

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 30, 2012

7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING – HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Peter Christie. Present were: Peter Christie, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice Chairman; Athos Rassias, Selectman; Bill Geraghty, Selectman; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and Jessie Levine, Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director. Absent: Judith Doherty, Selectman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Christie asked for any Public Comment. He also stated that he would like to have Public Comment for items that are not on the agenda. He would allow for the Public to comment on the agenda items as they proceed.

John Creagh, 112 Lyme Road, stated that he had a question that relates to the Hanover Crew project but not specifically to the License Agreement. Mr. Creagh stated that when Dartmouth College was granted a variance to subdivide the property from a 7 acre parcel to a 2.4 acre piece of property that was to be used as a single family residence or other permitted uses; do the requirements of the variance follow the land? When it was sold to Friends of Hanover Crew, was Hanover Crew required to meet the variance requirements?

Ms. Griffin stated that she's not sure how to answer this because it is not germane to what the Board is considering and she didn't participate in the Zoning Board hearings when the original subdivision occurred. Her assumption is that everything that has happened so far is in keeping with the original decisions but she could pose this question to Town staff and the Town's attorney.

Mr. Creagh stated that he assumes that with a decision made on subdividing a piece of land, the requirements of the variance would follow the piece of land and not just of the person or entity that requested the variance.

Vice Chairman Connolly stated that her understanding of the reading of the variance decision was that the 2.4 acre lot may be used for a single family home or any use permitted in the zoning district which includes outdoor recreation.

Chairman Christie asked for Mr. Creagh's concern. Mr. Creagh stated that one criteria in the variance according to the decision was that the 2.4 acre subdivision was not to adversely affect the property value of the neighboring households. Mr. Creagh stated that they asked about this particular issue and were told they could not raise it because the item up for discussion was regarding the two driveways. Mr. Creagh stated that because the property is as large as it is and is going to get as much use as it is, he maintains that this is going to adversely affect abutters' property values.

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Mr. Creagh would like the Friends of Hanover Crew to prove that this is not going to adversely affect property values.

Vice Chairman Connolly stated that the variance was granted to subdivide a parcel of land at 2.4 acres versus the normal 3 acre parcel. Mr. Creagh agreed that this was the variance but it was to be used as a single family use or other permitted use. He doesn't believe that this project is consistent with the permitted use. If the Friends of Hanover Crew (FOHC) were required to follow the variance that was granted to subdivide the property, then they never proved that it would not adversely affect the neighboring property values.

Ms. Griffin stated that if Mr. Creagh felt that he had a legal case as it relates to the variance as it relates to the use of FOHC then he would need to put his concerns in writing and then the Town's attorney can address those specific issues. Ms. Griffin noted that this is not something that is in the purview of the Board of Selectmen.

2. VISIT WITH STAFF OF SENATOR SHAHEEN.

Kari Thurman from Senator Jeanne Shaheen's office in Manchester introduced herself and stated that she wanted to speak to the Board and members of the community to make sure that everyone is aware that their office is available to help. Their nearest office is in Claremont, NH and anyone needing help can reach out to their office directly at (603) 647-7500. She asked if there were any questions from the Board.

The Board did not have any questions at this time and Chairman Christie stated that he appreciates her coming. He noted that she was present in the building earlier today. Ms. Thurman stated that she did set up office hours in the lobby of the Town office earlier and she has left business cards and office contact information for anyone who is interested.

3. FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DOCK LICENSE WITH FRIENDS OF HANOVER CREW FOR INSTALLATION OF PUBLIC DOCK AT WILSON'S LANDING.

Chairman Christie gave the audience an overview of the steps that had taken place since the last meeting and noted that they tried to modify the License Agreement to satisfy the concerns brought forward. Ms. Griffin noted that the latest draft is available for review and the changes are noted in red.

Selectman Geraghty noted that the draft that was on the website as of Friday is now out of date and the latest version is available tonight with changes made as late as today.

