

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

May 17, 2004

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

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:35 pm by the Chairman, Brian Walsh. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice-Chairman; Peter Christie, Selectman; Allegra Lubrano, Selectman; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; Sergeant Patrick O'Neill, Parking Division Supervisor; Mr. Paul Jordan, Building Maintenance Supervisor; Mr. Mike Ryan, Director of Assessing and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Doug Harp, of 5 Prospect Street stepped forward representing a group calling themselves the "Westside Neighbors", who reside in the Prospect Street area. Mr. Harp presented the Selectboard with a "Good Neighbor Proposal: Request for Action". This petition requests the Selectboard take action with regards to the "neglectful management of a few problem properties in the neighborhood". Mr. Harp made it clear it is not his group's intent to target the students who typically live in these properties, nor rental housing in general. Mr. Harp read the petition which details problem areas including poor maintenance, garbage left in the front yards for weeks, accumulation of debris in the yards and porches, boarded up or broken windows, tendency for parked cars to block sidewalks and overall decrepit conditions. The petition states it is not the Westside Neighbors' intent to create a "lawn care police", but to simply create a mechanism to hold owners to basic property upkeep and housing standards. Mr. Harp invited the Selectboard members to take a stroll through the neighborhood tomorrow.

Chairman Walsh asked Mr. Harp how many signatures are on the petition. Mr. Harp said he believes there are either 35 or 37 signatures.

Vice Chairman Connolly said she hopes the Selectboard will respond and she sees no reason why the Selectboard can't occupy themselves with finding a baseline for health and safety and creating an ordinance that addresses the properties which breach those health and safety codes.

Selectman Baschnagel said we have a rental ordinance that has come before the Board before and was put on the back burner. It is time to look at this again.

Mr. Harp mentioned another consequence of the neglectful maintenance of these properties. A few years ago he had his property appraised. The appraiser told him that the appraisal would be \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00 higher had his property not been 2 houses down from 9 Prospect Street. Mr. Harp needed to borrow as much equity in his house as he could; this was short changed by this property that is so run down.

Selectman Christie said the Board is sympathetic to the need. The Board has discussed in public session, a proposed rental house ordinance. When the Board got the public's reactions to the proposed changes at Town Meeting, the voter's sentiment was their approach penalized 98% in order to get a the 2% who are legitimately a safety or health issue. The Board needs to develop an ordinance that will get at that 2% without over-taxing or burdening the other 98%.

Mr. Harp said there must be some way to focus in on the small numbers, whom are the infractors. Selectman Christie said if it was easy to do, the Board would have done this already.

Mr. Harp said if there were anything anyone in the neighborhood can do, as far as furnishing information, they would be happy to do that.

Ms. Griffin said the Board's challenge is coming up with an ordinance that is legal in terms of its breadth, but can not be accused of being perceived as unfair in it's narrow focus. This was the challenge faced when the Board drafted the rental housing ordinance. Of necessity it applied to almost all rental housing property in Hanover and required a baseline inspection of those properties; which would then allow the Town to legally get after the properties that are problematic. There were a lot of folks who felt this was overkill.

Chairman Walsh said he thinks the Board has been presented with a very thoughtful, well-worded, non-confrontational request for some help from a neighborhood. Chairman Walsh said he appreciates the tone with which the request was worded. He bicycled by the property to which they refer and he is not at all surprised by the request. The Board will accept the request and expect to look at it again. It is a very legitimate request.

2. TOWN MEETING RECAP

Ms. Griffin said she wanted to put this on the agenda so the Board can give feedback about the format changes employed at this year's Town Meeting. How can we continue to improve on the changes made to Town Meeting, such as the consent calendar, for example?

Selectman Baschnagel said that he has received a lot of positive feedback in two respects; one in keeping things moving and two with regards to less reading of the motion and how that enabled the public to have more time to talk about the motion. Vice Chairman Connolly said she has been buried in compliments in general. It was a good Town Meeting and people enjoyed it.

