

**FINAL**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**April 4, 2011**

**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 Brian Walsh. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice Chairman; Peter Christie, Selectman; Athos Rassias, Selectman; Judy Doherty, Selectman and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Chairman Walsh called the meeting to order and asked for any Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

**2. PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED WARRANT FOR 2011 TOWN MEETING.**

Chairman Walsh explained to the viewing audience that the Board will be reviewing the Warrant prior to its presentation at Town Meeting. There are specific articles in which the Board of Selectmen must take positions on.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote (by nonpartisan ballot) for the following Town Officers:

Two Selectmen, each to serve for a term of three (3) years;  
One Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years;  
One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years.

There were no comments from the Board on Article One.

ARTICLE TWO (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 1:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 1 would amend Sections 201 and 204 to establish a new “GP” Goose Pond zoning district and would amend the zoning map to place a portion of the current “F” Forestry and Recreation zoning district located around Goose Pond into the “GP” Goose Pond zoning district.

At a public hearing held on February 22, 2011, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

There were no comments from the Board on Article Two.

ARTICLE THREE (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board in Amendment No. 2:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Hanover Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 2 would amend Section 317.1 by stipulating that no signs, other than official street signs or traffic directions, would be allowed in street rights-of-way without approval of the Board of Selectmen or the New Hampshire Department of Transportation, depending on which jurisdiction applies to the particular street.

At a public hearing held on February 22, 2011, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

There were no comments from the Board on Article Three.

ARTICLE FOUR (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the petition in Amendment No. 3:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by petition for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 3 would amend Table 204.5 “GR” General Residence zoning district by deleting Student Residence from the list of uses allowed by Special Exception.

At a public hearing held on February 22, 2011, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

The Board discussed the fact that Article Four was supported by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE FIVE (to vote by ballot): To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by petition in Amendment No. 4:

The following is on the official ballot:

“Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by petition for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance as follows?”

Amendment No. 4 would amend Section 404.1, the schedule of off-street parking requirements, by specifying that the minimum parking spaces required for Downtown Commercial uses would be only one parking space for 400 gross square feet of building floor area and by deleting requirements for additional required parking spaces for interior or exterior restaurant seats.

At a public hearing held on March 22, 2011, the Hanover Planning Board voted unanimously not to recommend that Town Meeting adopt this zoning amendment.

The Board discussed the fact that Article Five was not supported by the Planning Board.

ARTICLE SIX: To choose the following Town Officers to be elected by a majority vote:

One member of the Advisory Board of Assessors for a term of three (3) years;  
Three Fence Viewers, each for a term of one (1) year;  
Two Surveyors of Wood and Timber, each for a term of one (1) year;  
Such other Officers as the Town may judge necessary for managing its affairs.

Vice Chairman Connolly will move Article Six at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN: To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports and to receive any special resolutions that may be appropriate and to vote thereon.

Vice Chairman Connolly will move Article Seven at Town Meeting.

**A motion will be made to approve Article Eight through Article Fifteen jointly as written, however anyone is free to discuss any part of these articles and may move for separate action on any one article.**

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50 for deposit into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Reserve, with no funds being raised by taxation. The amount appropriated is the equivalent of 50% of the total collected in the Land Use Change Tax Reserve in the fiscal year 2009-2010. Funding deposited into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund derives from 50% of the land use change tax proceeds, paid by property owners when they take land out of current use.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50 for deposit into the Conservation Fund created as authorized by RSA 36-A:5.1, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Land Use Change Tax Reserve, with no funds being raised by taxation. The amount appropriated is the equivalent of 50% of the total collected in the Land Use Change Tax Reserve in the fiscal year 2009-2010. Funding deposited into the Conservation Fund derives from 50% of the land use change tax proceeds, paid by property owners when they take land out of current use.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$34,600 for deposit into the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund, and to authorize funding of this amount by transfer from the Transportation Improvement Fee Reserve, with no funds being raised by taxation. This amount is equivalent to the total Transportation Fee surcharge for each motor vehicle registered in the Town of Hanover (\$5.00 per vehicle) during fiscal year 2009-2010.