Chairman Christie noted that the Board will review the changes and then he will allow the public to make comment. Chairman Christie noted that one change is that the wording regarding the access to the dock has been bolstered to reflect that the dock will be open to the public at all times.

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Chairman Christie noted that the Town's authority over the dock has been clarified under paragraph 2.

Ms. Griffin noted that they added wording to the Operations Plan, "Changes that in the Town's opinion could threaten the public enjoyment of Wilson's Landing or significantly increase the Town's financial or other obligations with respect to Wilson's Landing are subject to approval by the Town."

Selectman Rassias asked how the Town would review this and what the process would be. Ms. Griffin stated that if the FOHC wanted to change the plan, then they need to provide that information to the Town at least 30 days in advance.

Chairman Christie asked how they would address the issue of handicap accessibility. Ms. Griffin stated that she felt that they could address this with signage. Ms. Griffin noted that Joan Garipay asked about whether a person that is a handicapped individual might be able to use the handicap accessible dock to gain access to a motorized boat. Ms. Griffin responded that they should be able to address this by using signage at the dock and that this would be allowable but didn't feel that it needed to be part of the License Agreement.

Chairman Christie noted that on page 4 there is a schedule for the review process. This is a 5 year license with 5 year renewals and that there will be a review period after the first full season; then one after two years and one at 5 years.

Chairman Christie wanted to move wording around to add the clause about vacating Wilson's Landing to both sections regarding Termination of the License (with or without cause). This should appear in both places.

Chairman Christie asked about the clause one year from the date of notice of termination to vacate and wanted to check on the date of notice versus the date of termination. Ms. Levine reviewed this section and stated that she felt that the date of notice would be easier to track versus the date of actual termination.

Chairman Christie stated that they have eliminated language regarding swimming and sunbathing and the clause that the Town maintains the existing dock. Chairman Christie recommended removing wording in Section 14, Item c. regarding the example of hours of availability, etc. Ms. Griffin noted the change.

Selectman Geraghty noted that the changes under Section 16 clarified concerns about who to go to when concerns come up. Ms. Griffin noted that people would be encouraged to come to the Town with any concerns.

Peggy Sadler, property owner in Hanover, wanted to clarify whether the Town will or will not be responsible for maintaining the current dock. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town will still be responsible for maintaining the current dock but it did not need to be included in this License Agreement.

Alice Creagh, 112 Lyme Road, asked about the new Item 14 b. that states “That the Town will not grant additional licenses or easements; or enter into leases or other agreements that interfere with FOHC’s rights....” Her question is that if, for example, the Recreation Department decided to give kayak lessons, does this section apply to this type of activity and would they have to get a license, does this apply to that situation?

Ms. Levine stated that her reading of this is that it primarily relates to the moorings to the dock. She said that another example would be if the Town gave another group the right to use the dock exclusively; it’s not intended to preclude other common uses of the dock within the Town but for licensing it would need to be a bigger entity.

Ray Hogue, 1 Wardrobe Road, stated that he had previously submitted a statement to the Board of Selectmen but wanted to read it into the record. Mr. Hogue also stated that with all of the changes that have been made to the document, he is hopeful that the residents would have an opportunity to review them with an opportunity for another public hearing before a vote would take place. Mr. Hogue read the following statement:

“With regard to the license agreement currently proposed for the new dock at Wilson’s Landing, and recognizing that Wilson’s Landing is the only public access to the Connecticut River in the Town of Hanover, and recognizing that the Select Board has not performed, or had performed for it, any comprehensive study of the traditional and existing uses by the public of Wilson’s Landing and has opted to not consider a master plan for the landing, and recognizing that it is the responsibility of the Select Board to promote equal rights and opportunities for access and use of all public recreational sites and facilities in the Town, I offer the following suggestions and comments:

