

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting July 15, 2013

PRESENT:

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

Planning Board Chairman Stu Lewin, Planning Coordinator Nic Strong, David Elliott and Brandy Mitroff 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 5:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Consent Agenda included an appointment of Bo Strong as Representative the SNHPC New Boston Representative.

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Susan Carr-Energy Committee: Cancelled until further notice.

Item 2: Dave Elliott: Discussion Re: Planning Board concern: Resident and local businessman David Elliott was present as he recently attended a Planning Board meeting regarding the Wright Drive (Twin Bridge) road construction and had concerns regarding how the meeting was handled. David is the contractor for the Wright Drive construction and a concern had come up. David then discussed some changes with the Northpoint Engineering and the Road Agent, which they agreed to. He then attended the Planning Board where these changes were discussed. Planning Board member Peter Hogan accused David of badgering Northpoint Engineering and the Road Agent to get the changes made. David said that he was not trying to badger but was trying to come to a solution in the town's best interest". David stated that he is concerned about the disrespect and treatment shown to people attending Planning Board meetings in New Boston, the direction the Planning Board is going and its handling of issues. He attends Planning Board meetings in other New Hampshire towns for many reasons and New Boston handles these meetings differently from other towns. David stated that Peter Hogan is still rude and opinionated as usual making strong statements David doesn't agree with as an experienced road builder. It seems like the Planning Board is trying to hurt the town and close

the door for new residents. This loss of effectiveness of the Planning Board results in hours wasted talking about subjects with no changes made. Dwight was present at the meeting David referred to and agrees Peter Hogan verbally assaulted David that night and the Chairman allowed it. The Selectmen will work with Stu and do what is necessary to alleviate these things for the town. David said this is an ongoing issue and many times people coming before the New Boston Planning Board feel they have to bring an attorney with them. That doesn't happen in other towns; instead they help get appropriate resolutions. David plans to continue to attend Planning Board meetings to try to resolve this issue. The Selectmen noted Peter Hogan continues to be reappointed to the Planning Board as no one has come forward to replace him. They reviewed the applicable RSA. Peter has a 2.5-year term left on the Planning Board. Alternate members have not been moved into his position. Planning Board meeting minutes often do not include all Peter's comments. The Selectmen thanked David for bringing his concerns to them.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Approval of the Public and Non-Public Minutes of July 1, 2013: The Selectmen reviewed the public and non-public minutes of the July 1, 2013 meeting. Rodney moved that they be accepted as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Second Reading-PUBLIC HEARING-Amendment to Town's Disposal of Surplus Property Policy: This revision was discussed at the last meeting. No concerns have come up since that time. Rodney moved to forego the third reading and adopt the policy as presented. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 5: Town Administrator's Report:

1. Riverdale Road Bridge Engineering Update: No change. The historical review and color issues are ongoing.
2. Foistner Letter to Town Administrator: Peter responded to Mr. Foistner and copied the Planning Board. The Planning Board will be copied on the DES response.
3. LaPenn Correspondence: Peter recently visited the property with Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard. Peter reviewed the policy and procedure regarding changing his address to be John Newton Dodge Road. Mr. LaPenn requested the change from Saunders Hill Road to John Newton Road, and found that this request was not consistent with two town policies. Fire Chief Dan MacDonald emphasized to Mr. Flynn that Mr. LaPenn should abide by the Town's street numbering ordinance and place a 'readable' sign on Saunders Hill Road and there would be no problem in identifying where the LaPenn home was located. Mr. Flynn states that the identification of the number was spray painted on a tree and not easily recognizable while traveling. Planning Coordinator Nic Strong provided information regarding abandoned roads and past discussions about closing John Newton Dodge Road but it was never closed. Assessor George Hildum was also consulted and appropriate assessment is in place. Mr. Hildum stated to Mr. Flynn that changing the address to John Newton Dodge Road wouldn't necessarily reduce the assessment. The Selectmen agreed to deny this request: that is 1) To change the address to John Newton Dodge Road and reassess the home, or 2) Close John Newton Dodge

Road and make his address legally be Saunders Hill Road. Mr. Flynn was directed to advise Mr. LaPenn of their action.

4. Christian Farm Drive: The deed has been received. A public hearing to accept the road will be planned for an upcoming Selectmen's meeting.
5. Veilleux v. New Boston: Peter will meet with the insurance representative from the Local Government Center and their attorney Don Smith July 18 to plan for the mediation that will be scheduled in this matter.
6. Footbridge: Peter and Footbridge Committee member Sandy Van Scoyoc will attend the upcoming NH DOT meeting to discuss this matter and Peter will report on it at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:

None.

Public Forum:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:39 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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