

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 15, 2004

7:30 PM – MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING – HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Vice-Chairman, Katherine Connolly. Present were: Katherine Connolly, Vice-Chairman; William "Bill" Baschnagel; Judson "Jay" Pierson; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Little, of 1 Woodcock Lane in Etna, spoke at length about his concern for the lack of recreational opportunities that the town provided for its citizens. He said that the Master Plan spoke about encouraging public and private sharing of recreational facilities that currently did not exist or simply were not available to the majority of the town for recreational use. Mr. Little expressed concern for the Dresden School Board's recreational program proposal, which involved building new playing fields in Norwich on land that was not easily suited for development. He asked if this \$4 million proposal represented the best use of Hanover's tax dollars. He argued that there was land available in Hanover to provide recreational opportunities and offered to work to identify these areas and their development potential. He suggested that the town and schools could achieve the same basic athletic program more intelligently, at a more convenient location, and for less money than was proposed in the Dresden plan. He urged the Selectmen to look at recreational opportunities at a town level.

Hilary Pridgen, of 30 Etna Road, agreed with Mr. Little. She too expressed concern for the fast approaching Dresden vote. She said that she sensed that many people were of the opinion that there were no other land alternatives and that if approved, many people might falsely think that this would solve the town's recreational problem. She said that people's willingness to contribute additional funding toward future recreational opportunities might also be jeopardized if the current proposal was approved. Selectman Baschnagel agreed. Ms. Pridgen said that the town had an obligation to meet the needs of its community as a whole, not just its school-aged children. She urged the Selectboard to publicly state that other recreational opportunities were being looked into. She too offered to join in an effort to identify these opportunities.

Selectman Connolly acknowledged that the town's recreational priorities were traditionally oriented toward school children and younger people. She said that the Selectboard welcomed Mr. Little's and Ms. Pridgen's offers to seek out recreational opportunities. Town Manager Griffin said that the town tried to utilize the facilities that were available to its citizens without overburdening the facilities' owners. She said that the town talked to the School District about the town funding the construction of a second gym at the High School that would then be available to the town on weekends and

weeknights. The School District declined to take this offer due to its concern for future expansion that might be required on this challenging lot.

Selectman Pierson, speaking in his capacity as the Selectmen's Representative to the Recreation Board, offered to set up a joint study group, involving the public, town and School District officials, to respond to this issue. Selectman Baschnagel agreed that these proposed facilities should be looked at in terms of community facilities. He cautioned that if the town and School District were not careful they would bifurcate things even further than they were today.

Mr. Little questioned why the town's Recreation Department ran the middle school's athletic program. Selectman Connolly said that this practice had occurred for over 20 years and was quite successful in doing so. The lack of recreational facilities was another issue, which Ms. Connolly said could only be solved by building more facilities or cutting a better deal. Town Manager Griffin said that the Land and Capital Improvement Fund could be used to construct such facilities or purchase the land on which playing fields would be developed. The Fund collected between \$30,000 and \$90,000 annually from the land use change tax. Its current balance was roughly \$350,000. She said that it would be much more politically palatable to be able to offer land acquisitions or building construction to Town Meeting with funding from a reserve such as this as opposed to raising the tax rate to cover the costs. She said that this committee could work to prioritize the town's needs by identifying parcels of land that could be looked at as potential playing field or gymnasium locations.

Selectman Baschnagel announced that the School Board would be holding a special meeting the following evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Hanover High School to discuss the impending bond vote that would be put before the voters on April 13, 2004.

2. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #6, PARKING ORDINANCE

Selectman Connolly opened the public hearing.

- A. Prohibit parking on the east side of Chase Road and in the emergency access on Tyler Road that leads to the rear of Thompson Arena and install signs stating these restrictions.

Lieutenant Patrick O'Neill, supervisor of the town's parking operations, explained that this amendment was initiated by a neighborhood complaint of parking that primarily occurred during the Dartmouth College hockey season. Lt. O'Neill said that both of these streets were very narrow. Allowing a single row of parked cars on one side of the street reduced the travel lane to one lane. He advised that a neighborhood meeting was held in January to discuss options to alleviate this problem. Following that meeting a letter was sent to all of the residents of this neighborhood advising of the proposed amendment. Three or four residents

responded stating that more needed to be done. Lt. O'Neill opened the floor for further suggestions.

Selectman Connolly asked how snow conditions or snow banks contributed to the parking situation. Sally Boyle, of 20 Valley Road, said that they only added to the problem. She said that there were often pedestrians on these roads, traveling to and from the hockey arena as well. It was a very unsafe situation.