Selectmen For 5 Against 0 Absent 0

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$710,425 and authorize payment into existing capital reserve funds in the following amounts for the purposes for which such funds were established:

Ambulance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 50,760
Bridge Replacement and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 40,000
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 50,000
Dispatch Equipment and Dispatch Center Enhancements Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 12,240
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 60,000
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$265,000
Parking Operations Vehicles and Parking Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 46,710
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 89,500
Road Construction and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 25,000

Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements	
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 56,215
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 15,000

Selectmen                      For    5                      Against            0                      Absent    0

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to establish a Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the ongoing necessary capital maintenance of and improvements to the plant and equipment comprising the Town's water utility system, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$113,050 for deposit into this fund.

Selectmen                      For    5                      Against            0                      Absent    0

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$832,001 for the purposes listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the following amounts:

Bridge Replacement and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>River Road bridge repair</i>	\$ 72,100
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Roof replacement at Richard Hauger Public Works Facility; HVAC capital maintenance at Police Station</i>	\$ 86,300
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Replace 4 Highway maintenance vehicles (3 with plows)</i>	\$446,100
Parking Vehicles and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Replace Pay and Display ticket kiosk at Lot #7 (near intersection of Lebanon and Crosby Streets)</i>	\$ 9,000
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Replace patrol cruiser fleet (4 full size cruisers, light bars, radios, laptop computers and related policing equipment)</i>	\$193,501
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Contracted labor for Town-wide property revaluation program</i>	\$ 25,000

This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until these specified purchases are complete or June 30, 2016, whichever is sooner.

Chairman Walsh stated that these items were extensively reviewed as part of the budget process and are scheduled for repair or replacement.

Selectmen	For	5	Against	0	Absent	0
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ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$105,000 for substantial funding of the anticipated bike lane widening and sidewalk improvements along Park Street, and to fund this appropriation by authorizing the withdrawal of this sum from the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VA and will not lapse until these improvements are complete or June 30, 2016, whichever is sooner.

Chairman Walsh noted that this project was started by the Hanover Bike & Pedestrian Committee a few years ago and this is a culmination of a lot of hard work.

Selectmen	For	5	Against	0	Absent	0
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ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to terminate the Howe Library Building Repair and Equipment Fund, and to deposit any remaining balance in this fund (projected to be \$9,200 at June 30, 2011) into the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance. And, further, to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$9,200 for deposit into the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund. A two-thirds vote is required.

Chairman Walsh noted that this money was originally set aside to pay for the Innovative software which cost around \$20,000 every five years. Now with the change to Open Source software, these funds do not need to be reserved for this purpose but the Howe Library building will be in need of some significant repairs and the recommendation is to move this money into the Building Repair and Equipment Fund for that purpose.

Vice Chairman Connolly noted that this Article requires a two-thirds vote. Ms. Griffin stated that she would combine this Article with the others that will be voted on by consensus.

Selectman Christie felt that there needed to be a link for this transaction to take the money out of one fund and transferring it to another fund. He recommended a change in the wording such as “and further to see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$9,200 from the General Fund for deposit into the Howe Library Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund.”

Selectman Rassias asked why they had to walk this through and not just turn the funds over to the other account. Ms. McClain explained that the Department of Revenue

Administration (DRA) requires that they terminate the funds, open a new fund and transfer it into a new capital reserve.

Selectmen                      For    5            Against            0            Absent    0

Selectman Doherty will present the consent agenda and Article Fifteen.

Selectman Christie asked if they were able to do these Articles without reading them individually. Vice Chairman Connolly recalled that she did a summary of the Articles at last year's Town Meeting.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$21,208,081 to pay the operating expenses of the Town for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, for the purposes set forth in the Town budget. This sum does not include the funds voted in any of the preceding or succeeding articles.

Selectmen                      For    5            Against            0            Absent    0

Selectman Christie will present Article Sixteen at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 4, 2011, between the Town of Hanover and the American Federation of State and County Municipal (AFSCME), Local 193, which calls for the following increases in salaries, netted down by an increased cost of health care benefits, for its members:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2011-2012	\$-0-
2012-2013	\$47,053
2013-2014	\$55,545

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$-0- for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the net increase in salaries less the savings achieved from changing the health care driver of the Town's flexible benefits plan over those of the appropriations at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Selectman Christie had some wording suggestions to further clarify this Article. Chairman Walsh felt that most of what is going on is a decrease in the plan which results in a decrease in the costs to the Town. Ms. Griffin worked on wording to reflect the fact that the cost share is changing. Ms. McClain stated that they haven't changed the cost share but the percentage that people will pay is the same. Ms. Griffin recommended adding wording to show an offset by a reduction of employer healthcare costs.

