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## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting November 17, 2014

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

Road Agent Dick Perusse, Transfer Station Superintendent Gerry Cornett and employee Elaine Wells 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 6:00PM 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: Gerry Cornett: Updates on Transfer Station Activities:** Transfer Station Superintendent Gerry Cornett was present to discuss activities at the Transfer Station as follows:

- The Transfer Station has been running without a foreman for about a month and may continue for an extended amount of time due to a non-work related injury. The earliest the foreman may be back is December 12 and will be tested to make sure he is fit for work before returning. His doctor released him to light duty but there is no light duty position available. Gerry has been working Saturdays due to this. He has spoken with employees to find a temporary replacement. Dave Jolicoeur has indicated he is not interested. Elaine Wells is interested and has been training for increased duties over the past couple years. Gerry recommends her for this temporary full time position with a \$3 per hour raise without benefits. She would be required to get her weighmaster's license within 90 days. This is not a guaranteed permanent position but if it goes beyond 90 days it will be considered further. Peter will research if benefits are required for a temporary full time position. Dwight moved to appoint Elaine Wells to a temporary foreman position with a \$3 per hour raise. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. The Selectmen thanked Elaine for stepping up.
- The Transfer Station is short staffed. In the past there were a couple people available in three non-guaranteed per diem positions but they are no longer available. The Selectmen decided to post these open positions for two weeks and then Gerry can hire.

- The paving project is now complete and paid for. This resolved most of the water issues and traffic flow seems faster and safer. Lots of compliments have been received from residents with a few dissenters.
- Trucking: There is a potential for \$200 savings per haul if the procedure to truck recycled material is changed. Gerry is researching options to purchase a trailer for this and recommends a trailer in VT at \$8,000 that could be purchased with funds this year. The Transfer Station will earn approximately \$111,000 in revenue this year and \$35,000 surplus is expected with all Transfer Station bills paid. This would be a good move economically for the town. There is a potential to get 20% back from the purchase price from a NH the Beautiful grant. Christine moved to encumber \$8,600 for a Transfer Station transport trailer. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

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

**Item 3: Re: Advertising for Auction of Town Owned Tax Deeded Property:** The prior auction sale of the Weare Road property is not going to work out. The bidder is requesting return of his \$2,500 deposit. The Selectmen denied this request. The property will be reaucted in the spring. In the meantime, the bidder can work to come through with the money. Road Agent Dick Perusse was present and suggested roadwork be done in the area before the auction.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Item 4: Review and Approval Request for Warrant Article Submission: CIP Articles:** Peter reported the Warrant Articles presented are prepared by the CIP Committee. \$55,000 for the preowned 6-wheel dump truck might be a better number. More Articles are expected including for the police radio tower, chair lift to the second floor of the Town Hall and a \$300,000 withdrawal from the unreserved fund (a non-taxable item). The Police detail Article probably will be less than \$2,500.

#### **F. OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Item 5: Acceptance of Resignation and Discussion of Replacement (Town Bookkeeper):** Karen Craven sent her letter of resignation to take effect January 31, 2015. The job description was reviewed and seems up to date. Christine moved to accept Karen Craven's resignation as Town Bookkeeper with regret. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor. Christine moved to post and advertise for the Town Bookkeeper position. Dwight seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### **Item 6: Town Administrator's Report:**

- Riverdale Road Bridge-DRED Issue: Peter met with the abutters who are willing to work with the town on utility aerial easements. The town is preparing the bid package to go

out in December with one month for contractors to submit their bids. The project will proceed in the spring.

- Discussion and Legal Process re: Sale of Town Property: As above.
- Foot Traffic Safety Committee: Nothing new until they meet again after January 1.
- Parker Road Logging: Building Inspector Ed Hunter met with the applicant this week and will discuss the matter with the Planning Board on November 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Annual Finance Committee Reviews: The Committee is approaching the end of the town municipal budget review. The next meeting is November 20.
- Contact made with Fromeau Appraisal: Peter contacted the appraisal company as recommended by Assessor George Hildum re: appraisal of Daniels lot behind the fire station and Grasso lot on Mont Vernon Road for more information to help the Selectmen decide if a Warrant Article should be prepared.
- Audit: The draft audit is complete and tax rate setting information is expected to be available tomorrow.

**Item 7: Selectmen's Reports:**

Rodney reported the Planning Board met and discussed the following:

- They decided not to call the bond on the Indian Falls subdivision and gave permission to complete the read by late spring.
- A site plan was submitted for a tack shop on River Road.
- Dwight will take over the Selectmen Planning Board duties.

**Public Forum:**

None.

**Item 8: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and (c)-Personnel:** Dwight made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II(a) and (c) at 6:46 PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Board then entered non-public session after a poll of all members. Rodney Towne-yes, Dwight Lovejoy-yes, Christine Quirk-yes.

**Move to exit Non-Public Session:** Rodney Towne made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 6:51 PM. Dwight Lovejoy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

**ADJOURNMENT:** Christine Quirk made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 PM, Dwight Lovejoy seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

Adopted: December 1, 2014