

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
November 1, 2011**

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Rodney Towne	Selectman
	Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman
	Christine Quirk	Selectman
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator

Conservation Commission Chairman Burr Tupper, Ken Lombard, Ian McSweeney, Police Chief Chris Krajenka and Brandy Mitroff of the public 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.

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

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brandy Mitroff announced that the Town Administrator, the Selectmen and their administrative assistants have been selected to be featured in this year's Holiday Recipe collection in the New Boston Bulletin.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Ken Lombard-Open Space Committee-Announcement and introduction of signing of Peter DeRoeth 'Easement' agreement with the Town of New Boston: Ken Lombard reviewed the plans with the Selectmen and introduced the topic by explaining the history of this agreement. Five years ago a property came up for sale by Bailey Pond and the Conservation Commission became concerned a developer would purchase it. At the time Peter DeRoeth owned the northern portion near the parcel. The Conservation Commission didn't have enough money to purchase it at the time. They tried to raise the rest of the money needed. Peter DeRoeth agreed to buy the land and protect it and Ian McSweeney of the Russell Foundation worked with him over the past five years for this purpose. Ian McSweeney did all the legwork on the negotiation. The easement grants rights for recreation including hunting, fishing and hiking. This excludes wheeled recreational vehicles and the easement also asks that a person wishing to take a horse trail ride on the property request permission each time they wish to do so. This easement covers over 200 acres and the landowner reserves the right to build 5 lots for children or grandchildren. If these relatives do not wish to build on the property or the landowner changes this building right would disappear. 25 acres are reserved for this building. The house lots would need to go through the normal permitting process. Attorney Jed Callen has reviewed the documents and made some changes to the agreement. The Conservation Commission and Open Space Committee are stewards of the property. Peter DeRoeth has signed the document and the Selectmen will sign as well in front of a notary. Ian McSweeney will handle the rest of the paperwork and record the deed and these costs are pending. The

Selectmen thanked Ken Lombard and Ian Mcsweeney, Gordon Russell and Peter DeRoeth for their generosity and hard work on this project. Ken Lombard noted this is not the first easement Peter DeRoeth has given to the town he has also protected a key piece of Middle Branch. In this easement Peter DeRoeth has allowed the town to make use of land that abuts Bailey Pond to expand access and parking at Bailey Pond. The town would be responsible for maintenance of this area. Bailey Pond is designated as a great pond by the State of New Hampshire and is now fully protected with 400 acres surrounding the pond.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of October 17, 2011: The Selectmen reviewed the minutes. Dwight moved that they be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 3: Discussion re: Used pickup truck available for sale at the Highway Garage: The town plans to sell a GMC truck. There is an offer of \$800 but the normal procedure is to post it for sale before accepting any offers. It will be posted for sale for one week on the town website, Craigslist and other places around town as \$1200 or best offer.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Election Attendance Schedule: The presidential primary is tentatively scheduled for January 10. The Selectmen's attendance schedule will be planned two weeks before the election.

Item 5: Vacation Holdover Request-Police Department: The Selectmen reviewed and approved a memo from the Police Department asking for vacation holdover due to limited staff in the Police Department this year. Christine moved to accept the request from the Chief Krajenka for holdover of vacation hours for 2011. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

F. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brandy Mitroff asked if the tax rate has been set yet. The Selectmen plan to work on this tonight in non-public but the NHDRA has not yet said what it is but the town expects to know shortly.

G. OTHER:

Item 6: Town Administrator's Report: Peter reported on the following items:

1. Peter attended the Finance Committee meeting last week and found it to be very thorough. He has already started working on the revisions the committee asked for. The Planning and Police Departments will meet with the Finance Committee this week. The Transfer Station and Library will meet with the Finance Committee the following week. Peter is meeting with Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett tomorrow to review his planned budget.
2. Holden Engineering has not yet replied to the town's recent notification to stop all work on the Gregg Mill Bridge project.
3. The Police Department carryover request was handled tonight.
4. Performance evaluations are in progress.

5. Other items taken care of tonight were the modification of the bookkeeper's job description, resignations of two Finance committee members and the appointment of one member from alternate to full time Finance Committee membership.
6. Town residents and employees made it through the recent blackout. Employees were back to work today. The Fire Department and Highway Department were very busy during the storm.

Item 9: Selectmen's Reports:

Planning:

- Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter was present at the Planning Board meeting to discuss proposed changes to the Building Code to include requiring septic systems and wells to be shown on plot plans.
- Zoning Ordinance amendments clarifying front setbacks on corner lots were discussed.
- David Johnston met with the Planning Board regarding his conditional use permit for a wetland crossing.
- Brian and Beth Stevens received final approval to move their driveway on Mont Vernon Road to Hooper Hill Road by virtue of the lot line adjustment.
- The Planning Board approved next year's meeting calendar.
- The Planning Board signed off on some gravel pits but there are still a few waiting for approval.
- The planning Board discussed the potential for mixed use to be allowed in the village area.

CIP: The Selectmen attended the recent CIP meeting. They noted there was a nice CIP report in the New Boston Bulletin this week. Christine will be unable to attend the Finance Committee meeting this week.

The Storm took out almost all electricity in New Boston over the weekend. Emergency Management Director Dan MacDonald kept Rodney posted throughout the event. A warming station was open at the school. The Police Department helped and also kept Rodney posted. Halloween was postponed to Friday night. The school Halloween parade will be 12:30 Friday afternoon. The Selectmen commended the Fire Department, Police Department, CERT Team and PSNH for a great job during the storm.

H. Move to enter Non-Public Session: Christine made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(a), Legal and Personnel at 6:47 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Rodney Towne-yes, Dwight Lovejoy-yes and Christine Quirk-yes. The Board then entered non-public session after a poll of all members.

I. Move to exit Non-Public Session: Rodney Towne made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 7:10 PM. Seconded by Christine Quirk. Roll call vote: Rodney Towne-yes, Dwight Lovejoy-yes and Christine Quirk-yes. .

K. ADJOURNMENT: Dwight Lovejoy made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 PM. Christine Quirk seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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