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The Board worked on wording for Articles Seventeen through Nineteen for presentation. Ms. Griffin will check on the language with Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) tomorrow.

Chairman Walsh felt that Articles Seventeen, Eighteen and Nineteen should be presented together.

Selectman Christie stated that because they won't know the future increases in healthcare may be in year 2 and 3, the numbers listed in the contract are misleading. Ms. Griffin stated that they do not reflect future increases or savings so they cannot be offset. Chairman Walsh felt that there should be an explanation that the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year numbers are salary figures and the healthcare costs are not determined. Selectman Christie expressed concerns about addressing these issues at Town Meeting. He feels that the contracts negotiated are more favorable to the Town than these articles appear. Chairman Walsh felt it was very important to speak to it but not necessarily incorporate the explanation within the Warrant.

Ms. Griffin stated that in the background information, they provided text to help with the future presentations regarding the meaning of the numbers. Vice Chairman Connolly noted that these figures are only COLA and merit and not healthcare costs.

Ms. Griffin had concerns about changes to the wording. She noted that the DRA has very specific language that they allow for contracts. She has concerns that the DRA will disallow the Warrant Article if they make significant changes to the language.

Selectman Rassias noted that there is a 0 increase in year 1. He would suggest putting the actual increase and list what the amount was being decreased by. Ms. McClain stated that she spoke with DRA and they urged the Town not to put a negative number and indicate zero.

The Board decided to keep the language the same for all three Articles. Selectman Doherty stated that it seems clear that DRA does not provide language for total compensation and that all they are addressing are salary increases. Ms. McClain stated that the budget that the Board has to sign will be committing the Town to future expenditures and the DRA doesn't necessarily care what the numbers represent.

Chairman Walsh stated that the real issue is that they settled with the Unions after the budget was set.

Selectmen	For	5	Against	0	Absent	0
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ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 4, 2011, between the Town of Hanover and New England Police Benevolent Association (NEPBA), Local 27, which calls for the following increases in salaries, netted down by an increased cost of health care benefits, for its members:



<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2011-2012	\$-0-
2012-2013	\$39,476
2013-2014	\$42,036

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$-0- for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the net increase in salaries less the savings achieved from changing the health care driver of the Town's flexible benefits plan over those of the appropriations at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Selectmen                      For    5                      Against                      0                      Absent    0

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 4, 2011, between the Town of Hanover and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), Local 3288, which calls for the following increases in salaries, netted down by an increased cost of health care benefits, for its members:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2011-2012	\$-0-
2012-2013	\$24,259
2013-2014	\$31,107

And further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$-0- for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the net increase in salaries less the savings achieved from changing the health care driver of the Town's flexible benefits plan over those of the appropriations at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Selectmen                      For    5                      Against                      0                      Absent    0

Chairman Walsh stated that the Town has had very good negotiations with all three Unions which included conversations about total compensation.

**Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve the contracts for AFSCME, Police and Fire by a vote of 5 to 0. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS FOR AFSCME, POLICE AND FIRE BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

Chairman Walsh wanted to give kudos to Betsy McClain and Gloria Lacasse for their work on this on behalf of the Board.

Ms. Griffin noted that AFSCME voted today and approved the contract. The Police Union approved the contract last Thursday and the Fire Department approved their contract last Tuesday.

Selectman Christie will present Articles Seventeen, Eighteen and Nineteen.

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to approve the swap of a small portion of Town-owned property, Map 33, Lot 6 located at 6 West Wheelock Street for a comparably sized small portion of property, Map 33, Lot 44 located at 5-7 Allen St., owned by Stephen and Raymond Buskey, as depicted on the map (exhibit 1), and as authorized by the Board of Selectmen on January 24, 2011.

Chairman Walsh stated that the Board looked at this and it made sense. Ms. Griffin stated that the land is 632 sq. ft.

Selectman Rassias will present Article Twenty at Town Meeting.

Selectmen	For	5	Against	0	Absent	0
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ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of a conservation easement to protect from development the 3.196 acre property owned by Peter and Caroline Storrs, Tax Map 5, Lot 58, at the corner of Hanover Center Road and Ruddsboro Road, for a price not to exceed \$208,000, and to raise and appropriate that sum for this purpose by a withdrawal of \$150,000 from the Conservation Fund; and by raising \$58,000 in private donations.

Selectman Rassias will present Article Twenty-One at Town Meeting. Chairman Walsh left the public hearing open while the Board considered the Storrs Property discussion.

