

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 2, 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; Bill Geraghty, Selectman; Nancy Carter, Selectman; Jay Buckey, Jr., Selectman; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and Jessie Levine, Assistant Town Manager/Human Resources Director. Absent: Athos Rassias, Vice Chairman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Christie opened the meeting and asked for any Public Comment.

Bill Pierce from Norwich read a letter that he prepared to the Board of Selectmen:

“I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Class of 1962's 50th Reunion held June 8-12 in Hanover concurrently with graduation ceremonies for the Class of 2012, a long awaited and memorable weekend for many. Unfortunately the weekend was marred for one of my classmates and many of us by an unfortunate incident involving an apparent overreaction by the Hanover Police Department.

Early on Saturday morning, around 5:00 am, my 72 year old classmate was awakened from his room in Middle Fayerweather by loud pounding on his door. Upon opening it, he was met by four uniformed police with drawn "assault" rifles (his description) who ordered him into the hall with his hands up. Parenthetically, he was sans clothing so we have a 72 year old in the hall naked with his hands up. I have never seen him in such condition but fully clothed he is definitely not menacing!! He was told by the police that they were looking for a guy wielding a baseball bat. Why they picked on his room remains a mystery.

Finally after apparently determining that he was not the suspect, they curtly ordered him back into his room, instructed him to lock his door and not emerge until he was interviewed by the Campus Police later that day. At no time did they indicate any regrets for their actions. By the way, he did leave his room before the interview took place so they don't know whether they followed up or not. Adding insult to injury, his woman companion was making her first visit to Dartmouth and Hanover. Great first impression to be left with!

I subsequently discussed the matter with Julia Griffin who very kindly discussed the matter with Chief Giaccone. She relayed some additional information to me.

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The guns were not assault rifles but rather bean bag guns, a "kinder" alternative. I googled "bean bag guns" and would submit that for a 72 year old man sleeping at 5:00 am, you would not know the difference. They look like assault rifles to me. We are fortunate that he did not suffer a heart attack!

The Hanover Police apparently responded to a panicky call from a dorm monitor that she had seen a bat wielding guy. The Campus Police who were also called were supposedly unaware that the dorm was being used as overflow reunion housing. Hence, the investigation. It was deemed so serious that two Lebanon officers were called in as backup, hence the four officers appearing.

This would be fine but for:

Why four officers?

Why did they pick his room?

Why did four of them hold him at gunpoint naked in the hall?

Why were they curt and unpleasant?

Why did they order him back into his room and to lock the door until further investigation?

At no time, during or since, was one word of apology issued. I realize that apology or admission of a mistake is not in the normal lexicon of a police officer but it would have gone a long way in reducing the highly negative impact of this incident. What turned out to be a comedy of errors could have easily turned into a very unfortunate incident for my friend. Alumni Relations, while not knowing anything about the incident until I informed them, sent a note of apology. Why not the Hanover Police Department?

We have had a series of overreactions by Upper Valley Police, not just Hanover. It is not as though we are a hot bed for violent crimes. Too many police with not enough to do is a recipe for overreaching. I think more training is probably needed.

We all know that policing is a tough job and support them the vast majority of the time for all of the good they do. When they are in the wrong, however, as they obviously are in this case, we would hope they will own up to it.”

Sincerely,

William C. Pierce, Chair.

Chairman Christie noted that the Board received his letter tonight and he welcomed his input. Chairman Christie asked for any other public comment.

Bill Baschnagel, Etna, is also a member of the Class of '62 but was unaware of the incident mentioned but noted the reason for concern.

Mr. Baschnagel stated that he was present because he is aware that the Board is going to be setting a public hearing on September 10th to discuss Pasture Road. He noted that

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Bernie Waugh submitted an e-mail to the Board of Selectmen dated June 20th and urged the Board to read it carefully and consider what he has to say and perhaps speak to him about the situation. Mr. Baschnagel also noted that Mr. Waugh wrote the book *A Hard Road to Travel* which was written when he worked for the NH Municipal Association and it covers issues surrounding property rights, frontage, interpretations of case law, etc. Mr. Baschnagel encouraged the Board to consider Mr. Waugh's advice on this issue.

2. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH TO CONSIDER REQUEST TO ALLOW PRIVATE CONSTRUCTION ON A CLASS VI ROAD KNOWN AS PASTURE ROAD.

