

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 8, 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; Jay Buckey, Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Christie asked for Public Comment.

John Schumacher introduced himself as a longtime resident of Hanover. He stated that he read a letter to the editor in the Valley News (Bicycles Belong in the Street) regarding an incident in which the writer (Jim Schley) had an encounter with a bicyclist while exiting the Dartmouth Bookstore. Mr. Schumacher noted that Mr. Schley reported that he 'was not hurt but was greatly surprised when she slammed into my bag and had I been my 88 year old mother-in-law, I shudder to think what could have happened. Couldn't the ever vigilant and seemingly ubiquitous Hanover parking patrol also be authorized to give citations to errant bicyclists on the sidewalks?' Mr. Schumacher stated that he would like to second that sentiment and noted that he too has been spun around on the sidewalk at 32 and 34 Lebanon Street. Mr. Schumacher stated that his wife was knocked down years ago while carrying a tray of food for a meeting noting that the perpetrator continued on.

Mr. Schumacher stated that the State Law suggests that everyone above 12 years old, ride in the street. He reported that most Dartmouth students don't ride in the street because they are afraid which is understandable. He noted that he has come close to hitting bicyclists with his car as well.

Ms. Griffin stated that she also read the letter that Mr. Schumacher was referencing. She noted that when Hanover police officers do foot patrol downtown, they are stopping countless bicyclists from riding on the sidewalk. Occasionally they do issue tickets for really egregious behavior but one challenge is the reputation of officers being over aggressive. Ms. Griffin stated that they are working with *The Dartmouth* to get a story in the paper to inform new students. She also noted that the Police Department will be participating in the Dartmouth Freshman Orientation Expo tomorrow and will be handing out information about the laws regarding bicyclists. The Bike & Pedestrian Committee will also be making efforts to get the word out. Ms. Griffin pointed out that the parking enforcement officers do not have the authority to issue tickets for these offenses as they are not sworn police officers but they do stop bicyclists to inform them of the law.

Mr. Schumacher stated that it was his understanding that Dartmouth does not enforce bicycle laws on their property. Ms. Griffin stated that Dartmouth does not enforce this

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and the students aren't usually aware of the sidewalks that belong to Dartmouth versus Town property.

Mr. Schumacher noted that tomorrow is voting day and Dartmouth students have the ability to vote despite the fact that they don't register their cars in Hanover so they get a pass on that. He suggested that the students not get a pass on riding on the sidewalks. Mr. Schumacher felt that if the students received tickets and it cost them money, they would stop.

Ms. Griffin noted that this is an issue that they are constantly dealing with along with jaywalking. Mr. Schumacher noted that a jaywalker is only putting themselves at risk but an 88 year old woman is going to lose against a bicycle.

Mr. Schumacher reported that he's not sure what the situation is at #30 Lebanon Street but there are vehicles and garbage being dumped there. He feels that the landlord is proud of the fact that he doesn't take care of his property. He would like to get it cleaned up. Ms. Griffin stated that there was a recent enforcement action there and they will need to take another look at it.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO ACCEPT REMAINING FUNDS FROM THE ERNEST B. DANA TRUST ACCOUNT BEQUEATHED TO THE ETNA LIBRARY.

Chairman Christie opened the public hearing. Ms. Griffin stated that the request came through Devina Dana after she passed away earlier this summer. The Board needs to hold a public hearing and then there is a vote whether to receive the bequest. The Trustees of Trust funds would then invest the funds and the interest is anticipated to generate about \$1,500/year which will go into the Etna Library Book Fund.

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Chairman Christie asked how this money is invested; whether it is invested in Town funds or more aggressively. Ms. Griffin stated that it could be invested in more aggressive instruments as a separate trust fund and estimated yearly interest income is \$1,500. Ms. Griffin stated that the Trustees of Trust Funds welcome the opportunity to talk about investment strategy.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE GIFT OF FUNDS BEQUEATHED TO THE ETNA LIBRARY FOR THE ERNEST B. DANA TRUST ACCOUNT.

Chairman Christie closed the public hearing.

