MINUTES
Town of New Gloucester
BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S & BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING
7:00 p.m.
Monday, August 21, 2017
At the Meetinghouse

BOARD OF ASSESSOR'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Linda Chase, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Chairman, Linda Chase; Vice-Chairman, Steven Libby; Selectmen, Joseph Davis and Stephen Hathorne; Town Manager, Carrie Castonguay; Assessor's Agent, Michael O'Donnell; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers. Selectman, Lenora Conger, was absent.

II. To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to Establishing the *Mil Rate for FY18 Taxes*

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Hathorne seconded a motion to set the Mil Rate for FY18 Taxes at 15.60. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

III. To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to the *FY18 Tax Commitment*

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Hathorne seconded a motion to sign the FY18 Tax Commitment paperwork.

Mr. O'Donnell said the Homestead Exemption increased to $20,000 for FY18 and the State will reimburse the town at 50%, instead of the 62.50% as in the past year.

The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

IV. ADJOURN

Mr. Libby moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 4-0.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER & ATTENDANCE

Chairman, Linda Chase, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present were Chairman, Linda Chase; Vice-Chairman, Steven Libby; Selectmen, Joseph Davis and Stephen Hathorne; Town Manager, Carrie Castonguay; and Recorder, Sharlene Myers. Selectman, Lenora Conger, was absent.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING:

Special Town Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, September 18, 2017
Board of Selectmen Meeting – 7:00 p.m., Monday, October 2, 2017

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

None.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Peter Bragdon, resident, said there is a lot of talk around Town concerning the location of the New Public Works Facility. He asked if the special town meeting warrant could reflect a choice of locations. He said he would hate to see the Public Works Department not receive a new building because of the wording on the warrant. He asked if the warrant article is voted down, would there be any cost to the Town?

Ms. Chase said the location of 611 Lewiston Road was the recommendation of the engineer, who studied many locations. She said a different building design would be needed if it was to be located anywhere else.

Mr. Libby said it is a design build project and there would be no cost to the Town.

V. SCHEDULED ITEMS

4.11 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Signing of Special Town Meeting Warrant*

Mr. Libby moved and Ms. Chase seconded a motion to sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Hathorne said he is 100% in favor of a new public works garage but he has concern with the location and will be voting no on signing of the special town meeting warrant.

Mr. Davis said he does not agree with the special town meeting warrant. He said he will be voting no for the project and will not be signing the special town meeting warrant.

Mr. Libby said whether you are in favor of not, the voters have a right to decide. He said the special town meeting warrant should be signed and put into the hands of the voters and not deny them their right to vote.

Mr. Davis asked what happens if the TIF amendments are not passed; concerns with the Rangeway on Church Road; and is 4.6 million dollars the final amount because the cost is actually 6.3 million dollars.

Mr. Libby said he will oppose the project if the TIF amendments are not approved; the Rangeway does not change anything; and the funding amounts/cost are fully disclosed in Article 3.

Ms. Chase said regardless how a Selectman feels, they represent 5,600 residents of the Town and they have a right to vote on the articles.

The motion failed on a vote of 2-2, with Mr. Davis and Mr. Hathorne opposing.

Mr. Libby left the meeting.

4.12 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Early Closing of Town Hall for Special Town Meeting*

This item was tabled.

4.13 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Foreclosed Properties*

Ms. Castonguay said there were no foreclosed properties to bring forward.

No action taken.

4.14 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Quitclaim Deed*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve and sign the Quitclaim Deed. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

4.15 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Road Name Application for Wabanaki Trail*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the Road Name Application for Wabanaki Trail. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

4.16 To See What Action the Board Wishes to take in Regard to *Road Name Application for Short Dirt Road*

Mr. Hathorne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve the Road Name Application for Short Dirt Road. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

VI. APPROVE FY18 WARRANTS AND PAYROLLS #7 & #8

Mr. Hathorne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve FY18 Warrants and Payrolls #7 & #8. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

VII. APPOINTMENTS

A. ***Economic Development Committee*** *– 2 three-year terms available*
Brett Gundel – would like to be appointed

B. ***Environmental Resources Committee*** *– 2 three-year terms available*
Brett Gundel – would like to be appointed

C. ***Parks & Recreation*** *– 2 three-year terms available*
Brett Gundel – would like to be appointed

D. ***Public Safety Committee*** *– 2 three-year terms available*
Nathaniel Berry IV – would like to be appointed

Mr. Hathorne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to appoint the following: Brett Gundel to the Economic Development Committee, Environmental Resources Committee and Parks & Recreation Committee; Nathaniel Berry IV, to the Public Safety Committee; all for three-year terms. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

VIII. LEGAL

None.

IX. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

A. Approve Minutes of the August 7, 2017, Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Hathorne moved and Ms. Chase seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2017, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

B. Approve Minutes of the August 15, 2017, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Mr. Davis moved and Ms. Chase seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the August 15, 2017, Special Board of Selectmen's Meeting. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

X. ORAL COMMUNICATION

A. Selectmen

Stephen Hathorne – no comments.

Joseph Davis – no comments.

Linda Chase – said the new playground is officially open and has been utilized by many children. She said she wanted to remind everyone about the Library Play and End of Reading Program Awards to be held on Tuesday, August 22, 2017, beginning at 6:30pm.

B. Town Manager

Ms. Castonguay said the following:

- A draft copy of the Social Media Policy was given to the Board to review. There will also be a couple more policies for review that coincide with that one, Disaster Recover and Acceptable Use Policy.
- Outlet Road Paving has been completed and Morse Road will have one lane open next week.
- On September 7th, the Board and I have been invited to a cruise around Sabbathday Lake by the Lake Association. Those wishing to attend please let me know.
- Complaints have been received of numerous dog feces at the Fairgrounds. The Town should have a policy making it mandatory that all dogs at the Fairgrounds are on leashes.
- The new Town Planner, Scott Hastings, will begin on September 5th.

C. Dept. Heads

D. Boards & Committees

XI. ADJOURN

Mr. Hathorne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. The motion carried on a vote of 3-0.

Approved September 18, 2017

Linda D. Chase, Chairman

Steven M. Libby, Vice-Chairman

Lenora R. Conger, Selectman

Joseph S. Davis, Selectman

Stephen J. Hathorne, Selectman