

**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
February 15, 2011**

<b><u>PRESENT:</u></b>	Rodney Towne	Selectman	
	Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman	
	Christine Quirk	Selectman	Absent
	Burton Reynolds	Town Administrator	

Fire Inspector Russ Boland and Recreation Commissioner Lee Brown were present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**1. 6:00 PM                    Lull Road Extension Public Acceptance**

A request was received from the Planning Department and the Public Hearing was noticed in the paper. Rodney moved to accept Lull Road extension upgrades at map and lot number 2-12-2. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. A memo confirming this will be sent to the Planning Coordinator, Highway Department, Post Office and school.

**2. 6:05 PM                    Russ Boland                    PRIMEX Prime Program**

Fire Inspector Russ Boland was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the town's qualifications for participating in the PRIMEX Prime Program which would save the town 2.5% on workers compensation insurance premiums if they provide evidence that they follow the 10 "best practices." The town is compliant with all except needed a slip and fall policy and needs to provide sexual harassment training to town employees. A slip and fall policy has been drafted for the Selectmen's review and approval and a training session will be scheduled for department managers and their assistants. The department managers can then review the information with their employees. The town is now receiving the discount.

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**1. Minutes of January 19, 2011** - The Selectmen reviewed the minutes. Rodney moved that they be accepted as amended. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**2. Minutes of January 25, 2011** - The Selectmen reviewed the minutes. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

- 3. Minutes of January 31, 2011** - The Selectmen reviewed the minutes. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **E. OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **1. Planning:**

- Kevin Leonard, Willard Dodge and Tom Miller met with the Planning Board to discuss problems and failures with newer roads that have subsequently been inspected. The Planning Department plans to use more stringent standards and rewrite the standards to avoid this situation where new roads fail after a couple years requiring the town to pay for costly repairs.
- The Planning Board wants to work with all departments on the Lull Road name change.
- Representatives from Thibeault/Vista Road LLC met with the Planning Board to discuss their plans to subdivide the old Byam farm property. They asked for an easement across the front pasture. The Conservation Commission sent a letter to the Planning Board saying this brook has been tested and was found to contain trout. The developer also plans a 60 acre backlot with one house on it or could use the old Byam driveway as a common driveway.

#### **F. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. East Lull Road Name Change**-The Fire and Police Departments have requested a name change for East Lull Road as the town has three roads named Lull and this portion is not accessible from Lull Road. Rodney suggested making East Lull part of Helena Drive. In this case Helena Drive would have to be totally renumbered. A sitewalk may be needed. Burton will e-mail the Fire and Police Chiefs for their opinion on this suggestion.
- 2. Shakey Pond Development Road Name**-Rodney has reviewed the maps and considered Cyndie Wilson's request and decided there is no reason to change the name Shakey Pond that the developer preferred has been on the plans since 2006. No one else has had an issue with the name.
- 3. Library Auction License**-The library is planning an event where wine would be served and asked if a police detail would be necessary. The Police Chief would typically require an officer be present due to the regulations he is required to follow. The Selectmen decided no officer is needed for this event.
- 4. Groundskeeping Equipment Purchase Option**-The town asked Chappell Tractor, Turf Depot and New Boston Truck and Auto for quotes on mowers and equipment. The town has decided to use Bill Matheson at New Boston Truck and Auto for purchase of a cub cadet as his quote came to approximately \$5,500 compared to \$7,700 at Turf Depot or \$9,100 at Chappell. Cub cadet has a discount for municipalities. This purchase was expected to cost \$8,000 and the town agreed to pay half. Other equipment such as a broom and edger and a storage container are still needed.

#### **G. OTHER:**

1. Burton researched the amount the state pays for snow plows and drivers and compared them with New Boston's rates and determined the total compensation the state pays is

close to what New Boston pays. The Selectmen decided not to change the plow rate this year. Burton will call other towns in preparation for next year's plow budget. A plow contract will be considered for next year and the Road Agent will be asked to set the rate with the drivers at the beginning of the season.

2. An invoice was received for the electrical work Dave Poole did at the Wason Building. The Historical Society did not ask the town to consider paying for this work and should always come to the town before having any infrastructure work done on the building. The Selectmen would like to ask Dave to review the entire electrical system in the building. Burton will discuss this with Historical Society Chairman Dick Moody.
3. Police Chief Chris Krajenka sent a memo to Burton as Weare Police Chief Greg Begin has asked Chris to endorse his election. Burton and the Selectmen advise him to be neutral and not use his position as chief in New Boston to endorse a candidate for Police Chief in Weare but can endorse him personally. This situation is not addressed in the personnel manual.
4. Library Director Sarah Chapman wrote to the Selectmen regarding storm leave. The Selectmen will reply.
5. The new Town Hall server will be installed Thursday. The new copier will be installed Friday and hooked up to the server. The electronic work on the Transfer Station hopper will be done Monday. Burton will meet with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission to discuss their energy assistance program on Wednesday.

#### **H. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**I. Move to enter Non-Public Session:** Rodney made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(b) at 7:28 PM to discuss questions for round two of the road agent interviews. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**J. Move to exit Non-Public Session:** Rodney made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 7:45 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

**K. ADJOURNMENT:** Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*