- 1) Make the license agreement a seasonal agreement that provides for clearly delineated access by the Hanover High School Crew Team (HHSCT). No other ongoing license agreement is necessary for any other user or purpose since the dock is to be a public dock. As with all other Town recreational facilities, one-time license agreements shall be available to approved users at appropriate rates (including insurance). The HHSCT is actually the entity that the license agreement should benefit, and that should be made clear in the license agreement. While the HHSCT is currently managed by FOHC, that could change and/or FOHC’s mission could change.
- 2) Grant the seasonal license agreement each year subject to a thorough performance review of the licensed users (HHSCT) of the dock over the prior season or seasons. Such a practice is normal and customary. The private rowing club on Fullington Farm doesn’t need a license because they will use the dock as any other public user would, they just happen to be an abutter. Chairman Christie stated that he sees no “preferential use” of Wilson’s Landing or the new dock by any party or group other than the HHSCT, so then why would an ongoing license to use the new dock by any party other than HHS be necessary or appropriate?
- 3) Prior to granting the seasonal license to HHSCT, develop a calendar of use that clearly delineates the specific approved access (dates, times and duration) under the seasonal

license granted the HHSCT and publish this schedule so that the community can plan accordingly.

- 4) Swimming has become a common, treasured and established use of Wilson's Landing through decades of unregulated occurrence. If there are concerns about the new dock presenting a liability due to the extent to which it projects out into the river or for any other reason, then ban swimming off the new dock but not elsewhere at Wilson's Landing.
- 5) Develop a comprehensive financial model for the new dock. This model should consider a myriad of items including, on the revenue side, usage fees and insurance by HHSCT and other prospective users so that the dock can at least be revenue neutral. If the dock is going to be donated to the Town by HHSCT or FOHC then that should be built into the model. Wilsons' Landing is a particularly rare and valuable piece of real estate, and its improper or poorly-planned utilization, or an ill-advised license agreement, could lead to an unfortunate wasting of a public asset.
- 6) Recognize that the new dock for Wilson's Landing could potentially represent a major change in the use patterns of Wilson's Landing and that until one or more seasons are completed, no one really knows how the usage, and potential problems and issues caused by this new usage, will play out. So, be prudent, protect the Town, and take the license agreement one season at a time and that way the Town can adjust as necessary. I ask you, what is to be gained by the Town by entering into anything other than a season-by-season license agreement with the HHSCT?

Thank you for your consideration.”

Mr. Hogue stated that if the Town is trying to be careful about preferential use, then make everyone a public user. He could have a group of people that meet regularly to use the dock and the only difference is that the Friends of Hanover Crew have a shorter commute – so what's the difference? The fact that FOHC is going to be building and maintaining the dock is just a matter of a subcontracted service. With regard to the insurance issue that is covered by the License Agreement; a Town that is already covered with commercial insurance would be able to obtain insurance for this at a cost of \$500 to \$2,000. The Town could pass this cost along to the Friends of Hanover Crew.

Mr. Hogue stated that at the last meeting, Darryl Hotchkiss pointed out that this new rowing dock has the potential to attract a lot of people and the Town may be forced to make access available only to Town residents. If the Town enters into this License Agreement they way it's written and if the use becomes so great that they need to restrict it to just the Town of Hanover residents, the Town will have a problem since it granted the rights to the FOHC.

Ms. Griffin stated that based on the original Federal grant funds that were received for this project; the Town cannot limit access to Town of Hanover residents only.

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Mr. Hogue stated that this is going to be attractive for outside rowers. This is a great place to row so they are setting the Town up for a situation that if you can't restrict it to Town only, then there could be significant issues for the Town as a whole.

Mr. Hogue stated that the Zoning Board repeatedly said that it is up to the Select Board to determine the use. His concern is that the Town is entering into an agreement that is unnecessary and is not going to benefit anyone and it is open to interpretation. There isn't a specific plan to rectify issues that people may have with FOHC.

Chairman Christie stated that he appreciates his input. Mr. Hogue stated that this is a new document as of today and they should have time to review the changes.