Selectman Christie said he received nothing but positive feedback. People went out of their way to seek him out and let him know what a nice difference there was.

Vice Chairman said she heard from one veteran who was delighted about the recognition for the veterans and the boutonnieres that were distributed.

Selectman Baschnagel said he did receive a question regarding eligibility for the veteran's tax credits. The way the State law reads, this credit is for various conflicts; you have to have been involved for 90 days within that period of time; or have received an expeditionary medal. An expeditionary medal is a medal or ribbon that is awarded to a veteran to show they were present at that particular conflict.

3. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF 2004-2005 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Vice Chairman Connolly NOMINATED Brian Walsh as Chairman of the Hanover Board of Selectmen. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the nomination.

Chairman Walsh NOMINATED Kate Connolly as Vice Chairman of the Hanover Board of Selectmen. Selectman Lubrano SECONDED the nomination

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT BRIAN WALSH AS CHAIRMAN AND KATE CONNOLLY AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE HANOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

Selectman Christie NOMINATED Allegra Lubrano as Secretary of the Hanover Board of Selectmen. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT ALLEGRA LUBRANO AS SECRETARY OF THE HANOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

The Board went through the list of liaison appointments and has agreed on the following appointments:

Advisory Board of Assessors

Katherine S. Connolly
Brian Walsh, Alternate

Affordable Housing Commission

Peter Christie

CATV Board

Marilyn "Willy" Black (Hanover Resident/CATV Board Member)

Chamber of Commerce

Brian Walsh

Community/Senior Center Taskforce

This appointment will be eliminated

Community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee

Allegra Lubrano

Conservation Commission

Bill Baschnagel

Finance Committee

Peter Christie

Hanover Improvement Society

Brian F. Walsh

Hanover Water Works Company

Brian Walsh

Allegra Lubrano, Alternate (as needed)

Howe Library Board of Trustees

Allegra Lubrano

Katherine S. Connolly, Alternate

Joigny, France – Sister City Advisory Committee

Allegra Lubrano

Nihonmatsu, Japan – Sister City Advisory Committee

Katherine S. Connolly

Parking and Transportation Board

Bill Baschnagel

Parks and Recreation Board

Brian Walsh

Planning Board

Katherine S. Connolly

Bill Baschnagel, 1st Alternate

Peter Christie, 2nd Alternate

Recycling Committee

Peter Christie

Senior Citizen Steering Committee

Peter Christie

Town Meeting Task Force

Brian Walsh

Upper Valley - Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Katherine S. Connolly

Upper Valley Transportation Advisory Committee

Bill Baschnagel

Selectman Baschnagel said he thinks it may be a good idea to have someone from the Selectboard serve on the CATV Board. Chairman Walsh said we give CATV around \$50,000 a year and CATV has the responsibility to keep the Selectboard up to speed. We should ask them to report to the Selectboard regularly rather than have a Selectman take their time to go to a CATV Board meeting. Selectman Christie asked if we have a right to sit on their Board? Ms. Griffin said the Town can appoint one representative. Selectman Lubrano asked how this works now, does Ms. Black report? Chairman Walsh said it is frustration driven, when we get frustrated and ask for a conference we get a conference. Ms. Griffin said when Ms. Black was on the Selectboard that communication happened, after she left that linkage got weaker. Ms. Griffin said that the Selectboard needs to be kept in the loop; either by a Selectman serving directly on their Board or CATV staff briefing the Selectboard on a regular basis. Selectman Baschnagel suggested that Ms. Black remain on the CATV Board and the CATV Board provide the Selectboard with minutes from their monthly meeting. Selectman Christie asked if there is an expectation that goes beyond the broadcasting of the Selectboard meetings? Chairman Walsh said his expectation is excellent broadcasting of Selectboard meetings, the Hanover School Board meetings, the Dresden School Board meetings and other meetings that merit that kind of coverage. Hanover provides between 1/4 and 1/3 of CATV's total operating budget, on that basis he thinks the Town should be treated as an important customer. Chairman Walsh said the Board should leave Ms. Black on that Board and go from there.

