

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 7, 2014

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; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager. Absent: Jay Buckey, Selectman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

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

2. PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND REVIEW THE PROPOSED WARRANT FOR THE MAY 13, 2014 TOWN MEETING.

Chairman Christie opened the Pre-Town Meeting Public Hearing. He noted that the Board received all of the proposed Warrant Articles in their Friday mailing. Ms. Griffin stated that the Board needs to vote on the Warrant Articles starting with Article Eight.

Chairman Christie suggested that the Board consider moving the articles that are similar jointly or to move them individually. Ms. McClain suggested handling the Articles one at a time with further clarification as to how the articles are similar in nature. The Board decided that they would present the Articles separately.

Chairman Christie noted that Town Moderator, Steve Fowler, was present. Mr. Fowler stated that he was there as an observer but noted that he felt introducing the Articles separately was a good approach.

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,250 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 2012-2013. 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.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE EIGHT.

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$28,250 for deposit into the Conservation Fund created as authorized by RSA 36-A:5.I, 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 2012-2013. 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.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE NINE.

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,965 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 2012-2013.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE TEN.

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,091,340 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	\$51,000
Bridge Replacement and Renovation Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,500
Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	\$110,000
Dispatch Equipment and Dispatch Center Enhancements Capital Reserve Fund	\$45,000
Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$100,540
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$286,000
Parking Operations Vehicles and Parking Facility Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$50,000
Police Vehicles and Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	\$99,000
Road Construction and Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$61,500
Sewer Equipment and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	\$130,000
Town Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund	\$1,500
Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund	\$56,300

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE ELEVEN.

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$634,600 for the purposes listed below, and to authorize funding these amounts by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds in the following amounts:

Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Replacement of Howe Library old building roof</i>	\$106,000
Highway Construction and Maintenance Equipment Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Two sidewalk tractors, replace truck 15, replace trailer 70</i>	\$377,000
Parking Vehicles and Facilities Improvements Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Expansion joint and capstone replacement in the Parking Garage</i>	\$30,000
Water Treatment and Distribution Equipment and System Capital Reserve Fund	
<i>Chemical feed pumps, filter module replacement, one-ton utility truck</i>	\$121,600

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, 2019, whichever is sooner.

Ms. Griffin stated that Article Twelve is the appropriation out of the reserves for the specific types of equipment listed.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE TWELVE.

Ms. Griffin stated that Articles Thirteen, Fourteen and Fifteen are one-year extensions of the current contract agreements which include a 1% cost-of-living adjustment and no other changes. The firefighters just voted on their Article today so this was ratified by the IAFF Local 3288 for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015.

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in a one-year extension of the current three year collective bargaining agreement which expires on June 30, 2014, approved by the Board of Selectmen on January 27, 2014, between the Town of Hanover and the American Federation of State and County Municipal Employees (AFSCME), Local 193, which calls only for the following increase in salaries.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2014-2015	\$18,171

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THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE THIRTEEN.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in a one-year extension of the current three year collective bargaining agreement which expires on June 30, 2014, approved by the Board of Selectmen on January 27, 2014, between the Town of Hanover and the New England Police Benevolent Association, Local 27, which calls only for the following increase in salaries.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE FOURTEEN.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items contained in a one-year extension of the current three year collective bargaining agreement which expires on June 30, 2014, approved by the Board of Selectmen on April 7, 2014, between the Town of Hanover and the International Association of Firefighters, Local 3288, which calls only for the following increase in salaries.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Estimated Increase</u>
2014-2015	\$10,734

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE FIFTEEN.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,090,560 to pay the operating expenses of the Town for the 2014-2015 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.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE SIXTEEN.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mt. Tug Conservation Easement (map 3, lot 90, 10 Moody Lane) by: a) modifying the easement area to remove .44 acre from the existing easement area and adding .66 acre to the easement area; and, b) accepting a new conservation easement clarifying the purposes, permitted and prohibited uses in the easement area and the boundary delineation?

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE SEVENTEEN.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of Nathan's Garden (map 22, lot 3, 3 Downing Road) for use as a Town park upon the death of Barbara Hall, to be accompanied by the donation of sufficient funds to be maintained in trust for the ongoing maintenance of the property at the time the property is donated.