Selectman Connolly suggested prohibiting parking on the westerly side of Tyler Road in patches to accommodate two-lane travel. Lt. O'Neill said that in the late 1990's a neighborhood parking system was created on Valley Road when it experienced similar problems. He suggested the same could be done in this neighborhood by prohibiting parking on both sides of Tyler Road and Chase Road and issuing permits to the neighborhood residents that would then be used at their discretion. Lt. O'Neill said that other neighborhood suggestions were for better upkeep of the street maintenance and for improved lighting. He indicated where more lighting could be provided. Police Chief Nick Giaccone agreed that the area in question was dark but said that it would be costly to add a light in that location due to the distance from it to the closest utility pole. Nina Lloyd, of 9 Tyler Road, said that she did not believe that additional lighting was necessary in this area.

Susan Banks, of 4 Tyler Road, reported that a great deal of parking occurred in this neighborhood during the daytime as well. She said that the Thompson Arena lot was never fully utilized and suggested that many of these people could be parking there. Bill Doyle, of 6 Tyler Road, expressed concern for the parking impacts that would soon be realized due to Dartmouth's construction schedule and its increased programs that were implemented without providing ample parking for its participants. He agreed something must be done now or this problem would only get worse. Selectman Baschnagel agreed that College parking was an issue. He said that the shuttle bus system would be realigned to improve its offerings, which might encourage people to utilize other peripheral lots.

Town Manager Griffin asked if Conant Road would be impacted if this proposal was accepted. Mr. Doyle suggested that South Balch Street would be the next street impacted. Mrs. Boyle said that parking occurred there already that did not appear to be neighborhood related. Selectman Baschnagel suggested prohibiting parking on both sides of Tyler Road and Chase Road. He said that staff could observe the impacts to Conant Road and make further recommendations as needed.

Town Manager Griffin asked if the shuttle turnaround was perhaps not quick enough and if people were choosing to utilize these residential streets rather than take advantage of the shuttle. Cynthia Crutchfield, Director of Operations & Facilities for Dartmouth's Athletic Department, said that her experience using the shuttle was very positive. The turnaround occurred about every 5 minutes. She said that the shuttle was well used from the Dewey lot. Selectman Pierson suggested that these were

people who traveled into to Hanover from the south, who were trying to avoid having to drive through town to get to Dewey or Thompson.

Vera Vance, of 1 Chase Road, asked how enforcement would be conducted of the residents' use of these streets. She also asked that parking be provided for people who utilized the pocket park on Valley Road. Ann Wilson, of 2 Chase Road, suggested leaving a few spaces at the end of Chase Road for these people.

John Gratiot, Associate Vice President of Dartmouth's Facilities Operations & Management, said that this was a regional issue of people not wanting to have to walk much farther than they had to. He argued that people would find other places to park either legally or not. He said that the Dewey shuttle was a good service that was used by many people. Selectman Baschnagel asked if the College could help to educate these people who appeared to be parking on these residential streets to attend College programs in nearby buildings. Mr. Gratiot said that members of the tennis center received Thompson parking passes. He said that he too questioned where these people went after parking their cars. It was suggested by a neighborhood representative that these vehicles belonged to Dartmouth hockey, tennis, and lacrosse players who were driving to practice.

It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Selectman Pierson to follow the suggestions made to adopt a program comparable to the Valley Road program with a few spaces provided for the pocket park users. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO FOLLOW THE SUGGESTIONS MADE TO ADOPT A PROGRAM COMPARABLE TO THE VALLEY ROAD PROGRAM WITH A FEW SPACES PROVIDED FOR THE POCKET PARK USERS.

Town Manager Griffin asked the neighbors to keep staff posted of the impacts to Conant Road. She expressed concern for the High School student parking activities that would take place after March 26, 2004 when the school would lose its access to the Thompson Arena lot.

Lt. O'Neill advised that a letter would be sent to all of the neighborhood residents of the approved changes. Parking permits would be enclosed and information provided on how to obtain more permits if needed.

Mrs. Wilson asked of the amount of signage that this would require. Lt. O'Neill said that the signage scheme on Valley Road, between Dana Road and Valley Road Extension, would be mirrored on these streets. Mrs. Wilson said that she would object to sign pollution. Sandra Hoeh, Director of Community Relations at Dartmouth, advised that the College would speak to their athletic teams and instruct them not to park on these streets. She said that the enforcement effort would be crucial at the onset of this program. Without signs, the program would be

unsuccessful. Mr. Gratiot suggested that once people were familiar with the signs and parking restrictions, perhaps half of the signs could be removed.

- B. Dartmouth will allow the town continued use of 50 spaces in the Thompson Arena lot during the business day Monday through Friday. These will be designated to employees of the Central Business District. In exchange the town will create 29 on-street parking spaces on the south side of Webster Avenue for use by Dartmouth College employees during the business day Monday through Friday, and for public use from 5:00 pm to midnight Monday through Friday and from 7:00 am to midnight on the weekends. Parking would be prohibited in these on-street spaces from midnight to 7:00 am every day. Enforcement would be handled by the town.