Ms. Griffin noted that the Board had originally set the meeting to happen this evening but one of the attorneys involved had a conflict and asked for a different date for the hearing. There was also concern about whether the hearing and posting was supposed to be 7 days prior to the hearing or 14 days per wording in the Ordinance. Ms. Griffin stated that the notice would be sent to all parties well in advance of the September 10th meeting.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Set a Public Hearing on Monday, September 10th to Consider a Request to Allow Private Construction on a Class VI Road known as Pasture Lane. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

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3. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Mike Ryan, Director of Assessing, was present to speak to the Board. The Board of Assessors met on June 25th and forwarded their recommendations with regard to abatement requests to the Select Board. Chairman Christie noted that there were 2 cases brought forward at that meeting and both were denied by the Board of Assessors.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Accept the Recommendations of the Advisory Board of Assessors. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

Chairman Christie noted that the Board of Assessors do a great job reviewing each case on an individual basis on its own merits for either approval or denial.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED, TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

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Mr. Ryan noted that this concludes the 2011 tax appeals at the local level with the exception of the supplemental warrant for Fairpoint, Comcast, SegTel and VT Telephone; three did not file an appeal but Fairpoint did and Mr. Ryan has requested information from them with a deadline of October. Mr. Ryan stated that he will provide them with an update before that.

4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2012-2013.

Chairman Christie stated that the goal has been to identify the unique items that the Select Board will attempt to handle this year in addition to their general work.

Chairman Christie started a review of the Goals and Objectives.

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- Request the Town Manager bring to the Board a base budget proposal which would require a town budget tax rate increase not to exceed a target to be established by the Board in November, which target is to be informed by the CPI and in conjunction with the Board's review of the next set of rolling five year projections for the Town's various funds. Along with this base proposal, provide the Board with a "deficiency list" of items that cannot be funded within the target and that represent a hardship if postponed as well as a "trade-offs list" which highlights those functions that could be eliminated in order to fund additional items. Through the budget review process develop a budget to present to Town Meeting which will maintain the quality of Town services while restraining property tax rate increases to cover Town expenses and that tie to a realistic five year projection.

Chairman Christie stated that the goal is to bring in a budget at a specific tax rate but with a list of what items needed to be removed in order to achieve that goal. He finds this helpful to have every year and although it is recurring, it is one of the most important things that the Board does.

Selectman Buckey asked about the tax rate and asked whether the two things that go into the tax rate are the assessed value and the rate itself. Chairman Christie stated that typically they set a tax rate target which includes an assumption of how much the total assessed valuation will increase. Ms. Griffin stated that they usually look at this in October to get some sense as to where the budget is going with Mike Ryan's sense for his projected total increase in the total assessed valuation for the coming year. They discuss the economic conditions that they are seeing in the municipal government and make some projections based on the State budget and the impact the Town anticipates based on the legislative sessions.

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Ms. Griffin stated that using this model over the years has been helpful and she gives the tax rate target to the Department Heads who then consider this when preparing their budgets.

Chairman Christie stated that there is a member of the Finance Committee that would like for the Board to consider the tax rate target without considering the increase of the tax valuation. Historically the Board has tried to bring in the budget that is at or below the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI has very little to do with the way that Town expenses are increasing but it is something that the community understands so if they keep the discussions in those terms, it is easier for the taxpayers to understand. Chairman Christie would like to keep this on the list as an on-going guideline for the budget.

- Consider and adopt a comprehensive Capital Improvements Program for adoption in FY 2011-12, in preparation for development of an Impact Fee Ordinance.

Chairman Christie stated that they discussed this item a little bit with the Planning Board at the last meeting and this is still a work in progress.

Ms. Griffin noted that Ms. Levine did quite a bit of reconfiguring with the Capital Budget with regard to decision making but she would like to take it a step further to create a document that has a fair amount of background information on each of the projects. From the Planning Board's perspective, a more formal CIP will allow for them to discuss implementing an Impact Fee Ordinance which is a way for communities to assess developments for the impact of the cost of the development on a community's infrastructure.

- Adopt a formal Board and Commission Code of Ethical Conduct to be developed by Town staff.

