For Lydia Dodge Town Forest-Harvesting Red Pine:** Peter reported Jon Stout sent a bid for this request where he agreed to pay the town \$50 per thousand board feet, per mill slips. Language will be added that it is subject to performance of the bond required. They will access the forest through the Transfer Station. The Selectmen noted Jon has been in New Boston a long time and does very good low impact work. Rodney moved to accept Jon Stout's bid for harvesting red pine trees at Lydia Dodge Forest with the proviso that a performance bond be provided before work begins. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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

**Item 4: Announcement of Grant for Record Retention Committee-Public Hearing October 15, 2018:** The Selectmen announced the Record Retention Committee was awarded the grant for the record retention project and a Public Hearing to accept the grant will be held October 15, 2018.

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

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- Update on Building Inspector Position: Almost ready to recommend a candidate and will be discussed in non-public session.
- Update Re: Web Page-New Information From Transfer Station Recycling Facility: As above. Departments are still tweaking the new website as needed.
- Update Re: Record Retention-Progress: As above.
- Town Administrator's Annual Review: Will be discussed in non-public session.
- Update On Follow Up Re: Wilson Hill 'No Thru-Trucking' Issue: The Police Chief is addressing this and will meet with trucking companies utilizing thru roads. The Selectmen asked that officers continue to enforce.
- Update Re: Computer Maintenance-Server: A proposal of the request that will be made during budget season will be presented at the October 15 meeting.

#### **Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:**

- Rodney reported the Planning Board did the following at its recent meeting:
  - The Fire Department presented about the update and modernization of the cistern/sprinkler code.
  - Discussed Fieldstone Drive that is ready for acceptance as a town road at the October 15 Selectmen's meeting.
- Joe reported the Forestry Committee received County Forester approval of its Management Plans. This will enable the Committee to put lots on the American Tree Farm System. He commended Tom Miller and Graham Pendlebury with forestry backgrounds for their efforts toward this goal. There will be a work party at the Christmas Tree Farm Saturday to improve the fence.
- The CIP Committee will begin meeting October 3 at 6:00. Christine will attend as the Selectmen's representative.

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

New Boston Beacon Editor Keith Gentili reported he was asked to speak at the Radically Rural Newspaper Conference in Keene last week to share the Beacon and New Boston's story with publishers and newspaper experts from around the country. They were very impressed with the Beacon as it was launched in 2018, a rarity, and the community involvement and enthusiasm through its writers and fundraising to begin publishing. It is a published product with a small online presence. He noted he has 18-20 writers contributing to the Beacon each month and the product is a tribute to the town. The Selectmen noted a lot of work goes into the Beacon and it is a nice record.

Karen Scott of Dane Road asked if there is an update on the library solar project. The Selectmen said this will be discussed at the October 15 meeting.

**Item 7: Possible Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)(b)(c):** 6:25PM-Rodney made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II(a)(b)(c) at 6:21 PM. Christine 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 6:34 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0  
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Joe moved to seal the minutes for 15 years with Rodney seconding the motion. Motion carried 3-0

Joe moved to hire Dan Kramer as the new Building Inspector effective immediately starting at \$27.00 per hour. Christine seconded with all voting in favor 3-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 PM. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on October 15, 2018 (6:00 PM)  
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