

**MINUTES**  
**Town of New Gloucester**  
**BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**7:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, September 15, 2014**  
**At the Meetinghouse**

*For review of the complete discussions and motions, please see the recording available at the Public Library or on our website at [www.newgloucester.com](http://www.newgloucester.com)*

**BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S MEETING**

**I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chairman, Steven Libby, called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. Present were Chairman, Steven Libby; Vice-Chairman, Linda Chase; Selectmen, Nathaniel Berry and Joshua McHenry and Laura Sturgis; Town Manager, Paul First; and recorder, Sharlene Myers.

**II. To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to 2014-15 Abatement, Batch #1**

*Mr. McHenry moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to approve the 2014-15 Abatements, Batch #1, with real estate totaling \$4,882.42 and personal property totaling \$1,927.96. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

**III. ADJOURN**

*Mr. Berry moved and Mr. McHenry seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

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## **BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

### **I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE**

Chairman, Steven Libby, called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. Present were Chairman, Steven Libby; Vice-Chairman, Linda Chase; Selectmen, Nathaniel Berry and Joshua McHenry and Laura Sturgis; Town Manager, Paul First; and recorder, Sharlene Myers.

### **II. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:**

**Board of Selectmen – 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 6, 2014**

Mr. Libby said the scheduled meeting of October 6, 2014, may be changed to September 29, 2014. He said the school election warrant must be signed 30 days before the election and the October 6<sup>th</sup> meeting date is 28 days. He said he will discuss the date change with Ms. Chase and will contact the Town Manager.

#### **A. Adjustments to the Agenda**

Mr. Libby said an additional application was received for the MSAD #15 School Board Vacancy under Appointments.

### **III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

#### **A. MSAD #15 Presentation on Upcoming Bond Referendum**

Bruce Beasley, Superintendent of MSAD #15, gave a power point presentation on the upcoming referendum question going to the voters on November 4th. MSAD #15 School Board Chairman, Tina Martell, and New Gloucester Board Members Amy Arata and Alan Rich were also present.

New Gloucester residents Colleen Strickler, Stephen Hathorne, Erik Hargreaves, Sean Chayer, Melanie Craig and Beverly Cadigan and Gray residents Nichole Walker and Melanie Alt all spoke to the Board concerning the School District Referendum.

## B. Other

Stephen Hathorne spoke to the Board concerning the new Library sign; the need to paint the Town Hall stairs, window trim and railings; the missing Christmas tree; legal updates on the Sacco and Staton cases; and the late start of the Selectmen's meeting.

Kathleen Potter thanked all of those that completed the FOAA training.

Beverly Cadigan gave an update on the Veterans Monument and spoke concerning upcoming fundraisers: Golf Tournament benefiting the Veterans Monument; and an Apple Pie sale benefiting the Historical Society. She also thanked the Cable TV personnel for organizing the upcoming State Representatives and State Senate forums taking place in September and October.

## IV. SCHEDULED ITEMS

### 4.16 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Quitclaim Deed for Tax Acquired Property

*Mr. McHenry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to sign the Quitclaim Deed as presented. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

### 4.17 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to 2014 Selectmen's Activity List

*Ms. Sturgis moved and Mr. McHenry seconded a motion to table agenda Item 4.17, review of the 2014 Selectmen's Activity List, until the next meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

## V. APPROVE FY15 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #8, #9, #10 and #11

*Ms. Chase moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to approve FY15 Warrants & Payrolls #8, #9, #10 and #11. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

## VI. APPOINTMENTS

### A. Resignation of Wanda Brissette from the Planning Board

*Mr. McHenry moved and Ms. Chase seconded a motion to accept the resignation of Wanda Brissette from the Planning Board, with regret. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

**B. Parks & Recreation Committee – 5 three-year terms available**

**Kimberly Brusseau** – would like to be appointed

*Mr. McHenry moved and Ms. Chase seconded a motion to appoint Kimberly Brusseau to the Parks & Recreation Committee for a three-year term. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

*Mr. McHenry moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to extend the ending time of the Selectmen's meeting until 10:30 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

**C. MSAD #15 School Board – 1 Completion of 2015 Term**

**Kathleen Potter** – would like to be appointed

**Kevin Sullivan** – would like to be appointed

Kathleen Potter and Kevin Sullivan both spoke to the Board concerning their School Board applications.

