

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 22, 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; Athos Rassias, Vice Chairman; Bill Geraghty, Selectman; Nancy Carter, Selectman; Jay Buckey, Jr., Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Christie asked for Public Comment. There were no comments from the Public.

2. ELECTION UPDATE AND POLL SCHEDULE.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Attorney General's office provided an update regarding the voter registration and photo ID process for November 6th which had previously been distributed to the Board. Photo IDs will be requested and there is a list of photo IDs that are acceptable including Dartmouth student IDs. If an individual does not have an ID or chooses not to show their ID, they will need to sign a voter affidavit. If they refuse to sign the voter affidavit, they will not be given a ballot. There will be signage to direct people to the voter affidavit line if they do not have their ID or do not wish to show it. Ms. Griffin stated that the goal is to avoid problems in line.

Ms. Griffin noted that there have been just under 900 individuals registered to vote in addition to 425 students who registered at a Dartmouth voter registration drive last week. As of last Friday, there have been 940 absentee ballots sent out and the Town office is busy as these are being returned. Ms. Griffin noted that there are a lot of election workers because it is a cumbersome process to account for the absentee ballots; the form has to be verified as being complete and the signatures need to be verified which takes 30 to 60 seconds per ballot.

3. APPOINTMENT OF BALLOT CLERKS FOR THE NOVEMBER 6, 2012 GENERAL ELECTION.

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Robert Chapman	Marilyn Curphey	Rebecca Kazal	Caroline Tischbein
Janice Chapman	Janice Fischel	Karen Kluge	Michael Tischbein
Katharine Christie	Ridie Ghezzi	James Mitchell	Rebecca Torrey
Ann Cioffi	Dennis Goodman	Maris Noble	Sharon Weaver
Joan Collison	Devora Gronauer	Joyce Noll	

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4. RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COPIER.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Authorize the Town Manager to Negotiate and Execute the Lease Purchase Agreement for the Water Reclamation Facility Copier. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE THE LEASE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY COPIER.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING FOR MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012 TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #27, STREET VENDORS.

Ms. Griffin reported that Town staff have been working on Ordinance #27 because of some issues that have come up regarding the “buy back” book vendors. Staff will be making recommendations to the Board to modify the rules regarding street vendor placement in Town. This document has been shared with vendors, business owners and the College.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Set a Public Hearing on Monday, November 5, 2012 to Consider Amendments to Ordinance #27, Street Vendors. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

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6. ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION.

Ms. Griffin noted that the Byrne Foundation made an unsolicited donation of \$5,000 to the Parks and Recreation Department for the “Quarter Quest” fundraiser for the Hayes Farm Park project. This \$5,000 donation will provide 20,000 quarters toward the Parks and Recreation Department’s effort to cover the floor of the multi-purpose room.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept with Gratitude the Donation of \$5,000 by the Byrne Foundation to the Parks and Recreation Department for the Quarter Quest Fundraiser for the Hayes Farm Project. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT WITH GRATITUDE THE DONATION OF \$5,000 BY THE BYRNE FOUNDATION TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT FOR THE QUARTER QUEST FUNDRAISER FOR THE HAYES FARM PROJECT.

Chairman Christie took a moment to thank the Byrne Foundation and noted that they do wonderful things for the Town in a very quiet way and the Town appreciates all that they do.

7. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION PROPOSED BY CENTRAL CORRIDOR RAIL COALITION.

Ms. Griffin stated that she drafted a Resolution at the request of the Central Corridor Rail Coalition which is attempting to arrange the construction of a train station and transfer point in Palmer, Massachusetts. Palmer is located below the Holyoke Mall and is a heavily traveled transportation corridor for both North/South trains and East/West trains but there is not a transfer point there. The Town tends to support anything that supports rail transit. Ms. Griffin stated that the train is a great way to get to Boston as an alternative to Dartmouth Coach. The goal of the Coalition is to seek support up and down the rail line that serves the Vermonter.

Chairman Christie asked what is being asked of the Board. Ms. Griffin stated that they are being asked to sign a Resolution in support of two points:

- 1) It's the policy of the Town of Hanover to take all actions necessary to support the commencement and/or expansion of passenger train service in and to this municipality and other areas of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Vermont and New Hampshire
- 2) The Town of Hanover supports the efforts of the Central Corridor Rail Coalition and The Palmer Rail Coalition to achieve the commencement and/or expansion of passenger rail service to the aforesaid areas.

Chairman Christie confirmed that they are just looking for moral support. Ms. Griffin confirmed this and stated that they are not asking for any financial support.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to Authorize Chairman Christie to Sign the Resolution on Behalf of the Board for the Central Corridor Rail Coalition. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

Chairman Christie stated that the wording "all actions necessary" is very broad. Selectman Geraghty stated that while in principal it is moral support but once that is provided it usually requires some action which must require funding from somewhere and the Board does not have an understanding as to the next steps in their process. Selectman Geraghty confirmed that they are asking for the Board's moral support. Ms. Griffin stated that this rail line doesn't even

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transfer through NH but travels through Vermont; they are going to need to seek funding from federal transit authorities and State governments.