Carol Weingeist, Hanover resident, stated that she is pleased that the Town included earlier comments in the changes. She agrees with most of what Mr. Hogue stated. She wanted to know what the Town planned to do with the Petition for the Master Plan that was submitted at the last meeting. She thinks it's important to consider all aspects including the environment.

Ms. Griffin stated that she has the petition. Vice Chairman Connolly stated that Master Plans are historically undertaken by the Planning Board and felt that the petition should go to that Board.

Winifred Stearns, 5 Dorrance Place, stated that she agrees with Mr. Hogue's comments. She said that the Board went through the new changes to the agreement so fast that she couldn't keep up with it but she wanted to address her concerns to the Board. She picked up the document last Friday and she recognizes that she hasn't been in Town for the discussions that took place over the winter.

Ms. Stearns expressed her concerns about enforceability and noted that as Mr. Hogue previously described, this is going to be a can of worms with conflicts of who is going to be allowed on the dock and when. She stated that it is clear that the Crew Team will have priority. Ms. Stearns questioned how the reported 155 kids involved in the program feel about having afternoon practices and whether anyone asked them.

Ms. Stearns stated that with regard to enforceability, she knows from experience that the Town is not going to enforce the problems that arise. Ms. Stearns made the following suggestions: If, for example there are a few children causing problems such as leaving trash in the area, are they going to get banished from the program? She recommended having the Crew kids be assigned to clean-up committees. With regard to parking issues, the police cannot enforce these issues if they are on private property and they are not going to deal with trash issues.

Ms. Stearns stated that she came away from the discussions and reading of the agreement that every benefit is given to the Crew Team. If there is a complaint, the Town has to go to the Friends of Hanover Crew with 30 days notice and they could come back to the Town with demands. She felt that this was ridiculous because it is the Town that owns it. She would like to see someone from the Crew Team step up and take proactive responsibility to make themselves available to hear complaints.

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Ms. Stearns expressed concern that this property is a “giveaway” to the Crew Team and asked whether there would be money going to the Town for the use of the property. She would like to see rent being paid for the use of the area and for storage at the house. She had concerns about adequate insurance for the house and the equipment stored there.

Ms. Stearns confirmed with Chairman Christie that it is the Crew Team’s responsibility to maintain adequate insurance.

Ms. Stearns expressed concerns about the process for FOHC should they choose to abandon the property. She felt that there should be a large bond posted by the FOHC that would cover the Town if it is abandoned and the Town was left with a huge clean-up/restoration to the property. Ms. Stearns cited issues in the Pacific Northwest with lumber companies that purchase parcels of land, harvest the lumber and then leave.

John Creagh, 112 Lyme Road, asked that a change be made regarding insurance on page 6 paragraph 13 that reads “may result in revocation” and wanted to change it to read “will result in revocation.”

Judy Reeve, Hanover resident, commended the Board for their hard work. After listening to Ray Hogue’s statement some of her confusion about who they are trying to serve with this project comes through with the License Agreement. On page 1 of the Agreement under Purpose of License, it indicates that the license is essential for the FOHC to support the Hanover High Crew team. The confusion all along has been who are they really dealing with? The parents who are supporting rowing (which she is in favor of) or are they really supporting the Upper Valley Rowing Foundation and why are they not an equal applicant? The Upper Valley Rowing Foundation is being named in the document and she wanted them to think about removing UVRF out of this document if the real focus is the Hanover High Crew.

Ms. Reeve noted that she didn’t see a requirement that a Certificate of Insurance be filed with the Town every year. Ms. Levine stated that they have to provide proof of insurance.