3. RECOMMENDATION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE AMENDED GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS FOR THE RECEIPT OF THE FTA SECTION 5309 CAPITAL PROGRAM FUNDS FOR PHASE TWO OF THE MOBILITY HUB PROJECT.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Authorize the Town Manager to Execute Amended Grant Award Documents for the Receipt of the FTA Section 5309 Capital Program Funds for Phase Two of the Mobility Hub Project. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

Ms. Griffin stated that Phase 1 of the project is done and Phase 2 may be done before winter but most likely next spring. She reported that this has been a long and challenging project. There is enough money left to do the bus shelter but they were required to do a historic survey which cost around \$30,000. She noted that this amount would have fully funded a covered bicycle rack. Ms. Griffin noted that the shelter is being fabricated in Canada so there was a requirement to get a waiver since it is not made in the U.S.A. She noted that a similar shelter can be found in Burlington.

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4. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GOALS & OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2014-15.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Goals & Objectives were not voted on at the last meeting because only three members were present.

Chairman Christie asked about the 3rd goal regarding Hanover's long term goals and objectives. Selectman Geraghty noted that this was discussed a couple of meetings ago and the concern was that this needed to include the Planning Board. Ms. Griffin noted that they had discussed topics of interest for long term goals and objectives. She stated that the original goal was brought forth by Selectman Buckey so that they can look out 10 to 20 years and what trends may be found that may impact the town environmentally, financially, etc.

Selectman Buckey added that when they are making decisions this would ensure that they are looking at larger trends. Chairman Christie asked if this would be part of the Master Plan. Ms. Griffin stated that the Master Plan does not get as specific as connecting with other agencies such as the Chamber of Commerce and looking at long term economic trends, etc.

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Selectman Carter felt that this puts the town in a “think tank” role with an eye toward the future starting with the Planning Board. She felt that this is a great opportunity for the Planning Board to share ideas.

Chairman Christie felt that the wording of the goal puts them into economic development and he had concerns about the role of the Board of Selectmen in this. Chairman Christie felt that listing the entities within the goal and objective was more in line with economic development.

Selectman Geraghty provided the following example: If Kendal does something dramatic to their property and if Dartmouth does something with Rivercrest, it might be something that the Select Board should know about sooner rather than later as they make budgetary decisions regarding services and infrastructure.

Chairman Christie didn't feel that this was a long term goal and objective. Ms. Griffin stated that this was an activity that the Board would like to engage in which will require some logistical planning and support. Chairman Christie did not want to include this goal and objective as it is worded. He would like to consider adopting the rest of the list and add it back in later.

Selectman Carter MOVED to Adopt the Goals and Objectives with the Exception of Bullet Point #3 under the Select Board. Vice Chairman Rassias SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BULLET POINT #3 UNDER THE SELECT BOARD.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT OUT OF SCHOOL TIME ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JOB TITLE, LABOR GRADE 10.

Ms. Griffin reported that the KAST program is robust and with the revision of full day Kindergarten and the Ray School construction not being complete for the next 6 weeks, there is a need for additional help. Ms. Griffin noted that she worked playground duty from 2:30 to 5:30 one afternoon to fill in one of the holes. Nicole Leonard is scrambling to make this work and they have been looking at creating this position for a while. The position is fully funded by the increase in enrollment for the KAST program which is completely self sufficient serving 150 children. She also reported that the Dartmouth Childcare Center canceled their ½ day Kindergarten after school program due to the increase in demand for infant care.

Selectman Buckey MOVED to Adopt Out of School Time Assistant Director Job Title, Labor Grade 10. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

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6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF 2014 DOG WARRANT.

Ms. Griffin noted that quite often a family may lose a dog and forget to report it to the Town.

Vice Chairman Rassias MOVED to Approve Issuance of the 2014 Dog Warrant. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED ISSUANCE OF THE 2014 DOG WARRANT.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- July 14, 2014
- August 11, 2014

Selectman Geraghty MOVED to Approve the Minutes of July 14, 2014. Selectman Carter SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 14, 2014. (Vice Chairman Rassias abstained from the vote).

