

Adopted-March 19, 2012

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 5, 2012

PRESENT: Rodney Towne Selectman
 Dwight Lovejoy Selectman
 Christine Quirk Selectman Absent
 Peter Flynn Town Administrator

Road Agent Dick Perusse, Forestry Committee member Kim DiPietro, Brandy Mitroff, Nancy Foster and the Brace family 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. Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 Rodney noted the consent agenda included Kim DiPietro's applications for appointment to the Forestry and Finance Committees and Robert Todd's application for appointment to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. The Selectmen approved these appointments.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Rick Widener: New Boston Police Department: Rick was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the following Police Department activities:

- Rick submitted a letter of recommendation for Mr. Eric Cartier for employment as a full time certified police officer. He has worked as a full time certified officer for the Allentown Police Department since 2007 where he is a K9 officer but he will relinquish that duty in New Boston. He took the test in January with other candidates for the New Boston position, of which two candidates are left. Rick is hoping he can start working this week, as he will need 5-6 weeks of orientation. Dwight asked if incoming Police Chief Brace would mind if this new officer is hired before the new Chief. Jim Brace indicated he is ok with this decision and he will speak with Mr. Cartier once he begins his duties as Chief. Dwight said he trusts Sergeant Widener's recommendation and he has been doing a great job at the Department since Chief Krajenka retired. Dwight moved to appoint Eric Cartier as a full time certified police officer for the New Boston Police Department. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 He will be sworn in at the Town Hall this week and a ceremony will be held after the new Police Chief is sworn in.

- One other candidate New Boston is interested in will need the police academy. The next session of the police academy starts June 11.
- The Police Department Bi-Monthly Activity Report was reviewed. It includes statistics comparing January and February 2011 to 2012. The Department has been very busy. Burglary investigations are ongoing. The recent cruiser accident was reviewed. All cruisers are back from repair. Car number two is expected to last three more years. Car 2 and the Chief's car are the only police vehicles owned by the town, the rest are leased. The Department is not doing the DARE program at the school this year but hope to resume next year. The budget report was reviewed. Sergeant Widener notified the Selectmen of HB1185 where the state would no longer pay for the police academy for new officers; this would become the responsibility of towns at an expense of up to \$45,000 per officer. Towns are also responsible to pay wages for candidates while they are attending the academy and to pay for further education and recertifications every few years. Jim Brace said he has received updates about this bill and the chiefs recommend defeat of the bill. It is going to the House and will hopefully be killed there.
- Peter noted he, Sergeant Widener and Corporal Bailey have been working very closely in the past few weeks since Chief Krajenka retired and Peter has not dealt with any heard of any problems at the Police Department in the absence of a chief. The Selectmen also appreciate Sergeant Widener and Corporal Bailey's efforts during this time.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 2: Approval of Minutes of February 21, 2012: The Selectmen reviewed the minutes. Dwight moved that they be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 3: Approval of Minutes of the Deliberative Session: Brandy asked if Willard Dodge agreed to hiring a town mechanic as the minutes seem to read under discussion of Article 12 he Selectmen reviewed the minutes. She believes this is not what he said about equipment; instead he said what she reported in the March New Boston Bulletin. The Selectmen deferred approval of these minutes pending further review.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Appointment of Police Chief: The Selectmen introduced Jim Brace who on March 19 will officially come on board as the new Police Chief. Jim was present and said he looks forward to this opportunity, appreciates what the Selectmen have done and looks forward to getting started. The Selectmen also noted the town is looking forward to this immensely. Jim will be sworn in at the March 19 Selectmen's meeting. Dwight moved to appoint Jim Brace as the new Police Chief. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 5: Discussion regarding Election Day schedule: An opinion was received from the Attorney General that Rodney is allowed to be present at the election but cannot campaign. Christine has indicated she is available anytime that day. Dwight will take the first shift, Rodney will take the second shift and Christine will take the third shift.

Public Forum: None.

G. OTHER:

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

1. **New Phone System:** Installation is ongoing. OTT is getting ready to make all line connections. There have been no further unanticipated expenses since the last Selectmen's meeting. The new system could be on line within the next three weeks. Orientation and training with employees to be done first before anything is publicized. The public will be notified through an article in the New Boston Bulletin.
2. **Footbridge Committee:** On behalf of the Footbridge Committee Peter sent a letter to Tom Jameson at NH DOT asking for extension of the bridge aid grant to the end of this year. Ownership transition of the property has not yet taken place.
3. **Highway Projects:** The Lyndeborough Road culvert needs more engineering than originally thought. Additional cost of this engineering is not yet known. Peter will report further at the next Selectmen's meeting where the Selectmen could potentially sign off on the project.
4. **Energy Plan:** Chairman of the New Boston Energy Commission Susan Carr has met with Peter and will present a PowerPoint presentation to the Department Managers shortly and the Selectmen in March or April to discuss the energy plan as provided in the town Master Plan.
5. **Building Maintenance:** Peter met with Lee Brown and came up with ideas for a building maintenance person and prepared a list of current areas tended to. The building maintenance system will be revised and another meeting will be scheduled with Peter, Lee, Mike Sindoni and Dick Perusse.

Item 7: Selectmen's Reports:

Planning: Dwight was unable to attend the last Planning Board meeting.

New Boston's 250th: Rodney met with a group to discuss New Boston's 250th year celebration last Thursday night. Co chairs of the Goffstown celebration attended and presented their process to the group. It was a great presentation and they noted New Boston is doing well with their planning process. The group is looking for an individual to take the lead and coordinate this effort. The group may ask for money from taxpayers at next year's town meeting.

Boston Post Cane: New Boston's Boston Post Cane will be presented Thursday night.

Item 8: No Non-Public requested

ADJOURNMENT: Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Prepared by Maralyn Segien