Selectmen	For	5	Against	0	Absent	0
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ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to instruct the New Hampshire congressional delegation to take a fresh look at climate change and carefully consider the importance of science, not politics, in United States climate change policy.

Chairman Walsh noted that the petitioners of Article Twenty-Two will speak to this item at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To transact any other business that may legally be brought before this Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh will present Article Twenty-Three at Town Meeting.

The Board provided Ms. Griffin with suggestions regarding the explanatory information and the Selectmen's Letter.

Chairman Walsh thanked Vice Chairman Connolly for her work on the Selectmen's Letter. Vice Chairman Connolly also wanted to give credit to Peter Kulbacki for his input.

**3. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PROPOSED HOUSING FUND BUDGET FOR FY2011-2012.**

**Selectman Doherty MOVED that the Board of Selectmen become the Hanover Housing Authority. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO BECOME THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

Jonathan Chaffee, Executive Director of the Lebanon Housing Authority was present to speak to the Board.

Chairman Walsh explained to the viewing public that the Town contracts with the Lebanon Housing Authority to deal with the administrative portion of dealing with the housing on Summer Street near the High School. Ms. Griffin stated that the Housing Authority has been instrumental in navigating through the HUD process, etc. on behalf of the Town property. Chairman Walsh noted that Jonathan Chaffee is leaving the Lebanon Housing Authority.

Ms. McClain highlighted the Housing Authority budget noting that the gross budget increases by \$22,000 into FY 2012 driven by anticipated capital projects of roughly \$18,000. Chairman Walsh thanked Mr. Chaffee for working so closely with HUD and getting the current rent level so close to actual costs.

Ms. Griffin noted the payment to the Lebanon Housing Authority in the amount of \$22,888.

Chairman Walsh noted the payment to the Grafton County Senior Citizens Council and the Hanover Senior Center.

Chairman Walsh asked about the non-personnel costs and noted that it is all costs.

Ms. Griffin stated that included in the Capital Reserve Fund Schedule are amounts set aside for emergency lighting in the amount of \$10,500 and hallway lighting in the amount of \$7,500 for a total of \$18,000.

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the Hanover Housing Authority budget for FY2011-2012. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR FY2011-2012.**

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED that the Board cease being the Hanover Housing Authority. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CEASE BEING THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

**4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED PURCHASE OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON 3.196 ACRES WEST OF MINK BROOK AT CORNER OF HANOVER CENTER AND RUDDSBORO ROADS.**

Vicki Smith, Senior Planner, was present to speak to the Board regarding this proposal. Ms. Smith provided the Board with additional materials including a map of the area.

Ms. Smith introduced Peter and Caroline Storrs who own the 3.196 acres being discussed. The larger parcel is owned by Betsy Storrs and Tim Bent who were also present.

Ms. Smith gave an overview of the property and stated that there are two phases that they are talking about. Ms. Smith noted the agricultural soil levels for the larger parcel of land and this is a unique feature to the Town.

Ms. Smith noted that last December the property was subdivided into 3 parcels being divided between siblings. One parcel consists of 3 acres; another was 33 acres and an additional 40 acres divided. The owners of the corner property and 33 acres want to conserve the agricultural soils on their property. Peter and Caroline Storrs are ready to protect their land and have agreed to leave it open which is an obligation on their part and future owners. Ms. Smith reported that this piece of property is featured in the scenic local projects as one of the most highly favored scenic places in town. There were 1,200 people interviewed and this land was noted as one of the most scenic places in town.

Ms. Smith stated that they have come before the Board hoping that they support the Warrant Article which would ask for approval to use funds up to \$58,000 toward this purchase. She noted that Ed Chamberlain and Ann Morris were present from the Conservation Commission to answer questions.

Chairman Walsh wanted to thank the Storrs family for making the opportunity real for the Town.

Vice Chairman Connolly thanked Vicki Smith for the information provided. She feels that the proposal as it exists should be pursued. Ms. Griffin noted that they rephrased the Warrant to clarify that \$150,000 would be coming out of the Conservation Fund and the

remaining \$58,000 is to be raised by private donation as opposed to a General Fund allocation.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked if there was some kind of provision for the utilization of more Conservation Fund money if needed. Vicki Smith noted that if they needed to dip into some funds in amounts under \$50,000 they would not need to go to Town Meeting for approval and would bring this information forward at the following Town Meeting.