Ms. Griffin stated that this is on the Board's agenda for the August 6th meeting to review the first draft. The Board agreed to maintain this Goal and Objective.

Selectman Carter asked if the Code of Conduct is for the Select Board members or anyone employed by the Town. Ms. Griffin stated that it is for elected or appointed officials.

- Continue to support the efforts of Dartmouth College to reduce excess alcohol consumption and sexual assault on campus.

Chairman Christie noted that this was an effort that started 2 years ago and has been maintained on the list this past year to emphasize it again but it is his sense that this is now part of their everyday operation. Ms. Griffin announced that April Thompson is leaving which is a real loss for Dartmouth and the Town in terms of the work that she has done with this effort. She noted that Frank Moran and Nick Giaccone have a very good working relationship with April's staff and with the staff of the Greek Letters and Other

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Societies (GLOS) office and Dean Charlotte Johnson in addition to Dartmouth Safety and Security. Ms. Griffin was hopeful that it would be a seamless transition when Dartmouth finds Ms. Thompson's replacement.

Chairman Christie noted that he and former Select Board member Judy Doherty would attend meetings with Julia, Nick Giaccone and Frank Moran. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town now meets with the College twice a semester and the committee includes student leaders as well as key Dartmouth staff and Town staff. This was a good way to work with student leadership and the sentiment has been that it takes the students to change the culture. Chairman Christie invited any of the Select Board members to join that committee.

Selectman Buckey asked about sexual assaults and whether the numbers have improved and if there is a sense of progress. Ms. Griffin stated that the numbers of reported sexual assault are up but it is either that there are more occurring or more people are willing to report them. The sense is that the reporting is increasing. There's still a long way to go but the Town and the College is in more communication about this issue. Ms. Griffin stated that there is now an alumni committee that has formed to address this issue and staff worked really hard on campus on this issue.

Chairman Christie suggested dropping this as a goal and objective because it is now part of their everyday work. Selectman Geraghty suggested getting regular updates on this issue. Ms. Griffin stated that in the past there were Select Board members involved so she welcomes any members that are interested in being on the Committee.

Chairman Christie stated that working on the Taskforce gave tremendous insight into how the College interacts with the Town. The Town came to appreciate how rigorous the College's procedures are and he felt that this was a very effective Taskforce.

Ms. Griffin stated that one of the comments that Frank Moran (Hanover Police Detective Captain) made after working hard on this over the last 3 years was that 3 years ago there wasn't much communication between the HPD and GLOS (Greek Life and Other Societies) staff. Over the last 3 years, they are now on the 3rd Director of GLOS but now with Wes Schaub as Director, it is like night and day and to the extent that they can work together, it can be more proactive.

Selectman Carter reported that she went to the WISE (Women's Information Service) annual meeting and they discussed the Town's role in educating an entire generation with regard to the rights and responsibilities for boys and girls that become men and women and head off to college, whether at Dartmouth or elsewhere. There is a sense of expectation of how they treat one another and there is a legitimate link between the Town and the schools and the community. This community is small enough so that all of the organizations can work together. Ms. Griffin stated that WISE is the social service agency that works closely with the College on the sexual assault issues.

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Chairman Christie noted that when Judy Doherty served on the Select Board she also found that the more that the Town can learn and work with the college, the more we can learn and work with the middle school and high school students so that when they head off to college, they may have a different outlook on these issues.

- Meet with Board and Commissions

Ms. Griffin suggested that the Board meet with the various Town Boards and Commissions at their respective meetings instead of having them come to the Select Board meetings. Chairman Christie felt that the meeting with the Planning Board was excellent and they all learned quite a bit. He would like to keep this as a goal and objective but find a new way to accomplish it.

- Volunteer Cultivation

Ms. Griffin stated that she is looking for ideas for gaining volunteers and ways to get people involved and also ways to acknowledge and thank the volunteers.

Chairman Christie stated that a lot of recruitment does come from networking, neighbors and friends. Selectman Geraghty suggested looking into the Leadership Upper Valley roster through Vital Communities which has approximately 100+ graduates to search for volunteers.

Selectman Buckey felt that it might be helpful to have meetings with start times and end times because the idea of joining a Board or Commission that doesn't have an end time may keep people from signing up for service. People are busy so they take this into consideration when they may be looking to volunteer.

