

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting January 26, 2017

<u>PRESENT:</u>	Joe Constance	Selectman	
	Rodney Towne	Selectman	
	Christine Quirk	Selectman	Absent
	Peter Flynn	Town Administrator	

Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh and Don Grosso of the public were present.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Joe Constance at 11:00 AM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1: Tree Cutting Bid: The Selectmen prepared a bid for tree cutting at the Transfer Station and ballfield on Old Coach Road that was reviewed and finalized by the Forestry Committee. Two bids were received. The Committee reviewed the bids and Chairman Tom Miller told Peter the Committee recommended the project be awarded to Jon Strong as one bidder did not qualify. The Selectmen request written confirmation of this from the Committee. Rodney moved to accept Jon Strong's bid for the Old Coach Road tree cutting project contingent upon receiving a recommendation in writing from the Forestry Committee. Joe seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 2: Town Report Dedication: Peter reported Town Hall staff approached him about the possibility of dedicating the 2016 Town Report to Nonah Poole in memorium. The Selectmen agreed. Joe moved to dedicate this year's Town Report to Nonah Poole in memorium. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

Item 3: To discuss duties and motions for February 6, 2017 Deliberative Session: The Board discussed the following:

- Kevin Collimore sent Peter information that came out last week on a Supreme Court ruling on making amendments at Deliberative Sessions. The Selectmen will review this.

Peter sent this information to Moderator Lee Nyquist and will discuss it with him. Peter and Lee have been discussing the Deliberative Session process.

- A legal opinion was received that will be discussed today in Non-Public session.
- Peter prepared a schedule for the Selectmen to move, second and discuss Articles at the Deliberative Session. Peter is preparing binders for the Selectmen to use at the Deliberative Session.
- A motion to deal with Article 11 first is anticipated to occur at the Deliberative Session.
- Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh was present and noted she is working with NBCS Head Custodian Heather Kilar to make sure the gym is ready for the Deliberative Session. Sound system, chairs, cardboard voting booths, tables and line control will need to be set up. Peter will meet with Heather the day of the Deliberative Session to make sure the gym is set up appropriately.
- Cathy called Secretary of State David Scanlon to learn if people are allowed to register to vote at the Deliberative Session. The answer is no as the Supervisors of the Checklist have not posted the session as a chance to vet voters.
- Rodney will present the budget at the Deliberative Session.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Don Grosso of Joe English Road was present to discuss Article 11. Don provided a copy of the second appraisal at the land Freedom Crossing, LLC sold to the town two years ago. The 2007 appraisal was \$235,000 and the most recent appraisal was \$160,000. Don learned there were appraisals of four comparable lots and only one was similar to this lot. It is across from the Brookline post office and with that in mind the \$200,000 New Boston paid for the land two years ago is consistent with that. Joe has a copy of the nondisclosure agreement with Hannaford where they were going to pay \$600,000 for the land but the LLC did not agree to that sale due to the size of the building.

Don also asked if the Finance Committee and Selectmen have reconsidered their vote on Article 3 and if so if this could be mentioned at the Deliberative Session. The Selectmen said this has not occurred and not anticipated. The Finance Committee and Selectmen did not vote on Article 11 as they do not take action on petition Articles.

Don noted that at the January 17, 2017 Public Hearing the Fire Wards showed a chart showing the total that each homeowner would pay in taxes toward the new fire station building over 20 years. For a property assessed at \$350,000 the total is \$90 per year for 20 years. Don compared this to an insurance premium and noted the Fire Department could be considered insurance for all in town. He asked that these numbers be discussed at the Deliberative Session. The Selectmen will ask the Fire Wards if they want to present any portion of their presentation at the Deliberative Session.

Joe thanked Don for his consideration of this matter over the years.

Item 4: Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(a)(b)(c): Joe made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II(a)(b)(c) at 11:20 AM. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0-Poll Vote: Joe-yes and Rodney-yes. Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Joe made a motion to exit Non-Public Session and seal the minutes for ten years. Rodney seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:30AM. seconded the motion. All were in favor. 2-0

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