

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting June 2, 2014

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

Willard Doge, Planning Coordinator Nic Strong, Fire Inspector Russ Boland, new Highway employee Brian Nault and Road Agent Dick Perusse 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. Christine moved to approve the consent agenda. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Nicola Strong-Planning Coordinator-Update on Planning Department: Planning Coordinator Nic Strong was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss Planning Department activities as follows:

- Goals: The 2013 goals were reviewed and most were forwarded to 2014. The cul-de-sac long term project recently came to closure. Master Plan questions have been considered along with the home business section of the zoning ordinance. Some zoning ordinance changes were voted on in March and more are being considered for open space subdivision.
- Nic received the regulations to make sure the Planning Board inspection process was appropriate. She considered a new procedure where the Building Inspector does the inspections and reports back to the Planning Board. She ran it by Town Counsel Bill Drescher and it has been implemented.
- Nic researched statewide population statistics at the OEP conference and this will be discussed more regarding New Boston specifically when the demographic study is discussed at the All-Boards meeting June 9. The Housing Finance Authority Website has more demographic information.
- The Master Plan is an important goal for the Planning Board this year. It was last done in 2006. The state recommends it be updated every 5-10 years. This is a statutory duty for the Planning Board and will be a very helpful tool to the Planning Board in the future. The Planning Board is considering hiring UNH Survey Center to help with a questionnaire for input gathering.

- Nic has been working with the ZBA for a year and has had 9 applications. Procedure updates are necessary but have not yet gone forward. She hopes to discuss this with them and make the changes in the next couple months.

Item 2: Dick Perusse-Road Agent-Discussion Re:

- Introduction and Appointment Confirmation of Brian Nault as Highway Department Heavy Equipment Operator: Dick introduced Brian and the Selectmen welcomed him. Christine moved to approve and hire Brian Nault as a full time heavy equipment operator. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0
- Official State Approval for Highway Generator Grant: The highway generator grant received approval from the Governor and Council. The generator will be available within two weeks. It is a 38K propane fired generator. Propane and diesel generators were discussed and compared.
- Engineering Quote for Bedford Road Realignment and Design: The Sandford Survey quote for Bedford Road realignment and design near the Rumore property came in at \$5,500 including submitting the wetlands permit to NH DES. Dick recommended using them and the Selectmen authorized the hiring of Sandford by consensus.
- Letter of Intent and Approval to Continue to Seek a Hazard Mitigation Plan: A Letter of Intent for hazard mitigation on Thornton Road was reviewed totaling \$175,000. It is required before applying for a grant. Emergency Management Coordinator Dan MacDonald also reviewed the Letter of Intent. Christine moved to authorize the Road Agent to move forward with the Letter of Intent for hazard mitigation on Thornton Road. Dwight seconded the motion. All approved.
- The Old Coach Road project is progressing well. The next Highway Department project is to wash and clean under the bridges.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Approval of the Public Minutes of May 19, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of May 19, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Review of Town's YTD Expenditures and Revenues: Peter reported on the YTD Expenditures and Revenues. No issues are expected. Christine noted new legislation is being considered where travel trailers in campgrounds will have to register and that may help revenues.

Item 5: Request for Reauthorization to Seek Proposals for Electricity Savings Plans: Peter requested reauthorization to apply for RFQ's from electric companies. A one year contract was entered into last year and probably saved New Boston a couple thousand dollars. Peter will research prices and report back to the Selectmen.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 6: Town Administrator's Report:

- Rose Meadow/HUD Suit: New Boston's attorney provided by the insurance company sent a letter to Rose Meadow and now pending a response.
- Riverdale Road Bridge: The town is working on purchase of the land necessary for this project. NH DES approved the wetland permit.
- Request for Proposals from Engineering Firms: Committee representatives were appointed and plan to meet for the first time next week to review the proposals.
- Highway Heavy Equipment Operator: As above.
- Discussion and Legal Process re: Sale of Town Property: Rodney spoke with Peter and Open Space Committee Chairman about the Meadow Road property. Ken is trying to get volunteers to clean up the property and remove the buildings to allow the town to keep the property and protect wetlands nearby. The property across the street could be sold in the future. The town needs to decide if the property should be sold for tax revenue. Willard Dodge was present and is interested in this project. He walked the property to assess what needs to be done and noted there are a lot of items that need to be removed, one foundation might be ok to use to build on again in the future and the town should consider how selling would benefit the town. Rodney noted if taxpayer money is used for cleanup he is against it, but there are unsafe buildings that need to be removed. The Selectmen decided it is time to sell the Riley property and Peter will continue with this process.

Item 10: Selectmen's Reports:

- All attended the recent Planning Board meeting.
- Fire Inspector Russ Boland has taken a position as Town Administrator in Lyndeborough. The Selectmen congratulated him and noted he will be missed as New Boston's Fire Inspector. Russ was present and noted he will miss working in New Boston and is proud of the work the town has accomplished while he was here.

Public Forum: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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