Chairman Christie wondered whether this was something that should be kept on the list of goals and objectives. Ms. Griffin stated that she wants to continue to focus on this effort; this item remained on the list. Chairman Christie stated that the value of these Boards and Commission is immeasurable.

Chairman Christie offered a list of items to add to the list of goals and objectives:

- Develop a guideline for bonding.
- Looking at reserve rates; whether 5 to 10% is appropriate for all funds at all times.
- Timing of Town Meeting. This was brought up by Town Meeting and he felt that they should review this and also determine the concern.
- Adequacy of the Capital Reserves. (On the list under CIP). Suggested also doing additional work to provide an adequate paving budget.
- Develop a policy as to whether or not to mail the Town Report.

Chairman Christie noted that there were several in the community that felt that the Town was not adequately prepared when the dock at Wilson's Landing was proposed.

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Chairman Christie asked if there are any other Town assets like Wilson's Landing that the Town should be considering.

Selectman Carter stated that this is a question about all of the outdoor activities for the Town of Hanover; she is not advocating taking this on but the sense of this community is to keep opportunities open to the use of the outdoor spaces. Selectman Carter noted that there is an aging population that may be looking at Hanover as an active retirement community. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town does not have a comprehensive outdoor recreation plan; there are pieces of a plan such as the trails plan, conserved lands plan and an open space plan but there isn't anything in place for playing fields, the riverfront, and there isn't one plan that addresses all aspects of outdoor recreation within the Town of Hanover.

Selectman Carter noted that this is a tremendous Town/Gown opportunity because of the amount of acreage that is so close to the center of Town.

Selectman Geraghty suggested putting together a list without forming a committee so that the Board can be educated as to the areas that have potential. Chairman Christie suggested that they should look at who might lead this effort as well. This item was tabled for now.

Selectman Buckey asked about the fluctuations in energy costs and how much of an impact this has for the Town budget and how should they try to anticipate this; he noted that the sustainability efforts are working on this but wondered if they could find a way to find stability over time since it remains unstable. Ms. Griffin stated that they can do a work session with the Board to highlight the areas where they are trying to reduce dependence on fossil fuels to heat the buildings such as using solar panels on the police station.

Ms. Griffin noted that the Sustainable Hanover Committee needs an injection of new members since Larry Litten is leaving in September and others are transitioning off. She noted that Ross Farnsworth, Department of Public Works, would appreciate some help with the systems.

Chairman Christie stated that between the time that the budget was being developed and when it was presented, the energy component created a difference of \$300,000. Ms. Griffin stated that they needed to move some money around so that they didn't get caught short on the budget.

Administrative

- Embed the Total Compensation policy statement, crafted and adopted by the Board in 2010 and utilized in FY 2010-2011, within the organization to insure that the approach is commonly understood by Town staff.

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Ms. Griffin stated that there has been more stability with the NH Retirement System. Chairman Christie wondered if this needed to stay on the list or whether it is just part of the on-going work. Ms. Levine stated that one of the challenges in keeping this present is that it only comes up every 3 years. Ms. Levine stated that they knew that this approach worked in the first year but she hasn't gone back to see if this still applies in the 2nd year of the contracts. Ms. Griffin felt that leaving this on the list is important because it is not only a reminder but it is also a public statement.

- New initiatives that could be funded by reducing costs.

Ms. Griffin stated that this was tough to bring forward this year. Ms. Levine noted that Betsy McClain accomplished this when she reduced a full time person when it was determined that there has been decreased foot traffic at Town Hall and in anticipation of moving more work to the Web, this may reduce the need for staff.

Chairman Christie stated that his sense is that this is something that the Department Heads do all the time anyway when they are looking at new things. He was okay with taking it or leaving it on the list.

- Etna Library/Hayes Project

Ms. Griffin stated that this is in process and it will be done in this fiscal year. It can be removed from the list.

- Bicycle lane work on North Park Street.

Ms. Griffin stated that this has been a work in progress and will be completed this year. It can be removed from the list.

- Intermunicipal Agreement with Lebanon for Provision of Wastewater Services by the Town of Hanover.

Ms. Griffin stated that she has heard from Lebanon City Manager Greg Lewis who has gained approval of the Intermunicipal Agreement by the City Council. It needs to come back for a public hearing. Ms. Griffin stated that this can be removed from the list.