Doug McIlroy, Hayfield Road, noted that the Board received his letter and he thinks that the new dock will be a grand improvement over the old dock. Now he doesn’t know what the old dock’s purpose will be. He noted that the old dock is often high and dry and this nice new dock is one that motorboats will be unable to utilize. The new dock is 50’ down from the old one which is not very far and this new dock sticks out a long way. The right way to approach the old dock is upstream so that you can coast to a stop with the current. This approach is now obstructed. So for various reasons, this is going to be hard on motorboats. They can’t use the new dock; they will have a hard time landing and taking off from that area. The restriction of motorboats to the old dock is going to make things harder for the existing public. He would suggest making the new dock accessible to the public and not just un-motorized stock.

Jeff Goode, 101 Lyme Road, wanted to speak to the sensitivity for the people that live around that area and the process for the past couple of years. He stated that when Dartmouth College received the easement for Fullington Farm, it was the neighbors’ impression from them that this was going to be used as a residence. Then Friends of Hanover Crew wanted to build a dock on

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Wilson's Landing with the stipulation that Dartmouth could use the barn. The dock will be a great benefit to the public since they will be able to use it but the Town wanted to have control over it.

Mr. Goode stated that Mr. Hogue's proposal is worth considering about whether having a license is better than not having a license. He feels that the Board should take more time to review this. He understands that it has been a long process.

Paul Gross, Treasurer of Upper Valley Rowing Foundation, stated that he feels that this has been reviewed to death and he feels that this is a good document and that it is time to move on. The Friends of Hanover Crew is saving the Town possibly millions of dollars and he is surprised that they (FOHC) are still here after all that they've endured.

Blair Brooks, President of FOHC, wanted to offer a reminder that FOHC is committed to oversee the programs. There are clear limits to the number of people using Wilson's Landing/Fullington Farm and they take the License very seriously and they have worked hard on this document with the Town.

Chairman Christie asked if it is the Board's intent to move forward on this item tonight.

Selectman Geraghty felt that the changes made to the document responds to 90% of the concerns and they will never have a perfect document and they can address issues as they arise. Vice Chairman Connolly stated that this has taken 2 ½ years and this license has all sorts of ways to stop it if things are not going well. This is a public dock that will benefit the people of Hanover.

Ms. Griffin made a final review of the changes proposed during the course of the meeting.

- 1) On Page 5 – add the vacating language to new Paragraph 9 – “Termination of License by Town for No Cause” to mirror the “Termination of License by Town for Cause” paragraph.
- 2) On Page 6 – new paragraph 13 – John Creagh suggested changing “may result” to “will result.” Chairman Christie wanted to keep it “may” so that the Town can opt to terminate. Ms. Griffin stated that this is the Town's standard language based on advice of Town Counsel. Having “will” may result in unintended circumstances. The Board decided to keep the wording of “may” for this item.

Selectman Rassias asked who holds the Certificates of Insurance. Ms. Griffin stated that the Accounting Department will keep and track the Certificates of Insurance.

- 3) Under Section 14 c. - removed “if any” and “such as the hours of availability of Wilson's Landing to the public.”

Ms. Levine clarified that FOHC's Operations Plan can't control the use by other community members and only FOHC, UVRF and other associated groups but not the general public.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Authorize the Town Manager to Incorporate the Changes to the License Agreement Between the Town of Hanover and Friends of Hanover Crew and Authorize the Town Manager to Sign on Behalf of the Town. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO INCORPORATE THE CHANGES TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANOVER AND FRIENDS OF HANOVER CREW AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.

Chairman Christie thanked everyone for their input and noted that it's been a long 2 ½ years and they look forward to a successful experiment at Wilson's Landing.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Mike Ryan, Director of Assessing, reported on the Minutes of the Advisory Board of Assessor's Meeting. He reported that they met on April 18th and April 25th with all members in attendance. Mr. Ryan announced that Mr. Birnie is now stepping down after many years of service and he will be sadly missed.

Mr. Ryan asked the Select Board for any questions.