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Chairman Christie stated that this is a wonderful gift from Mrs. Hall. Chairman Christie asked if Ms. Griffin knew the cost of maintaining the property. Ms. Griffin stated that they don't have the details but the intent is that the donation of funds would cover the operating expense. Chairman Christie asked if the Article could authorize the Select Board to accept the gift. Ms. Griffin stated that it could and to allow the Select Board to negotiate and execute all related documents. Chairman Christie stated that this would allow the Select Board to make determinations later about this property. Ms. Griffin would work on the wording of this Article to include this language.

Selectman Carter stated that there were people interested in this transaction that attended the Planning Board meeting. She further clarified that with the acceptance of this gift, it would allow for a public discussion at a later date as the Select Board makes decisions about the property. This would allow for input regarding the use of the property, times of use, parking, etc.

Chairman Christie felt that this would be the normal process for the Select Board and the vote at Town Meeting should be to authorize the Board to accept the donation. Ms. Griffin noted that the property has already been subdivided and Mrs. Hall wants to get her estate in order and wanted to make sure that the Town would accept this gift.

Chairman Christie wanted to make sure that the wording of the Article addresses Mrs. Hall's intent with regard to the property. Ms. Griffin stated that part of the reason to accept this gift now is so that upon her death, the property does not need to sit uncared for until being accepted at the subsequent Town Meeting. Ms. Griffin stated that Mrs. Hall would be adding this to her Will after Town Meeting approval to make it an automatic transaction upon her death.

Selectman Carter reported that Mrs. Hall's daughter testified before the Planning Board and wanted all of this information in the public record for the benefit of a potential new owner of the adjacent property with regard to the non-conforming status of the property. Chairman Christie noted that the amount of the financial donation has not been determined. Ms. Griffin stated that the details have not yet been worked out but the intent is to have funds available to maintain the property.

Mr. Fowler asked if there was precedent for Town Meeting making decisions on items that may not be implemented for a long period of time. Ms. Griffin stated that this is unusual and not something that they have done before. Chairman Christie wanted to make sure that they are prepared to explain this transaction at Town Meeting; that this is the Board's attempt to accommodate this great gift and the details will be part of a public process after the gift is received. Ms. McClain stated that this Article is not committing the donor or the Town to the gift.

Chairman Christie noted that this is a wonderful gift that the Town very much appreciates. Ms. Griffin would be working on the wording to accommodate the Board's wishes, the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) and the donor.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE EIGHTEEN.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to urge:

1) That the New Hampshire State Legislature join nearly 500 municipalities and 16 other states, including all other New England states, in calling upon Congress to move forward a constitutional amendment that (1) guarantees the right of our elected representatives and of the American people to safeguard fair elections through authority to regulate political spending, and (2) clarifies that constitutional rights were established for natural persons only, not corporations, unions, or other artificial entities. 2) That the New Hampshire congressional delegation supports such a constitutional amendment. 3) That the New Hampshire State Legislature supports such an amendment once it is approved by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. 4) Within 30 days of approval of this article, the Selectmen shall transmit by written notice the record of the vote to Hanover's congressional delegation, to Hanover state legislators, and to the President of the United States, informing them of the instructions from their constituents.

THE BOARD VOTED 2 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSTAINED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE ARTICLE NINETEEN. (Chairman Christie and Vice Chairman Rassias abstained from the vote).

Ms. Griffin reviewed the report of the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager with the Board and received wording suggestions.

3. PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND ADOPT THE PROPOSED FY 2014-2015 BUDGET FOR HOUSING FUND.

Chairman Christie opened the public hearing and announced that the Board would convene as the Hanover Housing Authority. Ms. Griffin stated that this is the budget that governs Summer Park and also the Senior Center programs. Ms. Griffin stated that the revenues are the rental payments paid by the tenants at Summer Park and the housing subsidy from HUD.

Chairman Christie stated that the budget appears to be pretty straightforward. He noted that there will be a large expense coming up next year with a roof replacement. Ms. McClain stated that the nice part about the Housing Fund is that they had set up the reserve fund from the beginning so they are prepared for the larger expenses. Ms. McClain stated they did increase the transfer into the capital reserve to \$29,000 for future anticipated expenses.

Chairman Christie noted that the budget is up 1% independent of the capital spending. He stated that the capital spending includes \$40,000 for the handicap-accessible doors and the replacement of kitchen and bathroom faucets and related fixtures. Ms. McClain stated that a lot of the energy efficiency improvements made by the facilities crew have led to other maintenance improvements.

THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE HOUSING FUND BUDGET FOR FY2014-15.

