

Approved

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

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

Road Agent Dick Perusse, Recreation Commission Chairman Lee Brown, School Superintendent Brian Balke 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 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:

Brandy Mitroff was present and wanted to compliment Asplundh for being very professional and accommodating to traffic while trimming trees on Thorton Road. Road Agent Dick Perusse was present and noted there were some issues but they were worked out.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Introduction by Chief Brace: Swearing in of Part Time Police Officer Leland Hunter: Deferred as Officer Hunter was attending another event.

Item 2: Dick Perusse-Road Agent, Discussion Concerning: Road Agent Dick Perusse was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss updates as follows:

- **Parker Road Drainage:** The drainage system was installed. More work will be done in the area to complete the paving project.
- **Property Owner on Parker Road:** It was determined that property owners in the area had rerouted the drainage pipe in the past. Mr. Sykes felt that previous minutes indicated that he was targeted by that statement. Mr. Sykes did not move the drainage pipe.
- **Clark Hill Road-Tree Cutting between Briar Hill and Valley View:** Limbing of trees is planned to decrease the canopy over Clark Hill Road between Briar Hill Road and Valley View Road as it is a nuisance and a hazard. The Selectmen determined this project falls within the exemptions allowing cutting on scenic roads and does not need to go to the Planning Board. Dick will hire John Brown to do this project.
- The Selectmen asked the Highway Department to pick up a large branch that fell at Mrs. Moss' property.

- Dwight visited the Highway Department recently and noted the department is running well. All Selectmen agreed.

Item 3: Lee Brown-Recreation Commission Chair-Discussion Re: White Buildings Septic System Issues and Easement Issues: Recreation Commission Chairman Lee Brown was present to meet with the Selectmen regarding White Buildings Septic System Issues and Easement Issues. Lee reported a new septic system was being installed at the White Buildings as the old one was 55 years old and had failed. The School Board decided to replace the septic system and move the leach field outside of the parking lot. It is planned to go on town/recreation property on the ballfield. The school needs an easement to construct a leach field there. The sewer system would be in the parking lot. The Selectmen reviewed the plans. Attorney Callen reviewed the easement deed proposal and plan. It is now ready and brought before the Selectmen tonight for review. During this project old fuel oil tanks were found buried. Soil contamination level is being tested. Contaminated material will be excavated. The state and a geologist are involved with this project along with many town departments. The Selectmen approved the project. The school is paying for the oil tank removal. The state has a fund that will be used to test and dispose of the material. Brandon Nault is doing the septic system work. No children are using the White Buildings at this time. The kindergarten and recreation programs will be held at the school building. The School Board is now considering using portable classrooms at the school to help with overcrowding issues.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4: Approval of the Public and Non-Public Minutes of August 18, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of August 18, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen reviewed the non-public minutes of August 18, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted with the addition of the date. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 5: Approval of Fuel Oil Contract for Town Buildings: Peter explained to the Board that there were three proposals. Putnam's was a written contract Proposal and Dead River and Ayer and Goss were verbal. These were reviewed with a memorandum dated August 18. Peter recommended Putnam's bid be accepted. They were the lowest bidder at \$3.19 per gallon. Christine moved to accept the fuel oil bid from Putnam. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Peter also recommended Energy North to supply propane to the Whipple Free Library at a rate of \$2.79 per gal... He also stated that Energy North is the owner of the underground tank. The Selectmen approved by consensus to contract with the vendors recommended by Town Administrator Flynn.

Item 6: Review of Year to Date Expenditures and Revenues: Peter reported approximately 33% of each department's budget is available at this time. No department is in a dangerous budget situation. Revenues are progressing the same as last year and better revenue numbers are expected in December.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 7: Town Administrator's Report:

- Discussion and Legal Process re: Sale of Town Property: The auction of the Weare Road property is scheduled for September 20 with Absolute Auction.
- Health Insurance Benefits: A Department Manager meeting is taking place tomorrow where a possible change of health insurance provider will be discussed. This will be discussed at the September 15 Selectmen's meeting.
- Highway Safety Subcommittee: The Foot Traffic Study Committee will hold their first meeting September 8.
- Peter is meeting with NH DOT to become qualified to write a grant application for a footbridge.
- The employee cookout is scheduled for September 16 at noon.

Item 8: Selectmen's Reports:

Rodney attended the recent Planning Board meeting where they discussed the following:

- Three lot subdivision on Bedford Road was approved.
- Three lot subdivision on Joe English Road was approved.
- A sitewalk is taking place for a two lot subdivision on Rustic Lane. All state approvals were obtained.
- The Parker Road/Heselton appointment was postponed until the next Planning Board meeting.
- The Planning Board is creating a Master Plan Questionnaire. Each department should be approached for topics they would like included in the questionnaire.
- The ZBA made two decisions this week.

The Selectmen determined the poll schedule for voting September 9 as follows: Dwight will attend 7:00AM-11:00AM, Rodney will attend 11L: 00AM-4:00PM and Christine will attend 4:00PM to close.

Public Forum:

None.

Item 9: Request for Non-Public Session per RSA 91-A:3, II(d): Rodney made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3,II(d) at 6:49 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Board then entered non-public session after a roll call. Rodney-yes, Christine-yes, Dwight-yes.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Rodney made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 6:59 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM. seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Prepared by Maralyn Segien - Approved –Sept. 15, 2014