

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 4, 2013

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

Mark Anderson was present

6:00 PM

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

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Dr. Mark Anderson-Concerns re: Building Permits: Dr. Mark Anderson was requesting a waiver of the interest penalty on his recent building permit.

Before Mark was able to speak to the Board, Selectman Lovejoy stated that he “was dismayed and disappointed with Dr. Anderson if, in fact, the Memo from Mr. Flynn was accurate.” Mr. Lovejoy also stated that “he never made a commitment to Mark with regard to his calling him back to verify that he needed a building permit for his indoor arena ‘stable’.”

Mark states he was unsure a building permit was needed for the outside animal shelter he recently built on his property with funds from a federal grant. He spoke with Dwight Lovejoy about this who was unsure at the time. Mark then spoke to Town Attorney Dwight Sowerby who thought a building permit was needed. Mark then did not apply for a building permit right away and began construction with oversight and inspection by the federal government. He recently met with Peter and Rodney who indicated a building permit was needed and a penalty fee was assessed. Mark suggested a checklist of items needed would have been helpful. The Selectmen noted this information can be found on the town website. Dwight noted he disagrees with the communication issue. The Selectmen cited permit issues with Mark before including eight years he lived in a house with no Certificate of Occupancy. The Selectmen did not grant the fee waiver. Mark noted he would take this matter to court. He also noted he has also had issues of unnecessary current use fees and was charged too much in taxes on his horse barn, resulting in

changes to the town ordinance. Rodney stated that Mark Anderson was a former Selectman and should know better. Dr. Anderson said this fee should be waived as he also had to pay \$700 for the building permit and the town will earn tax revenue from the building. He paid the fee but wants it refunded. Survey drawings of the building were reviewed. Rodney moved to deny the request for abatement of the penalty fee on Mark Anderson's building permit for an outside animal shelter. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 2: Approval of the public and non-public Minutes of February 19: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of February 19, 2013. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

The Selectmen reviewed the non-public minutes of February 19, 2013. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented and sealed for five years. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 3: Acceptance and Adoption of the minutes of the Deliberative Session of February 4, 2013: The minutes were corrected. Rodney moved to approve the minutes. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Election Day assigned monitoring times for Selectmen: Dwight cannot attend the election without an escort due to the status of the contested Selectmen's race this year. He is allowed to vote unescorted. Rodney will attend the election from 7:00AM to noon and return around 6:00PM. Christine will attend the election in the middle of the day.

Item 5: Discussion Re: Joint RFQ-Competitive Electric Power Supplier: The Selectmen reviewed a memorandum as the town is invited to participate in a possible electric power supply bid with Goffstown. Peter will research town power usage and provide it to Goffstown for consideration. Rodney moved to authorize the Town Administrator to participate in a joint request to join the Town of Goffstown to pursue bids and participate in a formal RFQ for competitive electric power suppliers. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 6: Town Administrator's Report:

1. Department Manager Performance Evaluations--almost complete. One is left which Peter plans to complete before the election as it affects the salary portion of the budget.
2. Legal inquiry sent to Town Counsel re: Bailey Pond Road status-still awaiting opinion. The Selectmen agreed to cancel review by the town attorney and instead Rodney will prepare information on the matter after review of state law. Rodney told Peter to stop pursuing an opinion.
3. Legal Issues -P & S for the purchase of the Thibeault Property- Awaiting signed Purchase and Sales Agreement from Thibeault. Their representative Vinnie Iacozzi has indicated it is signed and in the mail.
4. 2013 Goals: List of goals reviewed.

5. Twin Bridge Property Deed Acceptance-Final draft sent to Town Counsel Bill Drescher and pending his review. Sitewalk planned with the Planning Board for driveway permits
6. Peter thanked Rodney and Dwight for all they have done as Selectmen in the past year.
7. Non-public for tonight is not needed. This was regarding Justin Pearse's recent letter to Mr. Flynn explaining the reason for missed payments for the police training he received from New Boston. The Board agreed with Peter's recommendation to amend the original agreement to suit both parties.

Item 7: Selectmen's Reports:

Dwight missed the recent Planning Board meeting but reviewed the material and met with Shannon. He noted the following:

- Planning Board decided their goals for the year.
- Peter Beers Laurel Lane issue with pre-existing and non-conforming uses is ongoing.
- Several construction service reports were received from Fairpoint.
- A sitewalk to review driveway locations at the new Twin Bridge property is scheduled for March 16 at 8:00AM.
- The Selectmen reviewed the attached memorandum from Planning Coordinator Nic Strong regarding the 10-year Highway Plan asking if the town wants to keep the plan the same or revise it. Peter and Nic recommend keeping it the same. The Road Agent reviewed it and agrees. The Selectmen also agreed.

Rodney reported he attended the 250th Committee meeting Thursday where they are finalizing the design for t-shirts and the commemorative coin. Lots of events are planned.

The Selectmen reviewed the procedure for appointing Committee members. Appointments to Town Boards and Committees will be discussed at the next meeting.

Public Forum:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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