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Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Adjourn as the Hanover Housing Authority. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, TO ADJOURN AS THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.

- 4. RECOMMENDATION TO RATIFY ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH IAFF LOCAL 3288 FROM JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015.**

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Ratify One Year Extension of Contract with IAFF Local 3288 from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO RATIFY ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH IAFF LOCAL 3288 FROM JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015.

- 5. UPDATE REGARDING HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR FY 2014-15.**

Ms. McClain distributed a spreadsheet to the Board to show the savings that the Town will see from the decreased cost of health insurance for the upcoming year. Ms. Griffin stated that this money was already budgeted for in the proposed budget so they could decide whether to ask Town Meeting to reduce the budget by these amounts. She stated that the General Fund impact is \$76,000 with additional savings in the Fire Fund, Water Fund, Ambulance Fund and Parking Fund. Ms. Griffin stated that they could choose not to modify the budget at all and set a lower tax rate with DRA in the fall. Ms. Griffin stated that they could decide next year to set aside fund balance to increase capital reserves.

Chairman Christie felt that if this had been bad news, they would not add this money to the budget so he doesn't feel that they should deal with this issue separately. Ms. McClain stated that by not doing anything, Town Meeting is authorizing the Town to spend the appropriation and as the year goes on, if they needed more salt for example, they would have the appropriation authority and the Town Manager has the authority to move funds within line items. She noted that there is no legal requirement to spend it. Chairman Christie felt that it made sense to go into the next tax year with a bit of a buffer.

Selectman Geraghty clarified with Ms. McClain that this is related to the health insurance premiums to cover town employees and family members. He stated that each year the Town receives notification of a guaranteed maximum. Selectman Geraghty asked if this reduction is due to Hanover's experience or the larger group. Ms. McClain stated that the insurance pool had a better experience and the Town as an employer had a better experience which brought the rates down. Selectman Geraghty asked what this is based on. Ms. McClain stated that she is unsure how this is set. Selectman Geraghty has heard anecdotal concerns that people are putting off care which would be a short-term gain but then it could turn around in the future.

Vice Chairman Rassias stated that he originally felt that this should be passed along but the argument that they may see an uptick in this at some point in the future concerns him. Selectman Geraghty stated that they can't control other variables that they have to deal with every year so this would provide them some financial cushion.

Ms. Griffin stated that they prepared the budget based on the guaranteed maximum rate established by the HealthTrust last October. This number came in much lower based on the prior fiscal year experience. Ms. Griffin stated that the HealthTrust has two pools; the calendar year pool and fiscal year pool. She noted that they generally see a lower overall rate from the guaranteed maximum but nothing this big.

Chairman Christie stated that had they known this number at the time of the budget hearings, they would have planned on \$110,000 less. He stated that in the budget process things change between the time that the Board approves the budget and the time that it is voted on at Town Meeting. He noted that sometimes the changes are positive and sometimes they are negative; this happens to be a positive one which could be an anomaly. Vice Chairman Rassias stated that he is more comfortable with this because if it works out, it will hit the undesignated fund balance in a positive way and then the Board can address it according to their policies. The Board chose not to change the budget based on this new information.

6. DISCUSSION OF RAY SCHOOL REQUEST TO WAIVE BUILDING PERMIT FEES FOR RAY SCHOOL RENOVATION AND EXPANSION PROJECT.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Superintendent of Schools approached her to ask about the possibility of the Town waiving the building permit fee for the Ray School addition and renovation which will start this summer. Ms. Griffin stated that she understands that when the Ray School pays a permit fee to the Town of Hanover, they are taking the money out of one pocket of the taxpayer and putting it into the other pocket. The other schools include students who live in Norwich so it doesn't make sense for them to ask for a waiver of the permit fee in that situation because this is the only way that non-Hanover residents who have children in the schools pay for some portion of the cost for staff time. Ms. Griffin reflected on the High School renovation and the Richmond School construction at which time the Board determined that they would not waive the fee because there are bi-state school districts with tuition students. Ms. Griffin stated that it is her recommendation that they waive this building permit fee but it is up to the Board to decide. Vice Chairman Rassias asked if the Town pays building permit fees for other town buildings. Ms. Griffin stated that the Town does not pay itself a building permit fee.

