

**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
May 2, 2011**

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

Don Duhaime, Sandy Van Scoyoc, John and Heidi Palmer, Jay Marden, Candy Woodbury and one other member of the Footbridge Committee 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 Public Hearing Federal EMT Grant

Fire Inspector Russ Boland applied for a grant and the town was awarded \$265,400 to use toward schooling for up to four paramedic students per year. In exchange they are required to work a certain number of hours per week for two years to provide EMT-I coverage to the town. This is a 100% federal grant. No town match is required. Christine moved to accept the EMT grant as written. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. 6:05 PM Don Duhaime Planning Board Appointment

Don Duhaime has been an alternate to the Planning Board for a few years. Last year he had a job that took a lot of time and he was unable to serve on the Planning Board. That job is now complete. He is now serving as an alternate. Regular member Dean Mehlhorn is unable to continue on the Planning Board at this time. Don is available to serve in his place. The Planning Coordinator and Planning Board Chairman recommend him for this position. Dwight moved to accept Don Duhaime's application to become a full member until the end of his term in 2013. Dean Mehlhorn will revert to an alternate with his term on the Planning Board to end in 2012. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. 6:15 PM Heidi Palmer Footbridge Access Land

Heidi Palmer was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss an offer Mike Tracy has made to the town through Heidi for 1.9 acres of his land the town has considered using for the footbridge. Heidi is a real estate agent who has listed the land for sale since he bought it. He has a fear of being sued if someone using the footbridge is hurt on the property. She proposed to him to sell a

parcel of the land to the town. It will devalue the 20-acre property he has listed at \$367,900, as it is the portion of the land along the river. He is asking \$150,000 for it and is willing to finance to the town at a very low interest rate for a 10-15 year mortgage. Heidi would not make a commission on this sale as a donation to the town. The Selectmen felt this price is too high for the town. The town offered \$6,000 for this land. This is what the town could afford and is the appraised value from the town assessor. Footbridge Committee Chairman Sandy Van Scoyoc was present and said she is not speaking for the committee but she could not go to the town to ask for that amount of money, it would have to come through fundraising. This amount is beyond the \$19,000 the committee already asked the town for. \$300,000 is available for the total project. Other options for this property include an easement or Mike Tracy could bequeath it to the town. The Footbridge Committee will meet to discuss fundraising options and meet with the Selectmen again in two weeks.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

1. Minutes of April 18, 2011 - The Selectmen reviewed the minutes. Corrections were noted. Christine moved that they be accepted as amended. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Non-Public Minutes of April 18, 2011 - The Selectmen reviewed the non-public minutes. Dwight moved that they be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Planning (including Alternate Appointment):

- Dwight moved to appoint David Livinowich of 163 Beard Road as an alternate to the Planning Board for a three-year term. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor.
- The final meeting was held to approve cutting of trees on Riverdale Road.
- Sizes and mandates of cisterns were discussed.
- Cheri Elliot applied for a change of venue at her business.
- Lisa Jeck applied for a change of venue at her business to tear down the current garage and construct a workout center with the same footprint.
- Vista Road LLC-the planned right of way is interfering with a spring runoff pond. The plans were put aside for now.
- Victor Lemay was granted a one-year extension.
- The Road Agent was scheduled like a regular appointment at 8:30. He came to town at his regular time of 6:00 AM to begin work that day. The Selectmen will ask the Planning Board to change this arrangement to be able to put him on earlier when he is required at Planning Board meetings or his schedule will be rearranged somehow to accommodate for late nights at meetings.
- The Planning Board will be voting on the Twin Bridge Land Management project at their next meeting. All Selectmen were asked to attend.
- Christine will take over Planning Board duties after the next meeting.

2. Committee Appointments-Greg Mattison reapplied for his position on the Zoning Board. Christine moved to appoint Greg Mattison to the Zoning Board for a three-year term. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Rodney has spoken to Lester Byam about an alternate position on the Road Committee. Lester understands the concern about a conflict of interest and will not let it happen. Dwight moved to accept Lester Byam as an alternate on the Road Committee for a three-year term. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

3. **Personnel Manual Changes**-Three changes were made to the personnel manual:
- Clarify full time employment in three sections.
 - Update the salary ranges for each position.
 - Callout language for police and road agent was clarified.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Wine Sales/Farmers Market**-LaBelle Winery sold wine at the Farmers Market last year and has applied to do so again this year. They hold a license and liability insurance to sell liquor. The Derry Farmers Market had the same situation and their Police Chief sent a letter approving it. Burton wrote to the NH Liquor Commission last year to tell them it was allowed due to their license and insurance status. The Winery will be allowed to sell wine at the Farmers Market this year with a stipulation of no open consumption at the market and they will also be asked for a stipulation of insurance to be sure the town is notified if their insurance is cancelled.

G. OTHER:

1. The Selectmen reviewed and approved the posting for the Highway Department Foreman position. It will be posted tomorrow and applications will be due May 13.
2. Danny Donovan approached Rodney last fall about a tree by the access road to Rose Meadow Garden on Bedford Road. He recently threatened to sue the town, as it has not yet been dealt with. Road Agent Dick Perusse and Rodney viewed the tree last week and determined it is a dead tree that will be removed when the town is doing other tree work in the area. It is not an imminent threat. It was there when the driveway permit was applied for and not brought up as a concern at the site walk.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

I. Move to enter Non-Public Session: Christine made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(a) at 7:05 PM. 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 7:20 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

K. ADJOURNMENT: Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor.

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