- Rental Housing Ordinance.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Board will see a rental housing update this fall. The initial proposal was too comprehensive but if they broaden it, it may not be enforceable. Chairman Christie felt that they should start over with the new Board and move through the process again; they need to determine the importance of the ordinance and how broad it should be, etc. This item will remain on the list.

- Continue to support regional efforts to foster build-out of middle mile and last mile broadband networks in West Central and Southern New Hampshire.

Ms. Griffin stated that this project is well underway to build a backbone of broadband from Orford to Rindge. This project has to be done by June 30, 2013 because it was funded through ARRA funds. Ms. Griffin suggested maintaining this on the list for another year.

- Updating Town Ordinances

Ms. Griffin stated that Ms. Levine has the paralegal experience to work with the Town's Attorneys to update the ordinances.

- Update Personnel Rules and Regulations

Ms. Levine stated that she has already had Town counsel review the current Personnel Rules and Regulations and make proposed changes but some changes require agreements with the Unions.

Chairman Christie would like to pick a meeting midway through the year to review the Goals and Objectives. Ms. Griffin would add the additional items to the list that were discussed and redistribute the list to the Board.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO ALLOW INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD SIGN ON THE CORNER OF SOUTH MAIN AND LEBANON STREETS WHICH OVERHANGS THE TOWN'S RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Ms. Griffin stated that the sign is for Starbucks which is going in the former Champion Women's Clothing store location. The sign would be on the corner of the building hanging over the Town's Right-of-Way. Ms. Griffin noted that they already received their zoning permit.

Mr. Buckey noted that walking down Main Street there haven't been any other signs like this and questioned whether precedent was being set. Ms. Griffin stated that the first 5 feet in front of the businesses are considered private property but at the corner, this sign would hang over the right-of-way, the Board needs to grant their approval before they can grant a license.

Mr. Buckey noted that Champion's did have a sign hanging there. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town also requires a certificate of insurance in the event that the sign falls down and strikes someone, the Town needs to be listed as an additional insured.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to Allow Installation of an Overhead Sign on the Corner of South Main and Lebanon Streets which Overhangs the Town's Right-of-Way. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

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6. BANNER REQUEST:

- Howe Library "*Everyone is Reading*"

Ms. Griffin noted that this banner will promote an event "*Everyone is Reading*" and the whole community is encouraged to read the same book, the School District reads it, the Community reads it, and this is promoting that event. The Town can accommodate this request.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to APPROVE the Banner Request of the Howe Library. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF THE HOWE LIBRARY.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- June 18, 2012

Chairman Christie noted a couple of changes that needed to be made to the Minutes.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Minutes of June 18, 2012, As Amended. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2012, AS AMENDED.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported on the Etna Library and Hayes Farm Park Project; they appeared before the Zoning Board last Thursday evening and the Board is currently deliberating. They are hoping to receive two special exceptions; one for driveway width because the Zoning regulations limit it to 14 feet in width but the NH Department of Transportation requires a minimum of 21 feet of driveway width so they needed to get a special exception; they also need a special exception for the wetlands impact. They are waiting on a permit from the Department of Environmental Services for the minimum wetlands impact on that property and then they will appear before the Planning Board on July 17th.

Ms. Griffin stated that if all goes well the Department of Public Works hopes to be starting construction in early August. The Etna Library has completed their fundraising and have raised approximately \$26,000 toward the cost of the improvements. The Recreation Board is waiting on their fundraising until they get the exact amount of the gap that will be needed. Ms. Griffin stated that they hope to have the basic site work

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done by the fall and the final landscaping won't happen until next spring. He is worried about planting in the late fall.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Department of Public Works is busy finishing the improvements on North Park Street. North and South Park Streets will be completely repaved once those improvements are complete; the center line will be moved over a little to the left to allow for the bike lanes.

Chairman Christie asked about the distance of continuous bike lanes once this is completed. Ms. Griffin stated that there is a continual bike lane from DHMC through Lyme Road on the north side of the street; there is a split on the south side between Summer Street and the Ledyard Bank building that they will need to address in the future. Selectman Carter noted that the northbound lane goes all the way to Lyme, NH. Ms. Griffin noted that the Bike & Pedestrian Committee is really good about looking for more opportunities for the Town.

Ms. Griffin reported that the College came to the Town with regard to another project to underground the utility poles on College Street from Maynard Street up to Lyme Road and North Park Street. There is a small "goat" path from North Park Street that people walk to get from the apartment buildings on North Park Street to the Science Buildings at Dartmouth and she has asked them to consider putting a sidewalk with retaining walls on that side of the street to make it safer; the College has decided that they are going to do that project this summer. The College has asked the Town to coordinate with this project in helping with the undergrounding. There will then be a sidewalk on that side of College Street and she is hoping that they will widen that area for bicycles as well.

Ms. Griffin stated that there is also a bridge project on Ruddsboro Road on the list for this summer.

Ms. Griffin stated that the 4th of July parade will take place on Wednesday and staging will take place at Hovey Lane at 9:30. The Select Board is welcome to be in the parade and have participated in the past. Jack Lee is running the parade again this year. The parade ends at The Green and the Rotary Club will be barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs; Youth In Action will be there with snow cones, cotton candy, balloons and popcorn; the Lions Club will be giving ice cream away and it is also a big anniversary for their organization. She noted that Liz Burdette from Hanover Parks & Recreation does a great job planning the event and Bill Young will be running the kids' games.

Ms. Griffin stated that the kids from Nihonmatsu, Japan (Hanover's Sister City) are coming to the area; she has 3 host families but she needs 2 more. There are a total of 10 Middle School students coming; 2 boys and 8 girls along with the Superintendent, a translator, a local government official and tour operator. They will arrive on Friday night, July 27th and leave Monday morning, July 30th. The kids will spend Saturday with their host families and on Sunday at 5:00 p.m. there will be a community barbecue at the Dartmouth Outing Club on Occom Pond co-sponsored by the Town and Dartmouth College. The community is welcome to join them.

9. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty reported that the Hanover Recreation Board held a celebration for the opening of the Thompson Playground on June 16th.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter reported that she attended the Howe Library Trustees Board meeting last week and she noted that they are a delightful group of people to work with. They passed their budget unanimously and took care of staffing issues and they are at the 5 year mark for their 10 year plan so they are now reviewing this.

Chairman Christie mentioned that with regard to the Etna Library project, the Hanover Improvement Society was eager to be a part of the fundraising and the community is certainly supporting the project. Ms. Griffin stated that this is a testament to the residents' feeling toward the rural Library in Etna Village.

Jay Buckey

Selectman Buckey had nothing new to report.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie had nothing new to report.

10. OTHER BUSINESS.

Ms. Levine provided a report from the Human Resources Department. The police department held the testing day for the final patrol officer position that they have been trying to fill since last fall. An oral board interview will be scheduled for the 6 candidates next week; 4 are newcomers that passed both the written and physical tests and 2 are out-of-state certified officers.

Ms. Levine reported that there is a quite a bit of movement in the Library. Mary Hardy who served as the Senior Public Services Librarian is retiring at the end of July. Her position has been filled internally with Joanne Blais who has been a Reference Librarian at The Howe; Michael Morris is filling Joanne's position. There is a 23 hour position that the Select Board approved at their last meeting that is being advertised currently.

Ms. Levine noted that the Recreation Department hired an inordinate amount of camp staff and this has taken up a lot of Liz Burdette's & Nicole Leonard's time.

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

SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES; CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; SELECTMAN CARTER VOTED YES; SELECTMAN BUCKEY VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:55 P.M.

Chairman Christie MOVED to Exit the Non-Public Session at 10:04 p.m. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 10:04 P.M.

The Board then indicated that they had reviewed the police report regarding the matter raised in the letter provided by Bill Pierce of Norwich during Public Comment at the start of the meeting. They encouraged interested individuals to review the police report and they indicated that the report speaks for itself.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting at 10:06 p.m. Chairman Christie SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:06 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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5. **Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Minutes of June 18, 2012, As Amended. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 18, 2012, AS AMENDED.

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

SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES; CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; SELECTMAN CARTER VOTED YES; SELECTMAN BUCKEY VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:55 P.M.

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- 7. Chairman Christie MOVED to Exit the Non-Public Session at 10:04 p.m. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 10:04 P.M.

- 8. Selectman Buckey MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting at 10:06 p.m. Chairman Christie SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:06 P.M.