

Adopted

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 18, 2013

PRESENT:

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

Roch Larochelle, Road Agent Dick Perusse and seven St. Anselm College students 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. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The consent agenda contained reappointments of Robert Todd to the Open Space Committee, David Hulick to the Recreation Commission, Donald Duhaime to the Planning Board and Harry Piper to the ZBA. Rodney moved to reappoint these people as above. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Reorganization of Board of Selectmen-Appointment of a Chairman: Peter opened the meeting for nominations for Chairman. Dwight moved to nominate Christine as Chairman of the Board. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Peter announced Christine Chairman and Christine took over the meeting.

Item 2: Roch Larochelle-New applicant for Finance Committee seeking appointment: Roch Larochelle was present to meet with the Selectmen about his application for a position on the Finance Committee. He said he was on the Road Committee for a number of years but left to finish school. He has now finished school and wants to be more involved with the town. He is offering his services, experience and energy to the Finance Committee. He recently met with Peter about this and was surprised and impressed with what Peter brings to the town and was encouraged by that. The Selectmen also commented on their appreciation of the new organization process Peter brought to the Finance Committee this year. Rodney moved to appoint Roch Larochelle to the Finance Committee for a term of two years, taking over Kim DiPietro's position as she has resigned. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Approval of the public Minutes of March 4: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of March 4, 2013. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 4: Brief overview of final Town Meeting approved operating budget and Warrant Articles-Peter Flynn: Peter noted it was a successful Town Meeting with all warrants approved except the land article which was defeated. The public seemed satisfied with what the town presented and last year's tax rate remaining flat probably helped. Dwight was congratulated on his re-election to the Board of Selectmen. There may be an issue with one Warrant Article and it is being reviewed. The Department Managers were told to hold off spending on large items until the June tax payments come in. The CRF accounts will be added to as the law requires. The Operating Budget passed. Peter thanked the Selectmen for supporting the Departments and approving their presentations.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 5: Bid award for Highway Department Calcium Purchase: Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

- Dick recently sought bids for Calcium Chloride under the proper bid process. He noted prices have increased approximately 50 cents per bag since last year. Three quotes were reviewed. Dick recommends ordering from AH Harris because the town has an account there. The quote is only good until March 15 when the price would normally increase but they have indicated they will hold the price for the town if the town decides to use them. It will take 5-6 weeks after ordering for the product to be delivered. The current supply is expected to last that long. It is ok to order this product before the June taxes as it is needed. The quote is for less than \$10,000, therefore Selectmen vote is not needed to order this product.
- Goffstown's Director of Public Works is planning improvements to Pleasant Street this summer and requested putting up a warning sign on Route 13 before Parker Road. It is a state road and he was directed to contact District 5 for permission. The Selectmen noted concern as the Thibeault gravel trucks are directed by their gravel permit to travel Route 13 instead of Parker Road.
- Scott Fitzgerald of Christian Farm Road recently called Dick about his concerns about the condition of Christian Farm Road and financial issues the developer is going through. Dick referred him to the Town Administrator, Planning Board and Selectmen for answers to his questions. Scott contacted the Planning Department and learned there is a bond in the \$50,000 range for the road. Dick noted the road would need more than resurfacing to get the pavement binder back in shape.
- The status of the new trucks approved by Warrant Articles will not be determined for approximately three more weeks.

Item 6: Acceptance of Finance Committee resignation: This type of item is normally in the consent agenda but this time Kim DiPietro, a member that served many years with a lot of input, has resigned. Rodney moved to accept Kim DiPietro's resignation from the Finance Committee

with regret and to publicly thank her for her dedicated service to the committee with a letter of thanks. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 7: Review and possible adoption of the Town's Investment Policy: The auditors are coming to town in three weeks and will be asking for the town's investment policy. It needs approval every year and is the same as last year. There is no need to change it other than the date. Rodney moved to approve the Town Investment Policy as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen signed the Investment Policy.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 8: Town Administrator's Report:

1. Peter started working on the employee handbook. Job description review will follow.
2. Twin Bridge Property Deed Acceptance-Final draft reviewed by Town Counsel Bill Drescher and sent to Ian McSweeney. Bill Drescher opined that the Selectmen cannot accept land gifts. Peter will research this.

Item 9: Selectmen's Reports:

- The Selectmen thanked the Department Managers, Finance Committee and CIP Committee for their work on the budget.
- The Selectmen thanked Ken Lombard and David Woodbury for their work on the Thibeault land project, which they tackled with the appropriate effort. Although it was unsuccessful, it was important to bring it to the voters for a decision.
- Eric Scoville, a former Fire Ward was critically injured ice climbing in Crawford Notch over the weekend.
- Dwight's term on the Planning Board is over. Christine will take over these duties after the next Planning Board meeting. Dwight will attend that meeting.
- Rodney is unable to attend the next Selectmen's meeting.

Public Forum:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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