

Approved

Town of New Boston Selectmen's Meeting July 3, 2017

PRESENT: Joe Constance Selectman
Rodney Towne Selectman
Christine Quirk Selectman
Peter Flynn Town Administrator

Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard, Road Agent Dick Perusse, Sally Moss, Dwight Lovejoy and Karen Scott of the public were present for all or part of the meeting.

A. CALL TO ORDER: A regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Rodney Towne at 10:00AM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Joe moved to approve the consent agenda including a change of job title for Elisa Fitzgerald from Accounting Supervisor to Finance Director; Appointments of Doug Smith as a part time Highway worker and Scott Gilman as a part time Transfer Station worker. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

Open Space Committee Chairman Ken Lombard was present to meet with the Selectmen to update them on the potential purchase of the Thibeault Corporation 35 acre cornfield lot along River Road to protect it from development. Thibeault Corporation recently accepted the Committee's 2015 \$280,000 offer. This would be a fee purchase not an easement. The OSC would pay for this purchase from its account. Thibeault recently sold a lot to Capital Rock and offered an additional lot to the town if it is interested. The Committee has been working on this potential purchase for approximately eleven years. Thibeault Corporation agreed by letter not to excavate its Parker Road/South pit along the Rail Trail and the OSC will work to get a formal easement to that effect. The Selectmen approved. Rodney explained a plan to purchase the entire 280 acre lot was denied by voters a few years ago.

Sally Moss of Parker Road was present to meet with the Selectmen to discuss concerns as traffic on Parker Road is becoming unbearable. She asked if anything can be done. Rodney will contact the Police Chief about traffic enforcement in the area.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

None.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 1: Adoption of Public and Non-Public Minutes of June 19, 2017: The Selectmen reviewed the Public and Non-Public Minutes of June 19, 2017. Joe moved the Public and Non-Public minutes of June 19, 2017 be accepted as presented. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 2: Discussion Re: Grading Fairgrounds Road: Rodney explained the town usually grades the Hillsborough County Youth Center grounds before the July 4 Celebration each year. It has been done this year. Approximately one month ago Hillsborough County Youth Center Chairman Bill Matheson approached Rodney and asked him if the town could grade the fairgrounds road from the Hilldale bridge to the Rail Trail entrance a second time now that the town has a right of way to the Rail Trail and the road is being used more for Rail Trail parking than in the past. Rodney spoke to Conservation Commission Chairman Laura Bernard who said the head of the trail is Lang Station so there shouldn't be a lot of traffic at the fairgrounds for the Rail Trail. Rodney observed travel on the road and supports grading the road a second time due to traffic on the fairgrounds due to Rail Trail use. There is no town or Conservation Commission enforcement restricting the use of the fairgrounds for Rail Trail parking and he observed 30% of Rail Trail traffic comes from the fairgrounds. The town has a right of way easement across the fairgrounds property that did not cost the town anything and the town is not enforcing the Lang Station parking requirement. Therefore the road can be graded in the fall after the Hillsborough County Fair. Rodney also spoke to Bill about the possibility of the Foundation restricting access to the fairgrounds in the spring to prevent road damage. The Selectmen agreed. Joe moved to authorize a second grading of the fairgrounds roadway from the Hilldale Bridge to the bridge at Langdell Barn in the fall after the Hillsborough County Fair. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Item 3: Town Administrators Report:

- Town Common Tree Cut: Peter reported the tree will be removed within two weeks.
- Ridgeview Lane Tower-Landscaping/Air Conditioning: The neighbors are concerned about the sound of the air conditioner. A temporary system was installed in the spring that will be replaced with a quieter system. Landscaping is also a concern. The three town departments involved met with the neighbors and all are working together on this. They will meet again in a couple months.

Item 4: Selectmen's Reports:

Joe reported the following:

- Joe visited the Thibeault gravel pit off River Road to check the status of the required reclamation. It is progressing well except the top third of the hillside. Code Enforcement Officer Ed Hunter and Joe asked Thibeault to get more vegetation there. Thibeault thought it was too dangerous to get up there but Ed and Joe demonstrated it is possible and Thibeault agreed. Joe will go back to look at the area today. The new owner also

needs to complete a site plan with the Planning Board. Ed is working with the new owner.

- Forestry Committee: Joe is working on a narrative of the Colby Lot Management Plan and expects to be done in a couple days.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

Item 5: 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:II(a) and (c) at 10:23AM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0-Poll Vote: Joe-yes, Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. The Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Joe made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 10:32AM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Rodney made a motion to seal the non-public minutes for five years. Christine seconded. All voted yes 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT: Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:33AM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

Prepared by Maralyn Segien

**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on July 17, 2017 (6:00 PM)
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