Selectman Rassias asked whether the Master Plan speaks specifically to this property. Ms. Smith noted that it speaks to agricultural soils and discusses working with landowners who voluntarily come forward with opportunities and it speaks to preserving character especially in Etna Village. Ms. Smith stated that this piece of property with its farm and open field makes Etna what it is. She noted that this property is singled out in the scenic locales report. The Hanover Conservation Council has chosen the Mink Brook as a focus for their land conservation work so this dovetails nicely with their work.

Selectman Christie asked about Phase 2. He is assuming that the Town has to authorize the appraisal for Phase 2 and how this transaction is linked.

Ms. Smith stated that the Conservation Commission is not interested in conserving the 3 acres without a purchase and sales agreement for the larger parcels. There are some mutual agreements that occur and if the project goes through, Tim Bent and Betsy Storrs will be obligated to work with the Town to conserve the property. If Peter and Caroline Storrs do not get the full value to be able to sell the underlying fee of the corner lot, the Town will lose the opportunity to work with them. They are currently selling that parcel and if they are unable to, the deal will fall through. If the Town can't raise \$58,000 then this will also take them out of the transaction.

Selectman Christie stated that the Warrant Article does not speak to any of this. Ms. Smith stated that they are the fine points and the major thing is to move money by Town Meeting approval and the complexity of the project would take hours to explain. The Commission would very much like to work with Tim Bent and Betsy Storrs on protecting 20 acres of their land and that will be renegotiated in the future. There needs to be an appraisal and the landowners are not ready to do the conservation work at the present time.

Ms. Griffin stated that it's not uncommon to not include all of the detail in a Warrant Article for an appropriation. The ability to spend the money on this project is contingent on a lot of other factors.

Selectman Christie felt that the number is big enough that there will be questions and he feels that a big part of the value includes Phase 2. The Town needs to be prepared to explain the second Phase. Ms. Smith stated that they would not go through with the sale of the 3 acres without a binding agreement to go for the larger parcel. Ms. Griffin stated that they could include all of the additional information about this transaction to be

included in the Town Report. Selectman Christie stated that he would include all of this information to explain it to the Town.

Ms. Smith had concerns about it being part of the Warrant Article. Ms. Griffin stated it would be part of the explanatory information and not the Warrant Article. Vice Chairman Connolly asked if the bottom line is that they can't get the 30 acres of land, they will not purchase the easement on the 3 acres. Ms. Smith confirmed that this is true and they would need to enter into a purchase and sales agreement.

Chairman Walsh felt that this would be important to get all of this visible to the public as to what the transaction would look like. Ms. Smith felt that the background materials need to include information that they will most likely be protecting 20 acres here. The development value will be quite reduced and it should be comparable to the price of the 3 acres after some reconfiguration of the land.

Selectman Christie stated that the current warrant article is an act of faith that if the deal doesn't go through, the money will not get spent. He would like to build this into the Warrant Article so that it is a condition of the Town's approval.

Ms. Smith stated that the Town and the property owners want to have signed purchase and sales agreements by the end of this month and she doesn't want to go into Town Meeting unless they do have these agreements.

Ms. Griffin clarified the last sentence of the Warrant Article to state something to the effect of "expenditure of these funds would be contingent on the execution of a purchase and sales agreement enabling the Town to conserve the adjacent 20+/- acre parcel in the future." Ms. Smith stated that having the 10 acre minimum zoning requirement is prohibitive.

**5. RECOMMENDATION TO RATIFY CONTRACT FOR JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2014 WITH AFSCME LOCAL 193.**

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to ratify the 3 year contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 with AFSCME Local 193. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2014 WITH AFSCME LOCAL 193.**

**6. RECOMMENDATION TO RATIFY CONTRACT FOR JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2014 WITH NEPBA LOCAL 27.**

**Chairman Walsh MOVED to ratify the 3 year contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 with NEPBA Local 27. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2014 WITH NEPBA LOCAL 27.**

- 7. RECOMMENDATION TO RATIFY CONTRACT FOR JULY 1, 2011 – JUNE 30, 2014 WITH IAFF LOCAL 3288.**

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to ratify the contract for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 with IAFF Local 3288. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2014 WITH IAFF LOCAL 3288.**

- 8. BANNER REQUESTS:**
  - Farmer's Market

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED the Banner Request for the Farmer's Market. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR THE FARMER'S MARKET.**

- 9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
  - February 28, 2011
  - March 1, 2, 3 & 21, 2011

Selectman Christie had changes to the Minutes of February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Selectman Christie MOVED to Approve the Minutes of February 28, 2011. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011.**

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 1, 2011. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2011.**

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED TO Approve the Minutes of March 2, 2011. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2011. (Selectman Doherty abstained from the vote).**

**Chairman Walsh MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 3, 2011. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2011.**

Vice Chairman Connolly suggested changes to the Minutes of March 21<sup>st</sup> which documented conversations with the Conservation Commission after the meeting was officially adjourned but were broadcast on CATV.