Chairman Christie asked for the amount of the permit fee. Ms. Griffin stated that she doesn't have that information and estimated that it would be around \$40,000 for the two phases of the project. Chairman Christie stated that although it is the same taxpayer, it is a separate budget. He stated that if it is \$40,000, their budget would be taking a ½% hit on the Town's tax rate to the benefit of the school. Ms. Griffin stated that it would be her intention to exact some additional benefits for the Town in return for this consideration.

Ms. Griffin asked the Superintendent whether the Town should be paying the Ray School to use the gymnasium for the Recreation Programs and he agreed that they should not. Selectman Geraghty stated that if the amount of money they are considering is \$1,000 or \$5,000 then he would support this but \$40,000 is a much larger number. He would encourage the intent to support the Town's kids regardless of what budget it comes from. Selectman Geraghty stated that historically the Town has had to pay the school for space to support the kid's programs through the Recreation Department. He would encourage further discussions regarding cooperation with the school but he's not sure they should do \$40,000 of good will unless they can come up with some kind of in-kind clarification. Selectman Geraghty stated that he strongly supports the intent of mutual cooperation.

Chairman Christie stated that he would like to see the cooperation but he is concerned about the separate budgets. He could see a high level of cooperation between the Town and the School and still have a fair sharing of expenses to the appropriate budgets.

Selectman Carter asked what town personnel would be involved and their rates for the project. She has been concerned about the cooperation between the Town and the Schools for a long time. Ms. Griffin stated that she would determine the figures and report back to the Board on this.

Chairman Christie suggested having a discussion with the Superintendent about having a high level of cooperation but keeping the budgets separate; not as a negative approach but as a good way of doing business. This item was tabled for further discussion in the future.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT LICENSE TO LIBERTY UTILITIES FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIRECT BURIED ELECTRIC FACILITIES ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET.

Ms. Griffin stated that Liberty Utilities are replacing the electrical facilities on South Main Street; currently they have direct buried electrical lines. She noted that Liberty Utilities will also be replacing the sidewalk as well which has needed repair for a long time. Ms. Griffin reported that the repeated power failures downtown have been a result of these facilities. She stated that Liberty Utilities need licenses from the Town to install the new conduit and equipment underground to reside in the Town's right-of-way. Vice Chairman Rassias clarified with Ms. Griffin that direct buried cables are just cables placed underground without at conduit.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Grant License to Liberty Utilities for Replacement of Direct Buried Electric Facilities along South Main Street. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO GRANT LICENSE TO LIBERTY UTILITIES FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIRECT BURIED ELECTRIC FACILITIES ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET.

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Ms. Griffin stated that while they do this replacement, Liberty Utility will be putting conduit in for the Town for future fiber. Selectman Geraghty noted that this sidewalk is used quite heavily and he hoped that they would handle this quickly.

8. APPOINTMENTS:

- Planning Board
- Zoning Board
- Sustainable Hanover

Ms. Griffin stated that Brian Edwards would like to serve as an alternate to the Planning Board; Kate Connolly would like to be appointed to the Zoning Board; and Larry Litten would like to be appointed to the Sustainable Hanover Committee.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Appointments of Brian Edwards to the Planning Board; Kate Connolly to the Zoning Board; and Larry Litten to the Sustainable Hanover Committee with Gratitude. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS OF BRIAN EDWARDS TO THE PLANNING BOARD; KATE CONNOLLY TO THE ZONING BOARD; AND LARRY LITTEN TO THE SUSTAINABLE HANOVER COMMITTEE.

9. BANNER REQUEST:

- Circus Smirkus

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve the Banner Request of Circus Smirkus. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF CIRCUS SMIRKUS.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- March 24, 2014

Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 24, 2014. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2014.

11. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that she has been busy finishing up the Town Report. She encouraged the Board members to forward any edits they may have to the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen section of the report. Ms. Griffin reported that she plans to take some time off next week.

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Ms. Griffin reported that the Fire Chief has been in town visiting with the firefighters. She reported that there will be a swearing in ceremony for Chief Martin McMillan at the Fire Station on Friday, May 2nd in the morning and his official day will be Monday, May 5th.

Ms. Griffin reported that they are in the final phase of the background check for their first choice Police Chief candidate and she hopes to make an announcement in the near future.

Chairman Christie congratulated Ms. Griffin on these searches and recognized how much work this process has been.

12. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty had nothing new to report.

