

# Adopted

## Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 2, 2015

**PRESENT:**

Rodney Towne	Selectman	
Dwight Lovejoy	Selectman	
Christine Quirk	Selectman	Absent
Peter Flynn	Town Administrator	

Lee and Joyce Bosse from The Messenger publication and Susan Carr, Betsy Whitman and one other member of the New Boston Energy Commission 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. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 The Consent Agenda included appointment of Ken Lombard to the Finance Committee for three years.

### **B. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Betsy Whitman was present and expressed appreciation for the wonderful job the Selectmen have been doing.

Peter presented Rodney an engraved gavel as a gift of appreciation for his service as Selectman as he is leaving the Board. Rodney thanked Betsy and Peter and said it has been an honor to serve with the Board.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS:**

**Item 1: Susan Carr-Energy Commission Chair; Discussion Re: Update of Master Plan Energy Chapter:** Energy Commission Chair Susan Carr was present to meet with the Selectmen to update them on the activities of the Energy Commission as follows:

- The town Master Plan is due for revision in 2016. An energy chapter will be added. There is no schedule for the changes but the chapter is ready.
- The Commission has been noticing energy improvements the town has made such as the renovations at the Town Hall.
- The Commission has been investigating a solar garden for New Boston with NHSolarGarden.com. The state finalized the rules recently and laws are now in place. The Commission proposes a solar garden be placed on the landfill cap. It can be leased and power can be used to serve town buildings and residents. They requested Jack Munn from the SNHPC be invited to give a presentation on the proposal to the Selectmen at their April 6 meeting. The Selectmen agreed. The Commission contacted the SAU to see if they would be interested in participating. The Commission is discussing this with area towns that are participating with this program to see how it is going.

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

**Item 2: Adoption of Public and Non-Public of February 17, 2015 and Deliberative Session minutes of February 4, 2015:** The Selectmen reviewed the public and non-public minutes of February 17, 2015. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0 The Selectmen reviewed the minutes of the Deliberative Session February 4, 2015. Dwight moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

**Item 3: Third Reading-Personnel Policy Revision Pertaining to Vacation Qualifications (Possible vote to adopt recommendations):** Peter reported the policy is recommended to be revised to make vacation time based on accrual instead of awarded on the first of each year. He discussed the proposed changes at the Department Managers meeting and a Public Hearing was held in February. At this time he recommends the policy be revised and accepted as revised. Revisions were made after the Public Hearing in response to employee input. Rodney noted the proposed policy is fair and protects the town from exposure to large payouts of vacation time if employees leave employment before vacation is earned. Dwight moved to accept the Personnel Policy with revisions to the Vacation Time section. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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

**Item 4: Adoption of Town of New Boston Investment Policy:** Peter noted the auditors require approval of the town Investment Policy annually. The policy has not been changed in the past two years. The auditors reviewed the policy and did not suggest any changes this year. The Trustees of the Trust Funds also met and accepted their Investment Policy as required. Dwight moved to accept the Town of New Boston Investment Policy. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

**Item 5: Resignation of Part Time Officer:** Leland Hunter sent his official notice of resignation. Dwight moved to accept Leland Hunter's resignation effective February 13, 2015. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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

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

- Foot Traffic Safety Committee: The committee met today and had a good discussion. Engineer Brian Dorwart attended and agreed to help the committee.
- Parker Road Logging: The Planning Board met to discuss this code enforcement issue last week. This is being handled through the legal process. The Planning Board will discuss this again at the end of March.
- Purchase of Land on Mont Vernon Road: This Article passed the Deliberative Session with an amendment.

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

Dwight attended the recent Planning Board meeting where they discussed the topics mentioned under the Town Administrator's report.

Rodney presented the proposed budget and Warrant Articles at the recent Grange meeting.

**Public Forum:**

None.

**Item 8: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II, Discussion Re: Purchase of Land on Mill Street:** Dwight made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II at 6:28 PM. Rodney seconded the motion. Roll Call: Dwight-yes, Rodney-Yes. All were in favor. 2-0 The Board then entered non-public session.

**Move to exit Non-Public Session:** Dwight made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 6:35PM, seconded by Rodney. All were in favor. 2-0

Public Session resumed.

Dwight moved that the town purchase a .25 acre parcel located on Mill Street know as Map 23, Lot 1 for \$10,000 and use funds from the 2015 budget the Government Buildings line item for land purchase which has budgeted \$1.00 for this purpose and to authorize the over expenditure of this particular line item.

Rodney seconded the motion. Vote was 2-0 in favor.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dwight made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 PM. seconded by Rodney. All were in favor. 2-0

Rodney moved to adjourn at 6:36PM seconded by Dwight. Motion passed 2-0

*Prepared by Maralyn Segien*

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