

Adopted

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

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

Finance Committee members Lou Lanzilotti, Kim DiPietro, and Brandy Mitroff, Recreation Commissioner David Hulick, Recreation Director Mike Sindoni, Fire Chief Dan MacDonald, Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Plourde, Fire Wards Wayne Blassberg, Dick Moody, Eric Scoville and George St. John, Jeff St. John and Fire Department member Rich Little were present.

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

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

Tax Rate Announcement: The tax rate is \$23.03. Tax bills are going out tomorrow.

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

Brandy Mitroff noted flags attached to utility poles around town are still falling off.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Recreation Commission Representative(s)-Discussion re: Town Common maintenance, 2013: Recreation Commissioner David Hulick was present and noted he has been a New Boston resident since June 1990 when he was approached by Sandy Gallop to join the Recreation Commission which he has been on ever since. He spent several years working to improve the common and worked to get the gazebo built. He is very proud of the scenic element the gazebo and common add to the town. He is here as a Recreation Commissioner and a resident. He asked what the Selectmen expect for the appearance of the town common. Rodney noted it looked nice this summer and stood up well to foot traffic. It still needs tree pruning but the town is ready to do that. Dwight noted it is good it is being used on Saturdays for a program that benefits many people and the organization is caring for the grass. David asked what was done this year for maintenance. The town has overspent on landscaping in recent years. Peter has been researching the landscaping for several town departments and tried to stay within the budget this year. A bush over the monument on the common was removed this year. There have not been any recent complaints of the care of the grass in town therefore the program must be working very well. A dependable person is now handling it and it was a successful first year and was done within the budget. Money was not spent on aerating or fertilizer this year but will be

considered next year once prices are received. A budget is prepared to be presented to the Finance Committee. David asked what the plans for common maintenance include for next year and was told aerating, fertilizing and tree trimming. David thought this was reasonable. He also noted the plantings in front of the war memorial have turned to weeds. He will meet with the Recreation Commission to discuss the plans. He suggested the common be viewed during the day to note areas for improvement to really make the area shine. He will meet with the Selectmen again if necessary. Brandy noted the Finance Committee is already working and David should get together with Peter before landscaping is scheduled to be discussed at the Finance Committee.

Item 2: Board of Fire Wards-Discussion and possible request Re: Purchase of Fire

Apparatus: The Fire Wards were present to discuss possible purchase of fire apparatus. A PowerPoint presentation was given. Fire Chief Dan MacDonald noted earlier in 2012 residents ran into problems at northern Route 114 where their insurance companies were increasing premiums or terminating due to the distance of their home from the fire station. Goffstown was having the same problem with residents on Robie Road and Back Mountain Road so the towns entered into automatic mutual aid agreements for these areas. Assistant Fire Chief Cliff Plourde was working with the Insurance Services Organization (ISO) at the same time. The Fire Wards now propose purchase of an engine to keep at Hilltop Station to allow residents to have affordable insurance. This section of town is also expected to have a surge in growth. Dan reviewed ISO standards. The current tanker at Hilltop Station doesn't meet these standards. A cistern in the area helps with the insurance rating. The downtown area will have the same cistern in the future. Equipment has not prevented the Fire Department from providing adequate service but if insurance companies discover the current capacity of the fire truck at Hilltop Station they will raise rates. Lou Lanzilotti asked if there are other areas in town that are not in the overlay and was told there are several and New Boston is working with Bedford, Amherst and Mont Vernon to enter into the same type of automatic mutual aid agreements with them as it did with Goffstown. The Fire Department has been looking for a truck to meet the requirement for one and a half years. Cliff learned of a truck from Londonderry that will meet New Boston's needs. It is a 1994 Class A pumper. The specifications of the truck were reviewed. It has been very well taken care of and recently refurbished. Additional equipment is included in the sale price of \$15,000. Funding sources and options were reviewed. The truck will be available in January. The cost of ownership over the next nine years was reviewed as this truck has a total 20-year life cycle expected.