Athos Rassias

Vice Chairman Rassias had nothing new to report.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie reported that he did a walk around with the Conservation Commission on the golf course relative to work proposed by the College for the Girl Brook property. He noted that the Conservation Commission conducts site visits twice a month so that they can look at proposals first hand. He stated that he has been seeing parts of Hanover that he has not seen before.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter reported that the Planning Board met and they heard preliminary reports on the work that is proposed for the Girl Brook because this does concern land that is part of the Town's responsibility. She reported that most of the evening was spent with a team from Hypertherm who are reworking one of their large delivery buildings on Great Hollow Road. She was impressed that Hypertherm and the families living in the area are taking a lot of time working together.

Selectman Carter noted that although the Town website says that the Planning Board meets twice a month, the second meeting in April has been canceled. The Planning Board will meet again in May.

13. OTHER BUSINESS.

Chairman Christie invited Robert Chambers to speak to the Board. Mr. Chambers stated that he is the Chairman of Project Vet Care which is located in Hanover. He reported that Project Vet Care started a capital campaign to buy a house that would be rented to veteran students at Dartmouth. He stated that initially they were going to purchase a home in Lebanon but then a

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Hanover Veteran family came forward asking why they would be looking to purchase a house in Lebanon and not Hanover. Mr. Chambers stated that the cost difference between the two communities was a major factor but they were able to locate a suitable residence in Hanover at 80 Lebanon Street. Mr. Chambers reported that the family gifted \$375,000 to Project Vet Care toward the purchase of this house. He stated that the additional \$75,000 needs to be raised by May 31st and so far they have raised \$12,375. Mr. Chambers stated that they are now asking the Town to make a \$20,000 one time contribution to Project Vet Care toward the purchase of this house and would like to get this on the Town Warrant.

Ms. McClain noted that tomorrow is the deadline for petitioned warrant articles. Ms. Griffin explained the process requiring 25 signatures from registered Hanover voters to put an Article on the Warrant for Town Meeting. This would be Warrant Article number Twenty if they were able to get the signatures in on time. This would be asking the Town for a \$20,000 donation and they would need to let the residents know that this would result in a ¼% tax rate increase. She noted that the deadline is tomorrow (April 8th) at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Chambers stated that Project Vet Care is contributing to the economic development by assisting veterans with applications for VA benefits. He noted that many veterans are confused and intimidated by the complex application process; they have helped over 100 widows apply for disability claims in the past year alone. Mr. Chambers stated that the veterans that they have assisted are receiving payments at this time allowing for them to contribute to the local economy.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:08 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy A. Carter, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

- 1. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE EIGHT.**
- 2. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE NINE.**
- 3. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRRANT ARTICLE TEN.**
- 4. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE ELEVEN.**
- 5. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE TWELVE.**
- 6. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE THIRTEEN.**
- 7. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE FOURTEEN.**
- 8. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE FIFTEEN.**
- 9. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE SIXTEEN.**
- 10. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE SEVENTEEN.**
- 11. THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE WARRANT ARTICLE EIGHTEEN.**
- 12. THE BOARD VOTED 2 IN FAVOR, 2 ABSTAINED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE ARTICLE NINETEEN. (Chairman Christie and Vice Chairman Rassias abstained from the vote).**
- 13. THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE HOUSING FUND BUDGET FOR FY2014-15.**
- 14. Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Adjourn as the Hanover Housing Authority. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, TO ADJOURN AS THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.

15. **Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Ratify One Year Extension of Contract with IAFF Local 3288 from July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO RATIFY ONE YEAR EXTENSION OF CONTRACT WITH IAFF LOCAL 3288 FROM JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015.

16. **Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Grant License to Liberty Utilities for Replacement of Direct Buried Electric Facilities along South Main Street. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO GRANT LICENSE TO LIBERTY UTILITIES FOR REPLACEMENT OF DIRECT BURIED ELECTRIC FACILITIES ALONG SOUTH MAIN STREET.

17. **Selectman Carter MOVED to Accept the Appointments of Brian Edwards to the Planning Board; Kate Connolly to the Zoning Board; and Larry Litten to the Sustainable Hanover Committee with Gratitude. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENTS OF BRIAN EDWARDS TO THE PLANNING BOARD; KATE CONNOLLY TO THE ZONING BOARD; AND LARRY LITTEN TO THE SUSTAINABLE HANOVER COMMITTEE.

18. **Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve the Banner Request of Circus Smirkus. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF CIRCUS SMIRKUS.

19. **Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Minutes of March 24, 2014. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2014.

20. **Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Adjourn the Meeting. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:08 P.M.