

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting September 15, 2014

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

School Superintendent Brian Balke, Principal Tori Underwood, School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert, Town Clerk Irene Beaudreau, Road Agent Dick Perusse 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. Dwight moved to approve the consent agenda. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:
None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Ray Labore, Tori Underwood and other Representative(s) from The New Boston Central School Board and SAU-Discussion of School Fund Balances (Surplus) and Application of Funds: Superintendent Brian Balke, Principal Tori Underwood and School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert were present to discuss a handout sent by Ray Labore regarding the school unreserved fund balance for the town's consideration at tax setting time. The final unreserved fund balance was \$694,757. A significant contributing factor to this amount was Goffstown voters voting down the school budget last year resulting in a lower than planned tuition rate for New Boston students attending Goffstown schools. This past March voters approved the school budget and this type of fund balance is not expected to happen next year. Returns of health insurance premium overpayments was also a contributing factor. This budget cycle there was only a Warrant Article for the Special Education CRF and that deposit was taken into account when finalizing the unreserved fund balance.

The Selectmen asked about the status of the cupola project at the SAU building. Brian noted the SAU is in favor of removing the cupola entirely for now and roofing over the area and maybe recreating it in the future and have taken the position that the building lease contract with Goffstown allows that. Goffstown is in favor of rebuilding the cupola at \$70,000. Money is encumbered for the project.

The school administration are now working on construction issues at the white buildings jointly with the Recreation Department. This was an unexpected expenditure.

Item 2: Introduction by Police Chief Brace: Swearing In Of Part Time Officer Leland Hunter: The Chief and Officer Hunter did not attend. The Selectmen decided they should meet with the Town Clerk at their convenience for the swearing in.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Approval of the Public and Non-Public Minutes of September 3, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the public minutes of September 3, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The non-public minutes were not available for the Selectmen's review and will be considered at the next Selectmen's meeting.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 4: Health Insurance Presentation-Peter Flynn: Peter and Laura Bernard presented employee health insurance options with a Powerpoint Presentation. Peter noted if the town changes to Schoolcare by Cigna premiums will be stabilized for three years with potential savings for this year. Peter, Laura and Police Chief Jim Brace reviewed the health plan options and recommend the town change health insurance carriers to Schoolcare. This was discussed briefly with the Department Managers at their recent meeting and if the Selectmen approve a representative from Schoolcare will hold a meeting for all employees and their spouses to discuss what they offer. Peter also surveyed surrounding towns for the amount they pay employees who waive health insurance coverage and found New Boston's current amount is the lowest in the area and it was proposed that New Boston increase the amount it offers. The Selectmen agreed that this should be brought before the employees and their spouses as planned. Peter noted some sections of the employee manual will be affected by this change. He is also reviewing the short-term and long-term disability sections for possible revisions. Christine moved to support Peter's efforts to change the town employee health insurance carrier to Schoolcare. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 5: 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 at 10:00AM with Absolute Auction. Peter will attend and asked all Selectmen to attend.
- Highway Safety Subcommittee: The Foot Traffic Study Committee will hold a meeting September 17. They are making progress and this is expected to be a productive meeting with important discussion.
- The Year To Date Expenses and Revenues Report is available for review if requested.
- The Parker Road Cord Wood matter has been brought to town counsel to proceed with the violation.

Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:

Rodney attended the last week's productive Planning Board meeting where they discussed the following:

- Two lot subdivision on Rustic Lane was approved.
- The Parker Road/Heselton Outdoor Services representatives met with the Planning Board to discuss a potential stump grinding business on Parker Road. A sitewalk is scheduled for Saturday morning. The Planning Board stated reclamation of the pit will be complete before any approvals are given. There are also possible wetland and other issues.
- The Planning Board worked on creating a Master Plan Questionnaire.
- The cordwood business on Parker Road has been sent to town counsel to proceed with the violation.

The Selectmen discussed issues found at the voting polls September 9. Christine was present at the close of polls and found the procedure did not go smoothly. She recommended a simpler system such as a checklist and spreadsheet be created to keep track of information required to be used at future elections. Another issue was noted by the state polling place inspector when Rodney was there when the inspector stated a quorum of Selectmen should be present at the polling place at all times. Rodney and Town Clerk Irene Beaudreau have been researching this requirement to make sure the proper system is in place at future elections. There was also an issue with handicap parking for voters being blocked by people campaigning. In the future these people will be asked to move their vehicle to allow voters to park.

Public Forum:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:52 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Prepared by Maralyn Segien

Approved-October 6, 2014