

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 3, 2014

PRESENT:

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

Conservation Commission member Betsy Whitman, Gail and Randy Parker, Brandy Mitroff, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh, Police Chief James Brace, Officer Alex Nelson, Officer Jennifer Watson, Officer James Moran and four family members, Bob Todd, Ken Lombard, Fire Wards Dick Moody, Dan Teague and Fire Chief Dan MacDonald of the public were present.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:00M 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. 2-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

Randy Parker asked if the Highway Department could look at the area between his property and the café on Mill Street where a large amount of water collects as it is a hazard. The Road Agent will look into it.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Elizabeth Whitman-Applicant for Conservation Commission (Alternate):

Elizabeth Whitman applied for appointment to the Conservation Commission as an alternate. She said she attended two meetings to learn about it and would be honored to be part of it. She is very interested in conservation. The Selectmen noted they appreciate that and conservation is very important to them as well. Dwight moved to appoint Elizabeth Whitman as an alternate to the Conservation Commission for a three year term. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 2: Joe Constance-Applicant for Planning Board (Alternate): Deferred.

Item 3: John Munn-SNHPC-Discussion Re: Piscataquog Watershed Stream Crossing Vulnerability Assessment Project: Jack Munn from SNHPC and Gabe Bolin from Trout Unlimited were present to discuss the Piscataquog Watershed Stream Crossing Vulnerability Assessment Project with a PowerPoint Presentation. Gabe presented saying this program rates the vulnerability of culverts in NH to severe storms. A lot of old culverts are undersized. The assessment phase of the project is complete. Results were sent to each town. Several culverts in

New Boston were found not able to pass fish migration. The next step is to evaluate crossings hydraulic ability to pass water which they are going to work on with a \$70,000 federal grant and this will be completed in about a month. Restoration strategies will then be determined and prioritized by each community. The information gathered in this study will be provided to New Boston at no cost. Dwight noted New Boston has already begun studying this as well. Rodney asked about a concern of the flooding effect after connecting two ecosystems after they have been separated for 100 years. Gabe noted water storage should be discussed during the design phase when replacing culverts. Randy Parker asked about early warning of flooding events. Jack noted someone in NH is working on this with USS GIS system but this needs funding.

Item 4: Bob Todd-Request Selectmen's Signature for a Lot Line Adjustment: Bob Todd is present as a facilitator to get a subdivision application signed. The Selectmen have to sign as owners of one of the tracts involved, the Mill Pond Conservation Area. An application is expected to be complete to submit to the Planning Board by Friday, the deadline to have this heard at a March Planning Board meeting. Gail Parker noted there are four parties involved, scattered around the world. All have expressed approval and plan to sign the application later. The map was reviewed. Gail presented saying a group of four investors recently purchased the Tracy land for the purpose of donating a parcel of land to use as a corridor for the planned footbridge connecting the main village to the library village. A lot line adjustment for 3.2 acres next to the Mill Pond Conservation Area is planned. This will make access to the Mill Pond Conservation Area easier and there is also connectivity potential to the library land. This lot line adjustment and land will be donated to the town at no charge. PWA has a conservation easement on the entire property, it is under current use and there are private covenants affecting use of the land. Rodney and Dwight signed the lot line adjustment application. Bob will bring it to the Planning Board.

Item 5: Police Chief James Brace-Introduction of New Part Time Police Officer: At the last Selectmen's meeting the Board voted to approve James Moran as a Part Time Police Officer. Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh swore in James Moran and Chief Brace presented his badge.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 6: Approval of the Public Minutes of January 14, 2014, Deliberative Session Minutes of February 3, 2014, Public and Non-Public Minutes of February 18, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of January 14, 2014, Deliberative Session minutes of February 3, 2014, public and non-public minutes of February 18, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 Rodney moved to seal the non-public minutes of February 18, 2014. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 7: Review of Committee and Board Openings After April 1, 2014: Peter noted applications for most openings have come in and will be approved at the next Board meeting.

Item 8: Discussion on Letter From The Fire Wards re: Daniels House: The Selectmen received a letter from the Fire Wards dated February 6, 2014 requesting the Selectmen meet with Wayne Daniels regarding the acquisition of his house at the corner of Mill Street and Meetinghouse Hill Road map 19 lot 27 to be used in the rehab of the existing fire station as land for a new fire station in an acceptable location is either unavailable or too expensive. The Fire Department has a concept to raze the current fire station and construct a new station to last the town a long time. They hope to store fire apparatus at the fairgrounds and town shed during construction that is planned to be complete within six months of commencement. The property may have other benefits to the town as well. Peter spoke with Wayne about this property and the property behind the fire station and determined it was not a good option to the town without the parcel behind the fire station. Wayne was unwilling to include the property behind the fire station in the sale. The Selectmen were not approached in time to consider this purchase for the current budget season but said this could be researched further and considered for the next budget season and the Selectmen will evaluate it again. The Fire Wards and Selectmen thanked each other for their service to the town.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 9: Town Administrator's Report:

- Rose Meadow/HUD Suit: A meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for March 25, 2014.
- Footbridge: Peter met with Holden Engineering last week and they are preparing documents to submit for grant money. Peter will update the Board at the next meeting. There is no further funding for the bridge and the project would have to be started all over again for another grant to continue with the project.
- Peter contacted Town Attorney Bill Drescher about the issue Forestry Committee Chairman Kim DiPietro discussed at the last Selectmen's meeting. Kim, Bill, Bob Todd and Peter will meet this month to review the lot line issue.
- Peter spoke with Planning Coordinator Nic Strong about the process of requesting RFQ's and she said this will be discussed at the March 25 meeting.

Item 10: Selectmen's Reports:

- The Town Report is now available. Laura Bernard did a great job preparing it.
- Rodney attended the last Planning Board meeting where the Rumore development on Bedford Road was discussed as there are road improvement issues including sight distance. The Road Agent was asked to prepare a plan to bring to the Planning Board at their March 25 meeting. **Public Forum:**

None.

Item 11: Possible Request for Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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