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**Town of New Boston
Selectmen's Meeting
June 4, 2018**

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

Police Chief James Brace, Sergeant Stephen Case, Officer Tyler Ruggiero, Deputy Town Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh, Selectmen's Assistant Laura Bernard, School Board Chairman Wendy Lambert, Karen Scott, Mike Trimbur, David Litwinovich, Cyndie Wilson, Kaleb Jacob and nine other members 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 Joe Constance at 6:00PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda-The Selectmen signed the consent agenda. Rodney moved to approve the consent agenda. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

B. PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

C. APPOINTMENTS:

Item 1: Chief James Brace-Introduction And Swearing In Of Part Time Officer Tyler S. Ruggiero: Police Chief James Brace introduced Officer Tyler Ruggiero noting he is 21 years old and completed his Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice at NHTI. As part of his degree he completed a 120 hour internship at the New Boston Police Department. He is also an Eagle Scout and was part of the Goffstown Police Department Explorer program. Deputy Clerk Cathy Strausbaugh swore him in, he was pinned by his mother and congratulated and welcomed by the Chief and Selectmen.

Item 2: Eric Pothier-Re: Water Level Of Beaver Pond: Peter reported Eric was unable to attend this meeting and will attend the June 18 meeting where this item will be discussed.

Item 3: Fire Chief Dan MacDonald-Updates On Activities Of The Fire and Rescue Department: Peter reported Dan was unable to attend this meeting and this item was deferred.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

Item 4: Third Reading-Possible Decision-Street Name Change re: Helena Drive: Rodney reported Fire Inspector Eric Dubowik who found that there is a note for dispatchers to announce the gap in the middle of Helena Drive and to ask which side the call is coming from. The state

911 Emergency System reviewers are concerned with human error. More than half of the affected residents have said they are not in favor of a change. The Selectmen considered adding signage instead of changing the name to prevent any issues. Rodney moved to leave the name of Helena Drive as is and to attach appropriate warning signage at both ends. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen will contact the town of Weare to request permission to put signage on Newman Wilson Road.

Item 5: Approval of Public and Non-Public Minutes of May 21, 2018: The Selectmen reviewed the Public minutes of May 21, 2018. Rodney moved the Public minutes of May 21, 2018 be accepted as amended. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 The Selectmen reviewed the Non-Public minutes of May 21, 2018. Rodney moved the Non-Public minutes of May 21, 2018 be accepted as presented and sealed for fifteen years. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

E. NEW BUSINESS:

Item 6: Certification Concerning Social Security And Medicare Coverage-Motion Required: Peter reported the state requires a motion from the Selectmen due to the \$1,800 threshold. This pertains to election workers only. Rodney moved to adopt the higher election worker and elected officer exclusion under Social Security Act of \$1,800 effective January 1, 2018. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

F. OTHER BUSINESS:

Item 7: Town Administrators Report:

- Street Name and Number Project: As above.
- Wason Building Roof: Completed repairs.
- Wason Building Painting: Painting and repairing rotting wood is now taking place to maintain this building that was previously neglected. A quote of \$4,000 came in to repair the steps, more than can be paid with a default budget.
- New Web Site Design: Updates in progress.
- First Expenditures and Revenues Report of 2018: The report is provided and will be presented to the Selectmen on a monthly basis.
- ZBA: ZBA Clerk Shannon Silver reported she had to cancel two meetings this year due to ZBA member attendance issues. Canceling these meetings is a lot of work and expense to the town and a disservice to the applicants that need a hearing to proceed. ZBA members are needed. The Selectmen suggested discussing this with the ZBA Chairman. Peter will announce the need on the Official town Facebook page and in the New Boston Beacon.

Item 8: Selectmen's Reports:

- Forestry Committee: Joe continues to maintain the area of the Christmas Trees planted by first graders by mowing.
- Joe was unable to attend the recent Planning Board meeting in Rodney's place.

G. PUBLIC FORUM:

Cynthia Wilson of Mason Drive was present to discuss Item 2. She is not available for the June 18th Selectmen's meeting when this item will be discussed. She noted there is a long history with the pond in this area. She explained Laurel Lane was a Class 6 road in the 1970's when Dan Zwillinger lived at map 15 lot 8, Frank Crawford was beyond there and Cyndie and her husband bought a lot beyond there. When they began building their house Mason Drive was built with two culverts. The town changed Laurel Lane to Class 5. A former Road Agent once decided to let the water out of Beaver Dam Pond and it flooded Mason Drive causing some damage that the residents have to pay to repair as it is a Class 6 road. Before the culverts went in the town or NH Fish and Game researched Beaver Dam Pond and state laws and found that if the town builds a road to Class 5 without a culvert a dam is created (Willard Dodge also knows this history). The Selectmen did not want the town in control of a dam so they dug and drained the pond, put in the current culvert and the beavers have dammed it ever since. If the water gets too high it is still a dam. Road Agent Dick Perusse met with Cyndie in the past and they viewed the area and made a verbal agreement not to let the pond water out all at once again, instead it would be let out gradually as there are nine families affected. That was done this spring after someone posted a picture on Facebook of water going over Laurel Lane. Cyndie is in favor of keeping the pond at a lower level. Rodney looked at the area today and nine years ago after an issue. The current issue may be due to recent dry weather and water has not filled back in yet but may soon. Joe will view the area. Cyndie noted a nearby culvert under Summit Drive may be contributing to the issue.

Karen Scott of Dane Road asked if there has been any discussion of proposing another use for the town property next to the Post Office as fire station proposals have failed for two years. The Selectmen noted they are not aware of any and they recommend sitting on the property until another use is proposed. Karen asked if a safety complex would be considered. The Selectmen and Police Chief said there has not been any interest in a safety complex as the Police Chief's report to the Master Plan Committee suggested additions to the current Police Station and maintenance such as a roof, siding, septic and sprinkler system that could be accomplished at less expense than a safety complex. Karen noted that response is different from a conversation she had with the Police Chief. He said it is not, it is wiser to update a building that is capable but it depends on results of engineering that is needed when planning an addition, possibly in the area of the carport. The Selectmen said this should be discussed at CIP season to plan budgetarily.

H. OTHER:

The Selectmen asked Kaleb Jacob if he is video recording School Board meetings as he is Selectmen's meetings. Kaleb said he is not and when the Selectmen asked why he said it is because he is not available on Wednesday nights when the School Board meets. The Selectmen asked Kaleb to arrange video recording with the New Boston Taxpayer's Association as the School District represents a larger portion of the property tax bill than the town portion. Kaleb asked if the town would pay for that and the Selectmen said no as the town is under a default budget. Kaleb said in that case he will not arrange this with the New Boston Taxpayers Association.

Item 8: Possible Request for Non-Public per RSA 91-A:3, II(a) and (c): Rodney made a motion to go into Non-Public session per RSA 91-A:II(a) and (c) at 6:32 PM. Christine

seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0 Poll Vote: Joe-yes, Christine-yes and Rodney-yes. Board then entered non-public session.

Move to exit Non-Public Session: Rodney made a motion to exit Non-Public Session at 6:57PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

ADJOURNMENT: Rodney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:58PM. Christine seconded the motion. All were in favor. 3-0

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**Next Scheduled Meeting: Town Hall Conference Room on June 18, 2018 (6:00 PM)
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