*Mr. McHenry moved and Ms. Sturgis seconded a motion to appoint Kathleen Potter to the MSAD #15 School Board for the completion of 2015 term.*

Mr. McHenry said he is voting for Ms. Potter because she has served previously.

Mr. Berry said there is no specific reason why he is not voting for Ms. Potter. Mr. Sullivan would be a fresh face on the Board.

Mr. Libby said he was in favor of Mr. Sullivan. He said he previously worked with Mr. Sullivan on the Board of Directors and liked what he brought to the table.

Ms. Sturgis said she admired Mr. Sullivan for coming forward but believes it's better to have someone with experience on the Board.

*The motion failed on a vote of 2-3, with Mr. Berry, Ms. Chase and Mr. Libby opposing.*

*Mr. Berry moved and Mr. Libby seconded a motion to appoint Kevin Sullivan to the MSAD #15 School Board for the completion of 2015 term.*

Ms. Chase said Ms. Potter has a lot of experience on the School Board. She said Mr. Sullivan is knowledgeable and has kept in touch with the process. She said if Mr. Sullivan like serving he might stay on for another term.

Mr. McHenry said either would serve well but with the rough sledding upcoming, he would prefer someone with previous experience.

Mr. Libby said neither one is a risky proposition. He said there is a firestorm upcoming and Mr. Sullivan has always presented himself well.

*The motion carried on a vote of 3-2, with Mr. McHenry and Ms. Sturgis opposing.*

## VII. LEGAL

None.

## VIII. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

### A. Approve Minutes of the August 18, 2014, Board of Assessor's & Board of Selectmen's Meeting

*Mr. McHenry moved and Mr. Libby seconded a motion to table until the next meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

### B. Approve Minutes of the September 2, 2014, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

*Mr. McHenry moved and Mr. Libby seconded a motion to table until the next meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

## IX. ORAL COMMUNICATION

### A. Selectmen

Laura Sturgis – said she attended the Library play presentation and it was delightful. She said everyone did a great job and its wonderful community event. She said she attended the Fire/Rescue Departments Chicken BBQ on Saturday. She said it was delicious but was disappointed in the turnout.

Joshua McHenry – said the School Board referendum discussion was well covered by those in attendance.

Nathaniel Berry – he said the evening's discussions amongst all was a good way to communicate on a higher level.

Linda Chase – no comments.

Steven Libby – said he was on vacation the previous week and enjoyed being away. He said he tries not to take a position as a Selectman where the Town has representatives on the School Board.

### B. Town Manager

Mr. First said changes have been made to the Fairgrounds regarding access and parking. He said the Bald Hill Road gate is unlocked and new signage directing users to parking areas. He said a new gate has also been installed along the Fairgrounds access road to keep vehicles from the well head protection area.

Mr. First said Chandler Mill Road will be ready for paving later this week and the Public Works Director has contacted F. R. Carroll to schedule a time.

Mr. First said if the Board has any questions when they are reviewing the warrant, to please speak with the Deputy Treasurer.

**C. Boards & Committees**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Per M.R.S.A. 841, Title 36, Chapter 105 § 8. 2.**

*Discussion of Poverty Abatement*

*Mr. McHenry moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to enter into Executive Session per M.R.S.A. 841, Title 36, Chapter 105 § 8. 2., Poverty Abatement, at 10:10 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

**XI. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Libby brought the Board out of Executive Session at 10:25 p.m.

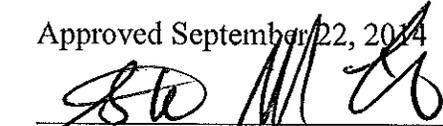
Mr. McHenry said he fails to see evidence of hardship and there is a lack of evidence supporting his application.

*Mr. McHenry moved and Mr. Berry seconded the motion to deny application as it does not meet burden of proof. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

**XII. ADJOURN**

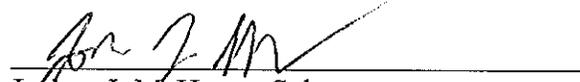
*Ms. Sturgis moved and Mr. Berry seconded a motion to adjourn at 10:26 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 5-0.*

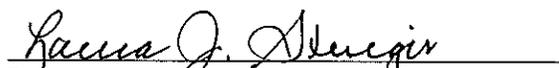
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Linda D. Chase, Vice-Chairman

  
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Nathaniel L. Berry IV, Selectman

  
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Joshua J. McHenry, Selectman

  
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Laura J. Sturgis, Selectman