Vice Chairman Connolly said we have some interesting contacts with CATV coming in the future and some decisions will have to be made with the cable company. Another issue will be how CATV is going to be interjected into the Broadband.

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

Chairman Walsh said the recommendations of the Advisory Board of Assessors are detailed in the memo received in the Board's Friday packet.

Mr. Mike Ryan, Director of Assessing presented the results of the Advisory Board of Assessors May 6th meeting. In attendance at this meeting were Ms. Xenia Heaton, Mr. John Hochreiter, Mr. Paul Young and Ms. Kate Connolly. Eight appeals were heard at the May 6th meeting. The Advisory Board will meet next on Wednesday; they will hear seven more

appeals. There will be three appeals left to have a meeting on in June. Mr. Ryan said the recommendations are in the memo and asked if the Board has any questions regarding those recommendations.

Selectman Christie asked how the assessment of 37 Great Hollow Rd. got so far off. Mr. Ryan said the property has been under appeal for several years. The Town has had it appraised on their side and the opposition has had it appraised on their side. It has become evident that the Town has over-assessed the value of that land. It is the land that abuts the rear where the parking lot is and continues on toward Route 120. Mr. Ryan said the assessment we had didn't take into account the problems with the lot.

Chairman Walsh asked Mr. Ryan, regarding the lots in Velvet Rock subdivision; what the assessment is before the abatement of \$19,500 on each. Mr. Ryan said the improved lots were assessed at about \$170,000; this abatement brings the assessments down to about \$150,000.

Selectman Christie asked Mr. Ryan how the common land in the subdivision is taxed. Mr. Ryan said that land is in current use. Simpson Development put in a plan to develop that area and took 13 acres out of current use. The remaining acreage is still in current use.

Selectman Baschnagel said when the development is complete, at some point that ownership interest will be transferred to a homeowners association.

It was MOVED by Vice Chairman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Baschnagel to accept the report of the Advisory Board of Assessors. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ASSESSORS.

5. PRESENTATION BY HANOVER GARDEN CLUB REGARDING LANDSCAPING

Ms. Pat Baxter, representing the Hanover Garden Club, presented a formal proposal. The Hanover Garden Club proposed that they combine with the Town of Hanover to create beautiful hanging flower baskets down Main Street. They hope to eventually extend this to other streets, but they would like to start with an experimental area, which would be the first block of Main Street as far as Molly's. This is going to be a combined effort of the Hanover Garden Club and the Town. Mr. Desch, Grounds Superintendant and Tom Byrne of the Hanover Improvement Society are involved. Ms. Baxter said she believes that they will need the permission of the Board because they would like to have the baskets hanging on the old lampposts. She said the Garden Club has had a lot of support for this. The Hanover Garden Club's role in this is to help raise the money. The Hanover Improvement Society has already voted to fund a second gardener to help install and maintain these baskets. The Garden Club is still investigating the various types of holders and types of flowers to go into these baskets. Ms. Baxter said she believes the Board needs to vote on this because they are asking to use the Town's lampposts.

Selectman Christie said in the other cities he has seen this, it is a nice way to spruce up the streets.

Chairman Walsh said he is looking forward to this and he thinks it is a wonderful idea.

Ms. Baxter said it is a shared effort, and she thinks it will be spectacular if they can do it. It will behoove the Town to have everything that much more attractive.

Ms. Griffin said Mr. Desch is researching the cost for the brackets and the baskets. The Garden Club has offered to raise the funds for the purchase of that equipment. They will help us plant and maintain them. Because the Improvement Society has funded the second gardener, this will give another person to water the baskets. In addition they will need to have a certain number of baskets in the backroom, when plantings need to be freshened.