CIP Committee Chairman Brandy Mitroff reviewed the CIP adjustments caused by this purchase and distributed a handout. She noted the CIP Committee hasn't learned of this purchase yet. A CRF is collected yearly for all Fire Department vehicles. It has always been \$90,000 per year but will increase to \$100,000 in 2013, \$110,000 in 2015 and \$120,000 in 2017. Further increase is possible in the future to take care of all these trucks. She asked how a new truck could be included in the CIP without first bringing it to the voters and there is probably no choice but to bring it to the voters in March. This is a big commitment for the future. Londonderry should understand the process. The use is justifiable. Lou noted this is a third engine and was never planned. He is not sure if a Warrant Article is needed but it is a big commitment. Cliff said it is a third engine but an engine was at the Hilltop Station until 2010 but the Town didn't carry the money commitment on CIP because the Air Force carried it. Lou noted there are a lot of miles on the truck and wondered if the town mechanics inspected it and was told it will be evaluated by several mechanics. Complete maintenance records are available.

Dan noted the Fire Wards are here to meet an objective for residents on that side of town. The forestry truck is not enough and a pumper cannot be taken from the downtown station. Hilltop Station is staffed with volunteers from that area. One of the spare radios would be put on the new engine and the Air Force would supply rescue equipment. The Fire Wards will need to respond to Londonderry about their interest in the truck within the next couple weeks. The Selectmen will discuss it and give Cliff their answer.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Adoption of the public and non-public minutes of October 15, 2012: There were no non-public minutes. Selectmen reviewed the public minutes. Christine moved that they be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: First Reading: Introduction of ‘Disposal of Town Property’ Policy: Peter noted this came from observing various pieces of equipment for sale without a policy since he has worked here. The process should be consistent and there should be a policy. Peter prepared a policy. The Selectmen reviewed and revised the policy. Rodney moved to bring the policy to a second reading. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 5: Adoption of Selectmen’s 2013 Meeting Schedule: The Selectmen reviewed their 2013 meeting schedule. It will be discussed again at their next meeting.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 6: Town Administrator’s Report:

1. Budget Preparation: Continuing. The Finance Committee will meet Thursday and discuss the Building Department, Police Department and Government Buildings budgets and discuss the Fire Department budget again.
2. Tax rate set with a 48 cent savings as announced tonight.
3. Proposed ‘Disposal of Surplus Property’ policy: as above.

Item 7: Selectmen’s Reports:

Rodney attended the Planning Board meeting where the following was discussed:

- The mixed-use public input session took place. It was very well attended. There was some issue with a disturbance of citizens trying to block discussion. Good ideas were discussed. A large group of people primarily affected did not attend to support it. Therefore there was discussion to discontinue the process but it will continue. More public meetings will take place then it will go to town vote in 2014. Lou attended and noted people that attended seemed confused and didn’t know what the zoning is currently like and how it would change. There are no rules in writing yet.
- Jim Bath from Shaky Pond Development requested an extension on his development that was granted.
- Zoning Ordinance amendments to go on the ballot were reviewed.
- The South Hill Subdivision is finished.

- A letter was received from Emile Bussiere requesting an extension to his conditions precedent deadline.
- The Jim Hanson driveway issue was discussed.
- A building permit at 150 Weare Road was discussed.
- Potential yard sale regulations were discussed.
- The Planning Board schedule was established through next year.
- Dwight will take over Selectmen Planning Board duties.

The Fire Wards don't need to do what the Selectmen decide but Selectmen input is welcome. \$15,000 doesn't seem bad now but eventually will have to be replaced as a third engine. A Warrant Article is probably needed. There are also other options to replace or move apparatus around in ten years when it will need to be replaced. Peter noted the Selectmen's office should have some oversight over any agreement between Londonderry and New Boston before it is brought in a Warrant Article. Negotiation options and Warrant Article wording were discussed. The Selectmen prefer a Warrant Article for this purchase. Brandy asked if there is a point when purchases become large when the CIP Committee should approach the Selectmen for guidance as the CIP Committee cannot create policy. Rodney moved to direct Peter to work with the Fire Wards on creation of a Warrant Article and negotiations with Londonderry. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Public Forum:

None.

Item 8: 7:58 PM-Request for Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and (c). Rodney made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(a) and (c) at 7:37 PM. Christine seconded the motion. Roll Call vote taken: Rodney-yes, Christine-yes, Dwight-yes. All were in favor. 3-0 The Board then entered non-public session after a poll of all members.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Rodney Towne made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 7:15 PM, and Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 PM, Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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