Chairman Christie would like to strike the words “to take all actions necessary.” He feels that it reads well without it. Ms. Griffin will make the final revisions to forward to Chairman Christie.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to Amend the Resolution to Strike the Phrase “To Take All Actions Necessary” From the Resolution. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Amendment.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AMEND THE RESOLUTION TO STRIKE THE PHRASE “TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY” FROM THE RESOLUTION.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE TO SIGN THE AMENDED RESOLUTION ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD FOR THE CENTRAL CORRIDOR RAIL COALITION.

8. BANNER REQUESTS:

- Dartmouth Athletics – *Dartmouth Hockey*

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve the Banner Request for Dartmouth Athletics. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR DARTMOUTH ATHLETICS.

9. APPOINTMENTS:

- Affordable Housing Commission
- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Conservation Commission
- Hanover Finance Committee
- Sustainable Hanover

Selectman Carter MOVED to Appoint the Following People to the Following Board and Commissions:

Affordable Housing Commission
Bruce Altobelli
Don Derrick
Joan Collison (Alternate)

Planning Board
Bill Dietrich – Full seat
Joan Garipay – Full seat
Iain Simm – Alternate

Conservation Commission
Doug McIlroy

Hanover Finance Committee
Kristi Fenner
Michael Gerling
John Ruth

Sustainable Hanover
Amanda Charland
Chris Kennedy

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Steve Marion – Full seat
Phillip Harrison – Alternate

Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS AS NOTED.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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There were no recommended changes to the Minutes.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Minutes of October 8, 2012. Selectman Buckey SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2012.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was at 3.5% for the month of September which will be a factor when they discuss the tax rate target.

Ms. Griffin reported that they did hear from the Local Government Center (LGC) that the guaranteed maximum for the health insurance increases effective next fiscal year is 8%. Ms. Griffin noted that the LGC Board of Directors notified the Town that they will be granting a “Contribution Holiday” in which they will refund some of the reserves that they have set aside. Every community that has been a member of the HealthTrust will receive a refund which is a combined total of around \$17 million. The Town of Hanover will receive \$64,352.49 in a health insurance rebate; \$9,187.19 in a dental insurance rebate; and \$25,698.71 in a property/liability insurance coverage rebate. This rebate will come in the form of a reduced premium.

Ms. Griffin stated that in terms of the healthcare rebate, the employees always pay a certain amount for a co-pay, so a portion of the \$64,352.49 should go to the employee. Ms. McClain will be working on a spreadsheet with this information. Ms. Griffin noted that the Board will want to look at how to treat the refunds because there are some options for the Town to consider.

Ms. Griffin reported that David McManus is the new Chair of the Sustainable Hanover Committee. Larry Litten has stepped down from the Committee and Amanda Charland is the new representative from the Co-op. The Committee is doing some exciting work and they will share some of the details with the Board of Selectmen in the next couple of months.

Ms. Griffin also reported that excavating for the addition to the Etna Library started today.

12. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Bill Geraghty

Selectmen Geraghty reported that he successfully completed the 4th session of the Selectperson Institute sponsored by the Local Government Center. He felt that it was worthwhile and he encouraged other members to look at the materials that he brought back from the course.

Athos Rassias

Vice Chairman Rassias had nothing new to report.

Jay Buckey

Selectman Buckey had nothing new to report.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter reported that she did not attend the Saturday workshop for the Planning Board last Saturday as she was out of town. She noted that the Valley News covered the workshop in detail. Tomorrow is the next meeting of the Planning Board which will be the first time that the Board will have a chance to have a conversation about Saturday's workshop. The Public is welcome to attend but it is not a Public Hearing. Chairman Christie noted that he, Selectman Buckey and Julia Griffin attended as well. Selectman Geraghty noted that he wasn't able to attend the workshop but was able to watch it on CATV and recommended that anyone interested should check it out at CATV.org.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie reported that the Finance Committee met primarily focusing on the school budget. The Ray School is targeting a 0.5% and 1.5% non-compensation expense increase and the Dresden School District is looking at 2.25% & 2.75% in non-compensation discretionary

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expenses. Chairman Christie noted that whatever gets worked out with the Teacher's negotiations would be in addition to those targets.

13. 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) (d) and (e).

PETER CHRISTIE, YES; JAY BUCKEY, YES; NANCY CARTER, YES; ATHOS RASSIAS, YES; AND BILL GERAGHTY, YES. THE MEETING WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:00 P.M.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Exit the Non-Public Session. Chairman Christie SECONDED The Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:15 P.M.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting. Chairman Christie SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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