Selectman Baschnagel suggested combining this with the resurrection of the old fire truck tanker out in Etna. This could pull through when the watering is done. Ms. Griffin said Mr. Desch is looking at this as a possibility.

Ms. Baxter said they might have to try a summer and see if the current idea, which is to use the water sockets on the buildings, will work. They are resistant to bringing a water truck through Town because there are always cars parked .

Ms. Baxter asked for the Board's approval to install the flower baskets along Main Street.

It was MOVED by Selectman Christie and SECONDED by Selectman Baschnagel to grant permission to The Hanover Garden Club to install brackets and hanging flower baskets on street lampposts. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GRANT PERMISSION TO THE HANOVER GARDEN CLUB TO INSTALL BRACKETS AND HANGING FLOWER BASKETS ON STREET LAMPPOSTS.

Chairman Walsh said one of the things that makes Hanover good is the work the Garden Club does. The Board really appreciates it.

6. REVIEW OF PROPOSED CASHIERS BOOTH MODIFICATIONS FOR THE PARKING STRUCTURE

Sergeant Patrick O'Neill, Parking Division Supervisor and Mr. Paul Jordan, Building Maintenance Supervisor were on hand to address any questions.

Chairman Walsh asked what the exterior materials to be used are. Mr. Jordan said we are going to try to make this look as if it were designed with the original building. Everything below 4 feet will remain the same, what you will see that is not there now are brick pillars with glass and a door on either end.

Chairman Walsh asked what material will be used. Mr. Jordan replied everything there is brick. Ms. Griffin added the planters are staying.

Chairman Walsh said it is important to get something that is functional and looks like it should be there.

Selectman Christie asked if we are still on budget. Ms. Griffin confirmed we are still on budget. Selectman Lubrano asked what the cost is. Sergeant O'Neil said \$32,000 is what has been budgeted.

Chairman Walsh asked Sergeant O'Neill what the time frame is for this. Sergeant O'Neill said we are looking at the end of June or beginning of July. Ms. Griffin asked if he is still coordinating this with the removal of the underground propane tanks. Sergeant O'Neill said that is the plan. The tanks will be dug up and checked out first to see if they are still stable and at the same time make some changes to the grade. If the tanks need to be replaced, they will remove them, cover it up and order new ones. Vice Chairman Connolly said these changes have not been approved by the Planning Board and it is her understanding the design is not complete. Ms. Griffin said the Planning Board does have some concerns about the design changes and this will still need to go before them. Selectman Baschnagel said there are ventilation issues with the propane tanks. Ms. Griffin said the above grounds tanks that are presently on site, are temporary because the underground tank had to be shut down.

Chairman Walsh said a motion is not necessary on this and thanked Mr. Jordan and Sergeant O'Neill for their time.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO REVISE JOB TITLE – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR

Chairman Walsh said the Selectboard members received the revised job description in their Friday packets. Finding no further discussion Chairman Walsh called for a motion

It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Selectman Christie to accept the revised job title – Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE REVISED JOB TITLE – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR.

8. DISCUSSION REGARDING FIRE DISTRICTS

Ms. Griffin said she does not need the Board to act on this tonight; what she is looking for is the Board's feedback. This was initially presented to the Board the night the Fire Fund budget was presented. Ms. Griffin said the Board needs to let her know when they would like this brought before them. The Town Charter requires a Public Hearing to amend the number of fire districts; the Board would need to hold that Public Hearing this summer in order to apply it to the tax rate set in October. If this is not done by that time, this change would not apply until the 2005 tax rate is set. If the Board would like this effective to the

tax rate setting for this fall, the Public Hearing would have to take place this summer, September at the very latest. Chairman Walsh asked if the Board could have two Public Hearings in September and still have this apply to this year's tax rate setting. Ms. Griffin said that is possible. Chairman Walsh said he would be very leery having this conversation during the summer. The Board could have two Public Hearings in September and then decide if they would like to act or think about it more.

