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## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting January 7, 2013

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

**5:30 PM** Non-public session per RSA 91-A: 3, II, c –No public action taken.

**6:00 PM** Sign Consent Agenda

Road Agent Dick Perusse, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Lombard, Conservation Commission Chairman Burr Tupper, Jay Marden, Ian McSweeney from the Russell Foundation and Tom Carr from Meridian Land Services 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

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **Item 1: Burr Tupper-Re: Request for Town's Acceptance of deed to Twin Bridge**

**Property:** Conservation Commission Chairman Burr Tupper introduced Ian McSweeney from the Russell Foundation to discuss this topic. Ian has been working on this project and referred to a letter from the landowner dated December 12, 2012. Tom Carr from Meridian Land Services has also been working on this project is authorized to speak tonight on behalf of the landowner and provided this letter. This approved subdivision by Twin Bridge Land Management contains open space. Many groups worked to maximize river protection and make contiguous open space. This will complete protection of the riverfront on middle branch in New Boston. A highlighted map showing ownership of land along the river was given to the Selectmen. This was discussed with the Selectmen approximately eighteen months ago. The proposal at that time was that NHDRED would own the open space and New Boston would have an easement. One month ago NHDRED decided it couldn't proceed. The town could alternatively own the land as it had agreed to have an easement but instead would own it with many benefits. Burr said the Conservation Commission agreed and felt it was a sensitive piece of property and voted to monitor the land. The town would be the owner of the land and the land would be managed and

enforced by the Conservation Commission in the same manner the Conservation Commission monitors its other properties. Ian noted additional protections regarding abutters would be in place. NHDRED had concerns about some tires dumped near the property, the area will be marked and the town will work with the landowner to remove these. Tom noted the conditions subsequent are being revised. This will be reviewed and finalized by the Planning Board once the Selectmen sign off on it. Rodney would like to walk the property before signing. The Selectmen agreed to sign after the walk. Burr, Ken Lombard, Tom and Rodney will attend the walk. There is a driveway over one area of the land that is a right of way and there are no issues with this. Former landowner in the area Jay Marden was present and discussed the history of the area and ownership of the surrounding properties. He discussed bridges in the area and the potential for a footbridge in the area, as he is part of the Footbridge Committee.

**Item 2: Road Agent Dick Perusse- Update on Department winter issues:** Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to update them on Highway Department winter issues as follows:

- The Selectmen supported the plow route change per Dick's recommendation
- Dick presented a proposal for a Highway Department Salt/Sand Shed Public Use Policy to be reviewed and approved by the Selectmen according to their policy approval procedure. Tonight is the first reading. Christine moved to move the Highway Department Salt/Sand Shed Public Use Policy to a second reading. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 3: Public Hearing - Acceptance of Daylily Lane as a Town Road:** Road Agent Dick Perusse noted the Highway Department and Town Engineer Kevin Leonard of Northpoint Engineering had requests that the developer complied with. The Developer gave the town a check in the amount of \$10,700 that the Highway Department will use to make improvements to the road. Rodney moved to accept Daylily Lane. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Item 4: Public Hearing – Second Reading-Amendment – Winter Parking and Snow Removal Ordinance:** the Road Agent and Police Chief reviewed this ordinance since the last meeting. Some changes were made. Rodney moved to adopt the amendment. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Item 5: Approval of the Public and Non-Public minutes of December 17, 2012:** The Selectmen reviewed the public and non-public minutes. Christine moved that they be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 6: Review Year-to-Date 2012 Expenditure Report and Revenue Report as of December 27:** Reviewed with no issues noted.

**Item 7: 2013 Budget Updates and 2013 Draft Warrant:** Peter reported the Finance Committee met January 5, 2013 where the budget was decreased by approximately \$21,000.

Article 7 (Bond for land purchase) is still an outstanding item. Peter is preparing the Warrant Articles with the explanations for posting. An Article for the Hillsdale Road Bridge was added. The January 5 meeting was a good meeting for the municipality including a good presentation by Rodney. Copies of the teacher contract are now available for review. A \$538,000 budget increase equals approximately a \$1 tax increase. The estimate of the municipal portion of the tax rate should be available in a few days. There could be no need to raise the municipal tax rate this year should the Selectmen apply a substantial fund balance to offset. This does not necessarily speak for the school portion of the tax rate.

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

##### **Item 8: Town Administrator's Report:**

1. A letter was received from Town Counsel regarding the Recreation issue concerning guns on the playing field. Peter recommends no action be taken at this time.
2. The legal response to the question of the class status of Bailey Pond Road has not yet been received. It seems to have reverted to a Class 6 road due to years of no town maintenance on the road. The Highway Department plowed it twice this year and graded it once in the fall but that should not change the class status.
3. The Planning Board is meeting tomorrow night to discuss and decide on the proposed zoning Warrant Articles.

##### **Item 9: Selectmen's Reports:**

- 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration: Rodney missed the last meeting. The first event was held New Year's Eve with a bonfire downtown. The event was very popular and may become an annual event.

##### **Public Forum:**

None.

**Item 10: Possible Request for Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3, II(b) and (c):** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*