Chairman Christie noted that the Board received recommendations from the Advisory Board of Assessors. There were no questions of the Board.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Accept the Abatements As Recommended by the Advisory Board of Assessors. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, TO ACCEPT THE ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked the Board to consider submitting her name to the Warrant to fill Dick Birnie's position. Ms. Griffin noted that one of the Select Board members serves as liaison to the Advisory Board of Assessors.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSED DRAFT POLICY REGARDING USE OF SPONSORSHIP ADVERTISING IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.

Hank Tenney was present to answer questions of the Board. Ms. Griffin stated that the staff of the Recreation Department developed the draft of the advertising policy after the Hanover Baseball Association wanted to sell sponsorships which would allow for banners to be placed around the fencing at the baseball fields. The Staff and the Recreation Board spent some time thinking about this and submitted the proposed policy. Mr. Tenney stated that the reason that they are doing this was because they didn't want to have a whole bunch of signs everywhere.

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They wanted this to be neat, temporary and not permanent. These banners would be up during game times and then taken down. They thought this would be a good idea to raise some money.

Chairman Christie liked the idea of it being temporary. Selectman Rassias noted that he is on the Board of the Hanover Baseball Association and would recuse himself from the vote. Selectman Rassias noted that the Town has a really close relationship with the Hanover Baseball Association. Mr. Tenney noted that the Parks and Recreation Department runs a baseball program for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade and the Baseball Association runs the program for 3rd Grade and up so kids do have an option as to which program they would like to play in.

Selectman Rassias stated that it is expensive to run the program and the Association appreciates the opportunity to fundraise this way. Ms. Levine asked who would receive the funds from the advertising. Mr. Tenney stated that the Hanover Baseball Association would receive the funds but the Recreation Department does receive fees from the Association for use of the fields. Ms. Levine stated that revenue for advertising for municipalities is not uncommon. Mr. Tenney stated that he would not want to start raising funds through advertising for the Recreation Department.

Vice Chairman Connolly did not want to see political advertising allowed and asked what kind of advertising would be permitted. Mr. Tenney stated that they are trying to stay out of the political world and any entity would need to get his approval and the Board's approval. They would need to provide the names on the sign and what the sign would look like. The banners would not go up until they were approved by the Town.

Ms. Griffin stated that this is a fundraiser for Hanover Baseball Association so this is a little different than the banner requests over Main Street. Mr. Tenney stated that he's not in favor of putting things up near the scoreboard and noted that they will be putting "Cal Ripken Jr." up in an area that was painted over because that is the name of the field.

Ms. Levine asked about the procedure for flyers and posters which would be treated separately and she was concerned about seeing posters withering around the area. Mr. Tenney stated that if there were flyers to be handed out that would be fine, but not posted around the area.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Policy Regarding Use of Sponsorship Advertising in Conjunction with Parks and Recreation Facilities. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE POLICY REGARDING USE OF SPONSORSHIP IN ADVERTISING IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES. (Selectman Rassias abstained from the Vote.)

Selectman Rassias asked about the status of the Thompson Terrace playground. Mr. Tenney stated that the foundation will be taken care of during the first full week in May and the contractors will be there on May 14th installing the playground. They are working on a

dedication day. The neighbors have been really involved in this project as well and they hope to be done by the 21st of May.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT FLEET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT (LABOR GRADE 18) AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT (LABOR GRADE 18) JOB TITLES.

Ms. Levine stated that this is the continuation of a discussion to plan for the departure of Frank Austin. There will be a send-off for Frank Austin at the R.W. Black Center on Friday at 1 p.m. Ms. Levine stated that after Mr. Austin gave his notice, the Town decided that they should split the responsibilities between two in-house personnel. This does reduce the cost of operations. Chairman Christie noted that this option was previously reviewed by the Board in Non-Public Session.

Selectman Rassias MOVED to Adopt the Fleet Maintenance Superintendent (Labor Grade 18) and Facilities Maintenance Superintendent (Labor Grade 18) Job Titles. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADOPT THE FLEET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT (LABOR GRADE 18) AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT (LABOR GRADE 18) JOB TITLES.