Lt. O'Neill advised that members of the Parking & Transportation Board drafted this proposal. He explained that the town currently leased 160 spaces from the College in the Thompson Arena lot. He said that due to the College's construction schedule it was decided that they had to end this lease agreement and take back the entire Thompson Arena lot. Mr. Gratiot questioned the 7:00 am cutoff on the Webster Avenue spaces. He said that many people arrived to work earlier than that. Lt. O'Neill said that his staff would use discretion. That issue could be worked out. Mr. Gratiot advised that the College's green and tan stickers would be issued for these spaces. Signage would also be provided to indicate who or what parking would be permitted. Lt. O'Neill said that if approved, this agreement would remain in effect so long as the space swap was available.

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- C. Restrict parking in the Richard W. Black Community and Senior Center Lot, the Summer Park Housing Lot, and other public lots in Hanover that cause concern. For parking violations in these public lots and for vehicles parking without permits in permit parking areas, enact a host of enforcement options for use by responding officers to use at their discretion including \$20 fines for each violation, vehicle immobilization (with a \$50 removal fee) and vehicle towing (with a fee assessed by the towing agency).

Lt. O'Neill explained that as of March 26, 2004 the High School would lose its use of 50 spaces in the Thompson Arena lot. Many students were already parking in the Summer Park Housing and Community Center lots. He said that without restrictions in the Ordinance itself, it was difficult for his staff to deal with these parking situations.

Selectman Connolly asked how a Parking Technician would know if a car parked at the Community Center belonged to a high school student or a person utilizing the Center. Lt. O'Neill said that Hank Tenney, Recreation Director, would develop a sign-in program at the Center and would communicate to the parking staff of violators. Town Manager Griffin said that mainly students arrived hours before the Center opened. Many of them viewed these new lots as public lots, where they were entitled to park all day. She said that it must be made clear to them that these spaces are restricted to Community Center use.

Lt. O'Neill said that students were continuously using many of the permit parking areas. They were ticketed daily and paid the fines assessed. He said that in most cases, money was no object to these repeat offender. He said that he would like for his staff to have the ability to tow or boot these vehicles at their discretion. Selectman Baschnagel said that he fully supported that proposal but asked if it required a habitual offender law. Lt. O'Neill said that it was really cumbersome to track that on the handheld ticketing units that the technicians utilized. Selectman Baschnagel said that he worried about court challenges to this aspect of the proposal. Lt. O'Neill suggested that with appropriate signage there would not be anything to argue. John Gratiot suggested using a three strikes you're out program. Lt. O'Neill reiterated that his preference would be to allow his staff to use discretion. Chief Giaccone said that as long as these restrictions were part of the Ordinance and were clearly signed, there should not be an issue. Selectman Connolly suggested that it would be less cavalier to utilize the boots rather than tow the vehicles.

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D. Continue the Saturday Validation Program through to June 2004.

Lt. O'Neill said that this was also recommended by the PTB. Town Manager Griffin referred to the information on this program's success that was previously provided to the Board. She noted that the town lost an average of \$27.59 per Saturday.

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Selectman Pierson asked if the businesses that contributed most to the Validation Program were active Chamber members or contributed to the town in other aspects. Jim Rubens, a member of the PTB, said approximately yes. Selectman Baschnagel said that he was not sure it was the town's role to enforce whether the businesses that participated contributed to the community in any manner. Selectman Pierson said that the town was making something available to its merchants. He was looking to see the merchants to help support the town.

It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Selectman Pierson to close the public hearing. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING.

3. DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SERVICE DISTRICT

Jim Rubens asked on behalf of the Downtown Business Committee, that the Board hold a public hearing for the Committee to present their case for a Downtown Business Service District permitted under RSA 31:120. He explained that this RSA allowed the downtown business community in the D-1 and D-2 zoning districts and potentially the B-1 district on the end of Lebanon and Park Streets to impose a fee upon itself through the town's taxing system to address some of its challenges. He said that the Committee had conducted a public survey of various customer bases to identify specific challenges to help the downtown become a more healthy, thriving place.

Selectman Connolly said that the RSA was for taxation for services above and beyond the usual municipal services. She asked for examples of services that would be provided. Mr. Rubens said that a good part would cover marketing/public relations, such as maintaining a website of public events, updating existing brochures, and coordinating activities with the College.

Selectman Baschnagel said that he thought that this RSA was speaking more toward improvements than marketing strategies. He questioned if case law had clarified use in the area being considered. Town Manager Griffin said yes and added that other New Hampshire communities used this RSA for the same purposes as being proposed. She said that the Town Attorney had also been consulted and agreed marketing of the

downtown was covered. Mr. Rubens said that this law was specifically intended for that use.

4. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 31, 2004 TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF A DOWNTOWN BUSINESS SERVICE DISTRICT

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Mr. Rubens said that it was the Committee's hope that the Selectboard would be persuaded by the support of the business community to put this on the Warrant for Town Meeting.

5. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 5, 2004

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6. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 5, 2004 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO THE HANOVER FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

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Town Manager Griffin said that she was researching how the Finance Committee evolved into its current role and away from its stated role in its Constitution. Selectman Pierson suggested that she contact Harte Crow or other former Finance Committee members.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 5, 2004 TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDED HOUSING FUND BUDGET FOR FY 2004-2005

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8. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT ABATEMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Town Manager Griffin noted that two abatements were before the Selectboard.

It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Selectman Pierson to adopt the abatements proposed by the Advisory Board of Assessors. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE ABATEMENTS PROPOSED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

It was noted that 38 abatement requests had been filed. The Advisory Board of Assessors had now addressed the first 7 of them. Mike Ryan, Director of Assessing added that one request was related to views.

9. RECOMMENDATION TO PROCLAIM APRIL "CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH"

Town Manager Griffin said this request was submitted by the Family Place as part of their Social Service Agency focus.

Selectman Pierson asked of the town's policy to support these types of requests. Town Manager Griffin said that only one other similar request had been submitted in recent years. She said that typically the Board acknowledged requests that were submitted in a timely fashion.

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10. APPOINTMENTS: PLANNING BOARD

It was MOVED by Selectman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Baschnagel to appoint Joan Garipay as an Alternate member of the Planning Board. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JOAN GARIPAY AS AN ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD.

11. BANNER REQUESTS: PROUTY EXTENSION

Town Manager Griffin said that this request, to hang a banner over Main Street for 6 weeks, was a little unusual. Selectman Connolly said that this would present a conflict with the annual Fourth of July banner. Town Manager Griffin advised that the Board had

already approved the use of smaller banners for the Prouty for an extended period of time. The Howe had also agreed to remove their smaller banners to give the Prouty additional time. She suggested that the Board approve the larger banner for six days following the Fourth of July banner.

The Board reached consensus to allow the Prouty banner over Main Street from July 5th to July 12, 2004.

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: FEBRUARY 9, 2004

It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Selectman Pierson to approve the minutes of February 9, 2004 as amended by staff. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 9, 2004 AS AMENDED BY STAFF.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Griffin reported that staff was developing the first draft of Warrant. She said that the Town Meeting Task Force was looking for ways to make Town Meeting less boring, in terms of lengthy articles. She said that she was working with DRA and the Town Attorney to create a consent agenda, lumping articles together so that they could be read, moved, and voted upon all at once.

Ms. Griffin also reported on the huge lobbying effort occurring around House Bill 1416, which would permanently exempt utilities from paying a utility pole tax. She said that Verizon's claim that this would immediately result in rate increases was not true. A PUC hearing would be needed to increase the rates.

Ms. Griffin said that another piece of legislation that came out of the Senate would exempt private colleges and secondary schools from paying property taxes. She said that Dartmouth had lobbied to be exempt from this bill but was not. Ms. Griffin will testify at a House Hearing of the impact to Hanover's school district should this be approved.

14. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Bill Baschnagel

Mr. Baschnagel reported on the Conservation Commission's actions to review a couple of wetland setback projects. One was associated with a 6" incursion into the wetland, which still required that the homeowner provide a full engineering study, layout, and wetlands assessment. The Commission was also on the verge of asking for a \$200,000 Warrant Article for the purchase of land and/or easements on property located on the east side of Moose Mountain.

Mr. Baschnagel said that the In-Town Traffic Committee was given a presentation by Resource Systems Group of the traffic impacts associated with extending South Street through to Hovey Lane. RSG will look at it this again constraining cut-through traffic.

The "I" Zone Task Force was also starting to come together. This group was sponsored by the Planning Board and was an effort to get the neighbors, town, and College representatives together to discuss zoning modifications to mitigate the interface between the "I" zone and its adjacent neighborhoods.

Jay Pierson

Mr. Pierson reported that the Hanover Water Works Company voted in Bob Donin as a new Board member. They were also given a presentation on financing by a representative of Quick & Reilly.

Katherine Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported that the Planning Board finalized the zoning amendments for the Town Warrant. They did not have a chance to discuss the 5 petitioned zoning amendments but would do so on March 23, 2004.

Ms. Connolly said that she had also met with the Howe Library Board of Trustees who were focusing on breaking ground on the new addition in the spring. She encouraged the public to contribute to the addition. Ms. Griffin said that the Library was currently collecting loose coin in an effort to get the children involved in the fundraising endeavor.

15. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

16. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Selectman Pierson and SECONDED by Selectman Baschnagel to adjourn the meeting. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:19 PM.

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Peter Christie, Secretary