

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting October 6, 2014

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

5:00 PM Item 1: Appointment with George Hildum Re: Legal concerning commercial Abatement(s) per RSA 91-A:3 ,II e

Twenty-seven members of the public were present including Police Chief James Brace, Patrolman Leland Hunter, many Police Department employees and family of Leland Hunter, Town Clerk Irene Baudreau, Willard Dodge, Betsy and Don Chapman and Conservation Commission Chairman Laura Bernard.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 6:10PM 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 2: Police Chief James Brace-Swearing In Of Part Time Officer Leland Hunter:

Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the following:

- He introduced Patrolman Leland Hunter. Town Clerk Irene Baudreau swore in Leland as a Patrolman. The Board welcomed and congratulated Leland.
- He reported official notice to proceed on the Dodge Road tower was received September 30. The contractors will work on this between October 8 and October 10 and it should be operational soon.
- New Boston Police were involved in a vehicle pursuit a couple weeks ago. An arrest was made today and the suspect confessed. All three pursuits from this incident are now resolved.
- New Boston has not taken in forfeiture funds in the past but did file the necessary paperwork to allow this. Jim noted two are pending and asked the Selectmen to consider an approach to use the funds. Christine noted this was discussed by the Selectmen many years ago when Chris Krajenka was the Chief and the Board approved using these funds for the Police Department at that time.

Item 3: Willard Dodge-Discussion Relative To Setting Up Polling Booths: Willard Dodge was present to meet with the Selectmen to request the town brainstorm to find a better way to handle voting booth setup and takedown. Photos of the current process were reviewed showing the booths are subject to damage if there are bad weather conditions during transport. Willard noted he is stepping down from these duties this year. He suggested the town work with the school to purchase or rent a booth storage container to keep near the trash truck at the school or a cube trailer for storage and hauling. 100 square feet is used currently for storage. Town employees could take on these duties or the task could be kept volunteer. Highway Department employees were used in the past but this is not ideal due to the nature of their winter duties. Don Chapman was present and noted he also helps out with this task and there are other items that need to be kept under lock and key at the Town Hall and transported between the Town Hall and School as well. He also collects tables from several locations in town for additional presidential election requirements. He noted setup of the voting room is dictated by state law that needs to be followed and is always changing. He is not ready to step down from these duties until a qualified person is found to take over his duties. Willard and Don reviewed the current volunteers and noted one moved out of town and another agreed to help out in November as his last election. One more new volunteer contacted them recently. The Selectmen thanked Willard and Don for their great service to the community. They thought a 10'x25' trailer to be pulled by a pickup truck either volunteer or available at the Highway Department might work. Dwight will research the options. Irene noted the town is inspected by the Attorney General at every election and has passed every time due to the work and consistency of Willard and Don over the years. The Selectmen, Town Clerk and volunteers will continue to consider this and take pictures at the upcoming election for reference. Irene also noted this is a good time to begin thinking about this in preparation of the 2016 presidential election.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4: Adoption of Non-Public Minutes of September 2, 2014 and Public Minutes of September 15, 2014: The Selectmen reviewed the non-public minutes of September 2, 2014 and the Public minutes of September 15, 2014. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 5: Update on the Foot Traffic Safety Committee Activities: Peter reported the committee completed the grant application for a grant where the state would pay 80% of the project and the committee would raise the remaining 20%. Tom Jamison from NH DOT confirmed the application was received and a response is expected in January. The committee cannot hire anyone to begin work until the grant response is received. If the grant is denied the committee can begin work but cannot use any town funds for the project.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 6: Conservation Commission Request for Acceptance of Land: Conservation Commission Chairman Laura Bernard was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss the Conservation Commission's request for acceptance of a land donation. A map was reviewed showing a strip of land that was forgotten since Kennedy Lane was built. There is a fire pond in the area. The Kennedy brothers said they had no use for the land. Surveyor Bob Todd found it through a recent survey. Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard indicated it could be

of good use to the town as access to conservation easement property or to Peter DeRoeth's property. The deed is ready to be recorded in the Hillsborough County Registry of Deeds once the Selectmen approve it. The Conservation Commission already paid to record the plan. The Selectmen will review this request and discuss it at their next meeting.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 7: Town Administrator's Report:

- Riverdale Road Bridge-DRED Issue: The town sent a check from the bridge aid grant to the NH Treasurers Office for the land transfer.
- Discussion and Legal Process re: Sale of Town Property: The Weare Road property was auctioned. Peter is working to prepare the deed with Town Attorney Bill Drescher.
- Health Insurance Benefits: An informational meeting for all employees is scheduled for October 16.
- Parker Road Logging-The Selectmen sent letters per legal advice.
- Compliance letters were sent to the Winslows and there are indications some activity is taking place at the property.
- Boiler Replacement at the Wason Building: This project is ready to begin. A quote of \$4,100 was received and Peter authorized it to come from the operating budget.
- Peter's Employment Review: Peter noted he has been working as the Town Administrator for three years and it is time for his performance evaluation. He elected to hold this during public session. The Selectmen noted he has exceeded their expectations and the town is better off since he was hired. Peter noted he is proud of the items he was able to help the town with and his organizational skills have helped the town. He received a 2.5% raise last year. The Selectmen offered him a 2.5% raise this year and a one year contract. Peter noted he hopes to stay on for at least two more years. Christine moved to reappoint Peter Flynn as the Town Administrator for 12 months retroactive to September 16, 2014 with a salary increase of 2.5%. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen noted Peter's talents have been very helpful to the Selectmen and New Boston citizens.

Item 6: Selectmen's Reports:

Rodney asked Peter to contact the Municipal Association to confirm the requirement of two Selectmen present at the elections. Rodney and Irene have been researching this requirement since it was brought up at the last election and cannot find this requirement in the RSA.

Public Forum:

Armand Hebert of River Road was present to discuss his concerns about the safety of River Road. He is concerned about the condition of the Winslow property as there are safety concerns when pulling out of Armand's driveway onto River Road. Armand noted when the road was named the Ronald Davis Scenic Byway there was discussion to add a bike path on the road. He wants action taken toward this for safety and to comply with the new state bike clearance law. He said safety improvements need to be made to improve sight distance and bike/pedestrian safety. The Selectmen asked Peter to contact the state division 5 in Bedford about items at the edge of the Winslow property obstructing the roadway and Armand's other suggestions. The Selectmen recently sent the Winslows a letter about items on their property.

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 PM. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Prepared by Maralyn Segien

Adopted: October 20, 2014