

TOWN OF NEW DURHAM
Board of Selectmen Meeting
November 2, 2023, 11:00 A.M.
New Durham Community Room, New Durham, NH 03855

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PRESENT

David Swenson, Select Board Chair – via Zoom
Dorothy Veisel, Vice Chair Select Board
Marc DeCoff, Select Board Member

ALSO PRESENT

Cecile Chase, Interim Town Administrator
Lt. Reginald Meattley, Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Swenson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

Report from Chair

Chair Swenson stated a request was received from a former employee; the former employee, Sierra Pawnell submitted a letter dated September 14, 2023 requesting the information from discussion in non-public with Ms. Pawnell by the Board be made public. Chair Swenson read the Board of Selectmen's response into the record.

Chair Swenson stated although the Town Finance Department and Interim Town Administrator have attempted to resolve the issue, Copple Crown Village District does not appear to be able to submit the required information in a timely manner to the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration in time for a tax rate decision. It is highly likely that the Town will need to obtain a Tax Anticipation Note (TAN). Chair Swenson requested Interim Town Administrator Chase begin the process for obtaining the TAN.

MOTION: Due to Copple Crown Village District being unable to provide the necessary information to NH DRA, the Town approves the application and requests the Town Administrator and Finance Manager prepare the necessary paperwork for the Tax Anticipation Note (TAN) with the amount to be determined based on various payments due including Strafford County and other similar payments until the Town can set the tax rate and tax bills sent out with sufficient revenue to repay the TAN. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Vice Chair Veisel.

Discussion: Selectman DeCoff asked if they know what the interest rates would be. Interim Town Administrator Chase stated they have done some research and at this time it is estimated to

be about 6%. It is unclear when Copple Crown will have the necessary information submitted to NH DRA. **Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.**

Future Meetings

November 14, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

November 28, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

December 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

December 28, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

MOTION: To enter nonpublic session pursuant to RS 91:A-3II, (a) *The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her, unless the employee affected (1) has a right to a meeting and (2) requests that the meeting be open, in which case the request shall be granted; (b) The hiring of any person as a public employee; (c) Matters 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 the inability to pay or poverty of the applicant; (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community; (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present.*

Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The Board left public session at 11:24 a.m.

The Board reentered public session at 12:54 p.m.

MOTION: To seal the minutes of the non-public session of the November 2, 2023 meeting for reasons it may adversely affect the reputation of one other than the Board. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Selectman DeCoff. Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

MOTION: To adjourn. Motion by Chair Swenson. Second by Vice Chair Veisel. Roll Call Vote: Vice Chair Veisel – aye; Selectman DeCoff – aye; Chair Swenson – aye. Motion passed 3-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

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92 Respectfully Submitted,

93 *Jennifer Riel*

94 Jennifer Riel, Recording Secretary

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