7. REVIEW OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO ENABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS.

Ms. Levine stated that this is the result of work done by VT Law students and a working group comprised of people from the Lebanon and Hanover governments. One of the tools available for municipalities dealing with economic development or other issues is a tax increment finance district which Hanover used for the Parking Garage. The Towns would like to use this tool for the two communities to jointly resolve any parking and transportation issues that are preventing further development economically in Lebanon or Hanover along the Route 120 corridor. Ms. Levine stated that the VT Law students realized that NH State Law does not allow municipalities to partner so this proposed legislation is meant to expressly allow municipalities to form inter-municipal tax increment financing districts. This is not to say that Hanover and Lebanon are required or committed to do this together but this is to pursue the legislative process to enable this tool.

Ms. Levine stated that the reason she is bringing this before the Board now is because the New Hampshire Municipal Agency (NHMA) is beginning its legislative policy process which seeks policy requests by May 4th. Ms. Griffin noted that this would be for the next biennium which is January, 2013.

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Ms. Levine stated that even the draft legislation may not be the final proposal that NHMA may bring forward after they have a chance to review and possibly make changes to it. Ms. Levine stated that this seeks the Town of Hanover sponsorship of this proposed legislation.

Ms. Levine stated that she is not sure if this is being brought before the Lebanon City Council but it is not required for this to go forward. Vice Chairman Connolly stated that if the Lebanon City Council agrees to this by the time it goes before the Committee at the Local Government Center, they can be a co-sponsor of this legislation. Ms. Griffin stated that in the State of NH, they are unable to do anything if there isn't legislation governing it.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Authorize the Proposed Legislation to Enable Implementation of Inter-Municipal Tax Increment Financing Districts. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO ENABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS.

8. RECOMMENDATION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 14, 2012 TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in conjunction with the Federal Government audited many public facilities across the State in the last year and identified a number of facilities that they thought were important from a security standpoint and noted their vulnerability. She stated that because the Town has a watershed with 3 reservoirs, they deemed Hanover's water system to be a high priority in terms of security vulnerability. Ms. Griffin stated that they specifically set aside Federal money to help enhance security of such facilities.

Ms. Griffin stated that the State Homeland Security and Emergency Management staff notified Hanover a month ago that there is money set aside for this if the Town can determine the cost of security enhancements for the Water Treatment Facility. Ms. Griffin stated that Peter Kulbacki, John Dumas and Don Ware quickly went to work and were able to put together a proposal for the project at a cost of \$93,398; Homeland Security approved it and now there needs to be a public hearing.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Set a Public Hearing on May 14, 2012 to Consider Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for Water Treatment Facility Security Improvements. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 14, 2012 TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

9. TREASURER'S REPORT.

Ms. Griffin stated that Pat Coutermarsh will attend an upcoming meeting but provided this report. Ms. Griffin stated that the investment returns are not impressive at a rate just above zero.

The Board received the report.

10. FINAL PREPARATIONS FOR TOWN MEETING.

Ms. Griffin stated that three Board members will be working Town Meeting and those three will need to certify the vote. The Board reviewed the Warrant and decided which members would present each item on the Warrant.

11. BANNER REQUEST:
- Opera North

Ms. Griffin stated that they have worked the schedule out for this banner request.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Approve the Banner Request of Opera North. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF OPERA NORTH.

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
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Chairman Christie noted a couple of changes to the Minutes.

Selectman Rassias MOVED the Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2012 As Amended. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2012.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin stated that the open house and ribbon cutting for the new corrections facility is being held this Sunday at 1 p.m. He noted that County Commissioner Mike Cryans stated that he hoped that the Board of Selectmen would send a letter to the Commission in support of tearing down the old jail. It's an expensive old building to retain and it would cost \$57,000/year to let it remain. She noted that there is one group that would like to preserve it as a restaurant. There is some desire to preserve it as a corrections museum. There are a few other suggestions for re-use but Commissioner Cryans would like the Town to advocate demolition. Ms. Griffin told him that she would raise the issue with the Board to get their input.

