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**Town of New Boston  
Selectmen's Meeting  
June 3, 2013**

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

Brandy Mitroff, Police Chief James Brace, Alexandra Nelson, Steven Case, Mark Debowski, Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett, Building Inspector Ed Hunter and 12 other members of the public were present.

**A. CALL TO ORDER:** A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Christine Quirk 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 includes reappointments of Willard Dodge to the Road Committee and Jim Federer to the Solid Waste Committee and Software Purchase agreement with Avitar for online boat MAAP Module upgrade.

**B. PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

**C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 1: Mark Debowski-Applicant for Alternate to Conservation Commission:** Mark sent in his application for an alternate position on the Conservation Commission and is here to meet the Selectmen. He moved to New Boston from Litchfield this spring with his wife and two young children. He is originally from Michigan. He works as a civil engineer and is interested in conservation related issues. He enjoys the trails around town and wants to contribute to the community. Dwight moved to appoint Mark Debowski as an alternate for the Conservation Commission. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**Item 2: Ed Hunter-Update on Building Department Issues:** Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter was present to update the Selectmen on Building Department issues. The department has been using a new building permit since February compatible with the new software purchased for the department to make the department software compatible with the Avitar program the town uses. Seven new homes are under construction in town with one permit application pending. The budget is as expected. Zoning is a challenge including sign zoning and Ed will take this up with the Planning Board to consider.

**Item 3: Police Chief James Brace-Introduction and “swearing in” of two new part time officers Steve Case and Alexandra Nelson:** Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to introduce new part time officers Steve Case and Alexandra Nelson. Steven was introduced as a long time New Boston resident who currently lives in Manchester. He graduated from Keene State College in 2012 with a major in psychology and a minor in criminal justice. Alexandra is a resident of Hollis and a graduate of Nashua North High School. She is in her third year of the Hesser College Criminal Justice Bachelor’s program. Both were accepted into the New Hampshire Part Time Police Academy. Their family members are here tonight. Town Clerk Irene Baudreau swore in Alexandra Nelson. Police Chief James Brace presented her badge. Town Clerk Irene Baudreau swore in Steven Case. Police Chief James Brace presented his badge.

**Item 4: Gerry Cornett-(1) Re: Revision to “warning letters” concerning recycling violations; (2) Discussion re: RFQ for Transfer Station trailer:** Transfer Station Manager Gerry Cornett was present to meet with the Selectmen to update them on Transfer Station activities as follows:

- Copies of the proposed bid for the MSW trailer were reviewed. A 25-year service life is expected. The new trailer will make work easier at the Transfer Station and meet the needs of the town. The Selectmen approved. The old trailer will be sold for approximately \$20,000-30,000.
- One warning letter is now proposed instead of the three-letter system now used to track warnings.
- A draft recycling guide to be mailed to residents and posted on the town website was reviewed.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Item 5: Approval of the Public and Non-Public Minutes of May 20, 2013:** The Selectmen reviewed the minutes public and non-public of May 20, 2013. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 6: Review of five month Expenditures and Revenues-Peter Flynn:** Peter reported the budget is looking good with 65% left. Revenues are also doing well.

**Item 7: Competitive Electric Power Supplier-Contract Recommendation:** Peter has been working with the Town of Goffstown and the SAU to initiate the process of sending out bids to a company that does billing with an alternate energy source. Peter has learned that rates fluctuate daily but there is a guarantee not to exceed a certain rate for twelve months with Integrys. The Attorney General’s office has to approve the agreement between the towns as the overseer of public utilities. This contract could save the town over \$5,000 by the end of the year. PSNH bills at a higher rate and is scheduled for a possible rate increase in July. The SAU and Goffstown Selectmen have agreed to use Integrys, New Boston is the last in the buying group to agree. Rodney moved to give Peter authority to engage in a twelve-month contract with Integrys for electric power supply for New Boston. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

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

1. Twin Bridge Property Deed Acceptance: The Selectmen delayed signing the agreement until the signs are posted. The Planning Board may decide to restrict building permits and certificates of occupancy in the development until this is completed.
2. Riverdale Road Bridge Engineering Update: Peter and the Road Agent have been speaking with Nancy Mayville from NH DOT and Engineers Hoyle Tanner to increase the state contribution for extra work caused by the steel beam approach recommended by the Road Agent.
3. Foistner Letter to Town Administrator: Town Attorney Bill Drescher is composing a letter of response.
4. LaPenn Correspondence: Letter of acknowledgement has been sent to Mr. LaPenn.
5. Christian Farm Drive: Correspondence received from the Planning Department reviewing their updates and concerns.

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

A non-public session regarding a legal matter was anticipated tonight but the Selectmen authorized Peter to negotiate and report the decision to the Board. Rodney moved to allow Peter and the Town Attorney to resolve this issue through mediation. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Rodney is in contact with Jutras Signs for the Fourth of July decorations. 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration events are going well and fundraising items are selling well.

Lou Lanzillotti will be contacted and asked to remove his campaign signs.

The Selectmen send their condolences to the Hechtl family as Richard passed away last Tuesday.

Rodney attended the DARE graduation and noted it was very well done.

Christine reported on the recent Planning Board meeting as follows:

- There was continued discussion on zoning, subdivision and non-residential site plan review regulations. They considered requiring a larger lot size. The steep slopes ordinance was reviewed and thought to be working appropriately. Open Space developments v. conventional developments were discussed.
- There was a long discussion regarding the Twin Bridge Land Management development. They were given two weeks to stabilize open areas. There was a question of pulling some sand out before everything is done. The quality of the road binder was discussed and expected to handle sand truck traffic. Town Engineer Kevin Leonard is aware of this. The open area was the largest issue.
- A public hearing on the landscaping and garden center was held. Craig Heafield can send an "as built" plan when the area is complete. The application was approved.
- Dan Donovan was not happy that the ZBA passed a ruling to treat the assisted living facility proposed on Old Coach Road as a commercial entity instead of a residential entity. He wants to consult with his attorney before proceeding further.
- The Planning Board will meet once a month in July and August on the fourth Tuesday.

**Public Forum:**

Brandy noted there is a flag down on the pole at the corner of Routes 136 and 77. She also noted the unveiling of the 250<sup>th</sup> Commemorative Sculpture at the school will be June 13 at 6:30 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*