

NEW DURHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

New Durham Town Hall

July 17, 2019, 8:00am

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Present

Chair David Swenson

Selectman Cecile Chase

Selectman Dorothy Veisel

Also Present

Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator

Call to Order

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 8:00am.

Chair Swenson stated a letter was received from Governor Sununu on July 9, 2019 regarding the State budget, which he did not sign. Chair Swenson stated a meeting will be held on July 19, 2019 and the Governor's Office asked if a representative from the Board of Selectmen would be able to attend; some of the topics on the agenda are business tax and municipalities. Selectman Chase stated she is unable to attend but isn't really up to date on the State budget issues. Chair Swenson stated he doesn't feel attendance is critical but will try to see if he can make it work in his schedule.

The Board reviewed and discussed a follow up on transfer of funds from the Boodey Farmstead to the General Fund. Chair Swenson confirmed the Boodey Farmstead Committee has voted on this as well.

Chair Swenson made a motion to transfer \$13,430.55 from the Boodey Farmstead Fund, account 7763184981 to the Town's General Account Fund, account 7981203. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Selectman Chase stated in the past they have addressed derelict properties/properties with concerns, and asked if the Building Inspector has moved forward with inspections of any of the properties. Town Administrator Kinmond stated he has inspected some properties, violation notices were sent out, and they are waiting for more information on some properties. He stated some were given short but reasonable time frames to take necessary steps to rectify the violations; many include occupied RVs on properties, sheds and foundations built without permits, etc. Town Administrator Kinmond stated it takes a bit of time to work with the Police Department and Code Enforcement office in order to establish timeframes of violations. He also explained the court process and assessment/collection of fines.

Selectman Chase stated there is an article in the *Laconia Daily Sun* about cynobacteria and there going to be a meeting at Church Landing in Meredith, with a guest speaker but she's not sure if Fred Quimby is part of this although a picture of Merrymeeting Lake was used.

Chair Swenson made a motion to enter into nonpublic session pursuant to RSA 91-A: 3 II (a) – the dismissal, promotion or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee; (b) – the hiring of any person as a public employee; (c)- matter which, if discussed in public would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant & (e)- Consideration or negotiation of pending claims or litigation which has been threatened in writing of filed against the public body or any subdivision thereof, or against any member thereof because of his or her membership in such public body, until the claim or litigation has been fully adjudicated or otherwise settled. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Roll Call: Selectman Veisel – aye; Selectman Chase – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The Board entered nonpublic session at 8:12am.

The Board reentered public session at 9:21am.

Chair Swenson made a motion to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session of the July 17, 2019 Board of Selectmen meeting. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Chair Swenson made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to make a conditional offer of employment to Candidate 1 based on being able to meet hours and skill set requirements of the position for the Administrative Assistant position and other tasks and based on acceptable background checks for a rate of \$15.00 per hour for 25-30 hours per week. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

Future Meeting

August 19, 2019, 8:00am, New Durham Community Room

Adjourn

Chair Swenson made a motion to adjourn. Selectman Veisel seconded the motion. Motion passed, 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary