

Adopted

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting March 16, 2015

PRESENT: Joe Constance Selectman
Dwight Lovejoy Selectman
Christine Quirk Selectman
Peter Flynn Town Administrator

Police Chief James Brace, Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard, Conservation Commission member Barbara Thomson, Brandy Mitroff and St. Anselm College nursing students of the public were present.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Dwight Lovejoy at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Christine moved to approve the consent agenda. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Consent Agenda included appointment of Susan Carr to the Energy Commission for 3 years, Mary Koon to the Open space Committee for 3 years, Barbara Thomson and Louise Robie to the Conservation Commission for 3 years.

One Consent Agenda item was held out and the Board wished to discuss in Non-public session.

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Ken Lombard-Open Space Committee Chair-Discussion Re: Accepting Land Donation: Open Space Committee (OSC) Chairman Ken Lombard and Conservation Commission (CC) member Barbara Thomson were present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss a possible land donation. He said Bill Riley contacted Laura Bernard, the Chair of the Conservation Commission, in January about donating an 87 acre parcel of his property on Old County Road tax map number 12-16. Pictures and a letter from the owner were reviewed. The OSC considered purchasing this property several years ago but decided not to at that time. There is no cost to the town to obtain this property now other than legal fees and loss of \$95 per year in taxes. The property is currently in current use. The property has good recreation potential. It includes swamp and pond wetland. Joe noted the parcel is accessed by a class 6 road. Peter reviewed the process of accepting donations and noted in this case the value of the donation is less than \$5,000 so a Public Hearing is not required. The CC and OSC are requesting Selectmen approval to begin negotiating with the owners. They will ask Attorney Jed Callen to prepare a deed that will be presented to the Selectmen for acceptance. The Selectmen said they are interested in pursuing this option. Ken noted a nearby parcel is also protected by easement. Barbara noted it is believed there is a cabin on the property. Ken said there are restrictions for

water and electricity for any cabin on the property. Ken and Barbara snow shod the property recently and did not see the cabin. Joe would like to snowshoe the property soon and will schedule this with Ken and Barbara.

Item 2: Police Chief James Brace-Re: Full Time Officer Appointment Request: Police Chief James Brace was present to meet with the Selectmen to update them on the activities of the Police Department as follows:

- He congratulated Joe on his election to the Board.
- He is here to ask to move James Moran from a part time to a full time patrolman on the New Boston Police Department. He explained that James Moran began with the Department per diem program and has been phenomenal on the Department so far; eager, accepts criticism well, wants to be part of the community, and helpful to the Department during investigations. He will need to attend the Police Academy, a \$21,000 investment to the town. Joe was concerned that the program the Department is using would create a Department with young inexperienced officers. Jim said not at this time as the Department has officers that are getting great hands-on policing experience they might not be getting if they worked in other area Police Departments, as James Moran has in the year he has worked here. Christine noted she supports the program and it has worked very well. Christine moved to move James Moran from part time to full time patrolman as of March 30, 2015. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0
- Snow was successfully removed from the Police Department roof after concerns of weight on the roof after recent large snowstorms.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 3: Adoption of Public and Non-Public Minutes of March 2, 2015: The Selectmen reviewed the public and non-public minutes of March 2, 2015. Christine moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 4: Overview of Town Meeting Approved Articles: Peter reviewed the recent voting results as follows.

- The Operating Budget was approved.
- The land for the possible proposed Fire Station was approved and is in the fund balance account already. Peter will discuss this with town counsel and the land owners.
- All articles were approved at voting.
- A controversial article is one to add a section to the tax bill for donations to the school. The town is working to comply with this article. Brandy Mitroff was present and was concerned if no money is raised through fundraising would the town then have to pay for the school items requested in the article. Peter said no.
- The footbridge article is a fundraising article; no money will be supplied through taxes. The Foot Traffic Safety Committee is active and proceeding with fundraising with town supervision as an official town committee. Brandy asked if the footbridge is built it will be town responsibility for liability and maintenance; and do town officials get a final say on the bridge? Peter said the Selectmen have to approve every aspect of the bridge. Peter is working with the committee. The maintenance issue has not yet been solved. Brandy noted the CC has a separate account for maintenance of the footbridge at Lang Station and is it possible to require the same for the proposed footbridge. Peter said this

can be recommended and will be discussed later this year. Dwight said a good plan is needed before fundraising begins.

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 5: Memorandum of Understanding Agreement-New Boston Police Department and Hillsborough County Sheriff re: Street Crime Task Force: Police Chief James Brace said Sheriff Hardy started this program to address the growing problem of heroin addiction in the state that has a byproduct of thefts and burglaries. Sheriff Hardy created a street crime task force to help with this problem. This is a voluntary participation program for Police Departments in Hillsborough County. Participating Police Departments will get training and information sharing about the issue. An agreement would need to be signed to participate. One officer from New Boston would be accepted to be in the program and work in other Hillsborough County communities and be deputized. Jim has participated in this type of program before with good experience and has good experience with the organizers of this program. Participation would not affect police coverage in New Boston. Joe moved the Board authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Memorandum of Agreement regarding the Sheriff's Street Crime Task Force and New Boston's participation therein. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen thanked Jim for bringing this to them.

Item 6: Fire Mutual Aid Agreement for GIS System Release to 911 Purposes: Peter said this agreement is requested to enhance the capabilities of dispatch service to allow Southwestern Fire Mutual Aid to go into New Boston CAD records to update their 911 service to coincide with their dispatch service. Fire Chief Dan MacDonald is 100% in favor. Joe signed the agreement on the Selectmen's behalf.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 7: Town Administrator's Report:

- Foot Traffic Safety Committee: As above. The next meeting is March 18.
- Parker Road Logging: The issue is before the Planning Board with some legal issues. This will be discussed in non-public tonight and will come before the Planning Board March 24.
- Follow Up on Town Warrant Articles: As above.
- Deed signed for Lull Road property. The town received the check for \$23,000 and the sale is now official. New Boston will now collect taxes on this property.
- Peter Hogan requested reappointment to the Planning Board. Dwight noted concern about the procedure for appointment to town committees and boards. This will be discussed in non-public tonight.

Item 8: Selectmen's Reports:

None.

Public Forum:

None.

Item 9: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (c): Joe made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:3II (a) and (c) at 7:05 PM. Christine seconded the

motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Board then entered non-public session after a poll of all members. Joe Constance-yes, Christine Quirk-yes and Dwight Lovejoy-yes

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Christine moved to exit Non-Public Session at 7:15PM, seconded by Joe. All were in favor. 3-0

Christine moved to seal the Non-Public minutes for a period of five years seconded by Joe Constance. All voted in favor 3-0,

Joe moved to re-appoint Peter Hogan as a member of the Planning Board for a three year term seconded by Dwight Lovejoy. All voted in the affirmative 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Christine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 PM., seconded by Joe. All were in favor. 3-0

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