Selectman Carter MOVED to Approve the Minutes of August 11, 2014. Selectman Geraghty SECONDED the Motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 2 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 11, 2014. (Chairman Christie and Selectman Buckey abstained from the vote).

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin and the Select Board reviewed the hours that the Board members would be working the polls at tomorrow's election.

Ms. Griffin reported that there are a group of parents who want to raise money for a playground upgrade for Costello Field which is next to the Baptist Church. Selectman Buckey confirmed with Ms. Griffin that this is on Town land. Ms. Griffin stated that she and Hank Tenney met with about 20 parents and they will ask for a bid and will work with a planner. There will be a fundraising committee working on getting \$25,000 to \$30,000 for this project.

Ms. Griffin reported that representatives from Joigny, France will be coming to Hanover; Saturday, October 11th is the night of the big meal at the Norwich Inn celebrating the 20th anniversary of the twinning of the Towns. Ms. Griffin is hosting one of the individuals and she encouraged Board members to consider hosting as well.

Ms. Griffin reported that the representatives will arrive on the 9th and will have a trip to Montreal and New York City during their time here.

Ms. Griffin reported that Dartmouth President Phil Hanlon convened a group of people from the region and the State to talk about job growth in the Upper Valley based on the College's perspective. President Hanlon was trying to understand the way that the College could help facilitate job growth in the Upper Valley.

Selectman Carter reported that on September 15th the College Democrats and Young Republicans are conducting a voter registration drive. Ms. Griffin stated that the Supervisors of the Checklist are involved and can help register new voters. Ms. Griffin reported that there have been recent court decisions around voting and the former requirement of producing an ID is no longer required. Betsy McClain works very closely with College staff to make sure that they have all of the information needed surrounding voter registration.

Ms. Griffin clarified that anyone registering to vote for the first time need to provide some proof of residency; a utility bill, a lease, or anything mailed to their address that shows that they physically reside in Hanover. Selectman Carter confirmed that this cannot be a Hinman mailbox. Ms. Griffin stated that Residential Life representatives from the College will be there to help students register.

9. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Jay Buckey

Selectman Buckey reported that the Finance Committee met but they did not have a quorum. For the schools, the increase in the budget will likely be higher than anticipated due to the payments on the new bond. Selectman Buckey stated the Finance Committee will be looking for people who may want to serve on the Bonding Policy committee.

Nancy Carter

Selectman Carter reported that the Planning Board met on the 26th of August. She noted that work is almost done on the technical revisions of the zoning amendments. She noted that there will be a fairly lengthy portion of Town Meeting devoted to the zoning amendments. She announced that anyone interested in working on this should contact the Planning staff sooner rather than later.

Peter Christie

Chairman Christie reported that the Conservation Commission held an informational information session about deer management and forest health. He noted that they had a wonderful panel and the session was sponsored by the Conservation Commission, the

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Conservancy and the Upper Valley Land Trust. He stated that the session was also well attended.

Athos Rassias

Vice Chairman Rassias reported that the Hanover Bike & Pedestrian Committee met last Thursday and there was a very good discussion about the sidewalk cycling and ways to educate the citizens. The group discussed using small signage on the stencil into the sidewalk access (called a “tip down”) to inform residents that they need to walk their bicycles on the sidewalks.

Vice Chairman Rassias reported that the Bike & Pedestrian Committee had a reorganization session and David Dostal will be stepping down as Chairman and Bill Young will take his place.

Bill Geraghty

Selectman Geraghty had nothing new to report.

10. OTHER BUSINESS.

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

CHAIRMAN CHRISTIE VOTED YES; SELECTMAN BUCKEY VOTED YES; SELECTMAN CARTER VOTED YES; VICE CHAIRMAN RASSIAS VOTED YES; AND SELECTMAN GERAGHTY VOTED YES. THE BOARD WENT INTO NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 8:25 P.M.

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

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO EXIT THE NON-PUBLIC SESSION AT 9:02 P.M.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

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

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SUMMARY

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