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 2 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011. (Chairman Walsh and Selectman Doherty abstained from the vote).**

#### **10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Ms. Griffin stated that she has been working on the Town Report. Ms. Griffin reported that there has been a lot going on in the Senate relative to the State budget. It is unclear what the impact will be of State House Bill 2 with regard to the NH Retirement System. There is a fair amount of uncertainty relative to the employer contribution to the Retirement System. Ms. Griffin stated that she has been monitoring e-mails regarding this on-going issue but there has been very little information being released about where things stand.

The House just voted on a Bill that would reduce the amount of money that Towns receive for paving. This would reduce Hanover's allocation by about \$55,000/year. This was the \$30.00 surcharge that was being charged with car registrations.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Town is just about to go live with the new website and Town staff have been trained to make changes to the website internally. She noted that there will be a lot of tweaking that will be done as they get feedback. An ad will be placed in the Valley News to announce the new website ([www.hanovernh.org](http://www.hanovernh.org)).

Selectman Doherty asked whether there was room for additional information such as offerings by the Affordable Housing Commission. Ms. Griffin stated that they would have the ability to add to the website and each Commission has a point person for this.

#### **11. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.**

##### **Peter Christie**

Selectman Christie had nothing new to report.



**Kate Connolly**

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board is still working on the Residential Project and the zoning amendment pertaining to Goose Pond came directly out of the work that was done on this.

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board approved the renovations/additions to the Hanover Inn last Tuesday night and there are some nice agreements in place between the Town and the College to handle potential traffic problems.

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that there was the League of New Hampshire Craftsmen sale last Saturday which provided donations to the Friends of Nihonmatsu. She also reported that there will be a dinner on Friday night 5 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Richard W. Black Center to benefit Japan.

**Judy Doherty**

Selectman Doherty had nothing new to report.

**Athos Rassias**

Selectman Rassias had nothing new to report.

**Brian Walsh**

Chairman Walsh had nothing new to report.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no Other Business reported.

**13. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Selectman Christie MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:10 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Judith A. Doherty, Secretary

*Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.*

## SUMMARY

1. **Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve the contracts for AFSCME, Police and Fire by a vote of 5 to 0. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CONTRACTS FOR AFSCME, POLICE AND FIRE BY A VOTE OF 5 TO 0.**

2. **Selectman Doherty MOVED that the Board of Selectmen become the Hanover Housing Authority. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO BECOME THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

3. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the Hanover Housing Authority budget for FY2011-2012. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY BUDGET FOR FY2011-2012.**

4. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED that the Board cease being the Hanover Housing Authority. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CEASE BEING THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.**

5. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to ratify the 3 year contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 with AFSCME Local 193. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2014 WITH AFSCME LOCAL 193.**

6. **Chairman Walsh MOVED to ratify the 3 year contract from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 with NEPBA Local 27. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2014 WITH NEPBA LOCAL 27.**

7. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to ratify the contract for July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2014 with IAFF Local 3288. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO RATIFY THE 3 YEAR CONTRACT FROM JULY 1, 2011 TO JUNE 30, 2014 WITH IAFF LOCAL 3288.**

8. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED the Banner Request for the Farmer's Market. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR THE FARMER'S MARKET.**

9. **Selectman Christie MOVED to Approve the Minutes of February 28, 2011. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2011.**

10. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 1, 2011. Selectman Doherty SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2011.**

11. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED TO Approve the Minutes of March 2, 2011. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 2, 2011. (Selectman Doherty abstained from the vote).**

12. **Chairman Walsh MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 3, 2011. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2011.**

13. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 21, 2011. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 2 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2011. (Chairman Walsh and Selectman Doherty abstained from the vote).**

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- 14. Selectman Christie MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTE UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT  
9:10 P.M.**