Vice Chairman Connolly would have difficulty considering demolition immediately without knowing more about the options. Chairman Christie stated that he didn't feel that they know enough about it. Selectman Geraghty agreed that this feels beyond their scope of knowledge.

14. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty reported that the Sustainable Hanover Committee had discussions about the single stream recycling program and there is some confusion over it. He noted that Peter Kulbacki is looking at ways to share the information with the community. Ms. Griffin stated that this is a good change and information about it is included in the Town Report.

Selectman Geraghty reported that he signed up for some Local Government Center educational sessions.

Athos Rassias

Selectman Rassias had nothing new to report.

Kate Connolly

Vice Chairman Connolly had nothing new to report.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie reported that Judy Doherty and her family have moved to Meriden and is unable to sit for what would have been her last meeting. He also announced that tonight is Kate Connolly's last meeting after 24 years and they will be celebrating her service at Town Meeting.

Vice Chairman Connolly stated that she has served with wonderful people over the past 24 years and is never ceased to be amazed by the abilities of Town staff.

Chairman Christie also noted that the Town Report is available at Town Hall, Community Center, Libraries and on the web.

15. OTHER BUSINESS.

Chairman Christie MOVED to Follow the Request for a Non-Public Session to Discuss Items Pursuant to RSA 91-a: 3, II, (a), (c), (e).

SELECTMAN RASSIAS VOTED YES; CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; VICE CHAIRMAN CONNOLLY VOTED YES; SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:32 P.M.

16. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Rassias MOVED to Adjourn the Non-Public Session. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 10:10 P.M.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 10:10 p.m. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Athos Rassias, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

- 1. Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Authorize the Town Manager to Incorporate the Changes to the License Agreement Between the Town of Hanover and Friends of Hanover Crew and Authorize the Town Manager to Sign on Behalf of the Town. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO INCORPORATE THE CHANGES TO THE LICENSE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANOVER AND FRIENDS OF HANOVER CREW AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN.

- 2. Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Accept the Abatements As Recommended by the Advisory Board of Assessors. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, TO ACCEPT THE ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

3. **Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Policy Regarding Use of Sponsorship Advertising in Conjunction with Parks and Recreation Facilities. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE POLICY REGARDING USE OF SPONSORSHIP IN ADVERTISING IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES. (Selectman Rassias abstained from the Vote.)

4. **Selectman Rassias MOVED to Adopt the Fleet Maintenance Superintendent (Labor Grade 18) and Facilities Maintenance Superintendent (Labor Grade 18) Job Titles. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADOPT THE FLEET MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT (LABOR GRADE 18) AND FACILITIES MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT (LABOR GRADE 18) JOB TITLES.

5. **Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Authorize the Proposed Legislation to Enable Implementation of Inter-Municipal Tax Increment Financing Districts. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO ENABLE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTER-MUNICIPAL TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS.

6. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Set a Public Hearing on May 14, 2012 to Consider Acceptance of Homeland Security Grant Program Funds for Water Treatment Facility Security Improvements. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 14, 2012 TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS FOR WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS.

7. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Approve the Banner Request of Opera North. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF OPERA NORTH.

8. **Selectman Rassias MOVED the Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2012 As Amended. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2012.

- 9. Chairman Christie MOVED to Follow the Request for a Non-Public Session to Discuss Items Pursuant to RSA 91-a: 3, II, (a), (c), (e).**

SELECTMAN RASSIAS VOTED YES; CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; VICE CHAIRMAN CONNOLLY VOTED YES; SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:32 P.M.

- 10. Selectman Rassias MOVED to Adjourn the Non-Public Session. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 10:10 P.M.

- 11. Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Adjourn the Board of Selectmen's Meeting at 10:10 p.m. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:10 P.M.