

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 17, 2014

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

Brandy Mitroff, Joe Constance, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Police Chief James Brace, 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. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Consent Agenda contained committee appointments for Brandy Mitroff to the Finance Committee, Ken Lombard to the Open Space Committee and David Litwinovich to the Planning Board.

Reorganization of Board of Selectmen-Nomination and Election of a Chairperson: Christine nominated Rodney as Chairperson. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Item 1: Public Hearing: Emergency Management Performance Grant Application Presentation by Chief Dan MacDonald: Fire Chief Dan MacDonald and Road Agent Dick Perusse presented a grant to the Selectmen for approval. Last year they applied for a grant for a reliable generator for the Highway Department. This was brought before the Selectmen at their June 17, 2013 meeting. The state approved the application pending a public meeting with the Selectmen. The grant pays 50% of the costs. \$9,514 will be paid by the state grant for a 38K propane generator that will run the complete Highway Department facility. The town cost was allocated last year and will have no impact to the 2014 tax rate or budget. A 1000lb in-ground propane tank was purchased last year. Dwight moved to accept the Emergency Management Performance Grant for the Highway Department building under the Emergency Management system. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen signed the grant agreement.

B. PUBLIC FORUM: None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 2: Joe Constance-Applicant for Planning Board (Alternate): Joe Constance applied for appointment to the Planning Board as an alternate. He has lived in New Boston for 25 years and done a lot of community service including four terms on the School Board and is currently on the Road Committee. He is semi-retired as a library manager but still teaches at St. Anselm College.

He is interested in serving on the Planning Board as he is increasingly interested in land use and development in town. Christine moved to appoint Joe Constance as an alternate to the Planning Board for a three year term. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

William Schmidt-Application for Alternate on the Finance Committee: Deferred.

Item 3: Police Chief James Brace-Discussion Re: Cruiser Camera: Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

- At a December meeting he presented a proposal for video cameras in the police cruisers. At that time the Board was not interested in cameras for all cruisers but expressed interest in getting a camera in the new cruiser. Jim got an updated proposal for \$3,995 for camera installation in one cruiser as a package deal with the laptop budgeted to be done by the same company. The quote is for a 1080P camera with great clarity and a warranty. Jim viewed the product and was impressed. Last year's budget is expected to cover this cost but it could mean an overexpenditure of the police budget. The Selectmen authorized an over expenditure from the Police Operating Budget for this purchase. The Selectmen are interested in seeing how the camera will work to improve the Police Department operations and will consider purchasing additional cameras at the end of the year if financially feasible.
- Jim applied for a Highway Safety grant and was awarded \$3,112.20 for 10 four-hour patrols at times of expected high traffic to improve speed enforcement and safety. Christine moved to accept this grant. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0
- Officer Masella recently considered retiring from the Department but has decided to stay on in the same capacity for now. The Police Department and Selectmen are pleased with this decision.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4: Approval of the Public Minutes of March 3, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of March 3, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 5: Overview of Town Meeting Approved Articles: Peter is preparing correspondence to the Congressional Delegation, State Legislators and President of the United States regarding the results of the town's vote on Article 29.

Irene prepared a job description and posting for the opening in the Town Clerk's office.

One application came in for the Highway Department opening despite there being no posting or advertisement yet.

First quarter spending is in line with three month spending recommendations before town meeting approval. Peter noted appreciation for the way New Boston handles the CIP and avoids debt and bonding. The Department Managers will be reminded to keep their budgets down until June taxes come in. The Selectmen also thanked voters for supporting the budget and keeping the town out of debt.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 6: Review and Approval of Town Investment Policy: This is the same as it has been renewed every year. There is no reason to change it at this time. The auditors review it as well. The Trustees of the Trust Funds handle this in the same manner annually.

Item 7: Review Correspondence from SNHPC re: Traffic Counting Program: The Road Agent and Planning Board will communicate with SNHPC to determine which roads would be most beneficial to the town. This will be discussed at the Department Manager's meeting.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 8: Town Administrator's Report:

- Rose Meadow/HUD Suit: A meeting with the Planning Board is scheduled for March 25, 2014 and the issue should come to an end soon as Mr. Donovan plans to withdraw any communication with HUD.
- Footbridge: Peter is working to set up a meeting with Tom Jamison at NHDOT to discuss reimbursement.
- Riverdale Road Bridge: NH DOT approved the modification in the construction plan of steel beam concrete deck met as recommended by the Road Agent. The state will pay 80% of this project. This passed the legislative process to authorize New Boston to purchase a parcel of LCIP funded conservation land that the state owns. This is going to the state senate and governor for approval. No issues are expected. The project should move forward this year. The Engineering Firm of Hoyle Tanner is getting the project ready for bid.

Item 9: Selectmen's Reports: Rodney will represent the Selectmen at the next Planning Board meeting then Christine will take over the Selectmen's duties with the Planning Board. Rodney thanked Christine and Dwight for handling these duties for him while he worked on the 250th Celebration last year.

Public Forum:

Brandy asked the Selectmen to prepare their article thanking voters in time for the deadline for the April issue. The Police Chief will also advertise a community meeting in April.

Item 10: Possible Request for Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(a): Rodney made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(a) at 6:50 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Board then entered non-public session after a poll of all members. Roll Call-Rodney-yes, Dwight-yes and Christine-yes.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Dwight made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 7:05 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Rodney moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. Christine seconded. All voted in the affirmative 3-0

Further Public Business: Town Administrator Peter Flynn advised the Board that they still had a further appointment request that has yet to be acted on, that being Stu Lewin's application for re-appointment to the Planning Board. At that time the consensus of all the members of the Board was not to support the appointment request of Stu Lewin. Mr. Flynn was directed to advise Mr. Lewin.

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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