Selectman Baschnagel agreed with Chairman Walsh; the timing of the Public Hearings is important. Selectman Baschnagel further added that the insurance rates should be rolled into this. The fire insurance impact could be significant to those people who are more than 1,000 feet away from a hydrant. The rate difference should be tied into and be made compatible to the cost of living.

Ms. Griffin said she will have Chief Bradley and Ms. McClain walk Selectman Lubrano through this presentation. The other Selectmen have seen this presentation. This presentation is about dividing the fire district taxes among four fire districts as opposed to two; which is the way it is done now.

Ms. Griffin said she did not want to leave this issue for too long because she would not want anyone to forget the prior discussions that have taken place.

Chairman Walsh reviewed the three choices regarding this regarding this. The first option is four districts as they are, based on history. The second option is two districts where the definition is based on service; hydrants vs. non-hydrant areas. The last is one district based on simplicity.

Ms. Griffin said the Town Charter laid out a set of ground-rules should the Board ever decide to change the fire districts. The Board is required to hold a Public Hearing, but the Charter will not have to be amended in order to change the fire districts.

Chairman Walsh said the Selectboard should plan on two Public Hearings for this. The first Public Hearing should be a presentation and questions on content and the second should be to hear the public's comments and thoughts.

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

-April 26th

It was MOVED by Vice Chairman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Baschnagel to approve the minutes of April 26, 2004 as amended. CHAIRMAN WALSH, VICE CHAIRMAN CONNOLLY, SELECTMAN BASCHNAGEL AND SELECTMAN CHRISTIE VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26,

2004, AS AMENDED. SELECTMAN LUBRANO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.

- May 3rd

It was MOVED by Vice Chairman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Christie to approve the minutes of May 3, 2004 as amended. CHAIRMAN WALSH, VICE CHAIRMAN CONNOLLY AND SELECTMAN CHRISTIE VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2004 AS AMENDED. SELECTMAN BASCHNAGEL AND SELECTMAN LUBRANO WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Griffin said she is working on things she set aside in order to get ready for Town Meeting. There is a lot of work being done on the open video system direct franchise agreement with Merton Group Hanover Broadband Network. Ms. Griffin said she and Ms. McClain will be going to Exeter next week, to spend all day hashing this out with Hanover Broadband Network. So far the negotiations have been straightforward and hopefully Ms. Griffin will have a draft of the franchise agreement for the Board to look at sometime in June. After that we will have to go through the Public Hearing process in order to adopt a franchise.

Ms. Griffin said another issue that the Board will be hearing about shortly is that New England Organics has pulled out of the plant. Dartmouth is using the ROT facility for food composting at this point and our sludge composting is now going to Hawk Ridge in Maine. They have proposed a 2½ year agreement with no price increase, in order to treat our sludge. We are hashing through all the parts and pieces of that agreement. Once that has been worked through, Ms. Griffin will be bringing that back before the Board. There are a number of developments going on in New England in the sludge composting field. We need to know that we have alternatives and that we are not locked into a terribly long-term agreement with New England Organics.

Selectman Lubrano said her recollection of the Memorandum of Understanding negotiated 9 years ago was that Northeast Waste was going to take the sludge if composting facilities can't take it; at no increase in cost. Ms. Griffin said Northeast Waste, which is Casella, is honoring that agreement. New England Organics is a subsidiary of Casella, operating out of Maine. New England Organics took over the composting facility about 4 years ago when the original founding group of players found it to be financially infeasible. New England Organics has continued to operate the facility at a loss, largely because the facility is too small. Our sludge has been partially going to Hawk Ridge for about 3½ years now, but this is a long trucking every week.

Selectman Christie said he got the impression, from reading the newspaper article; that some of the sludge is still being dropped off at the ROT facility. Ms. Griffin said that the sludge

compost is actually being trucked back to the area because there is such a large demand for it.

Chairman Walsh said he would like to preserve the Town's right to use that ROT facility for sludge in the future. It may be too small a facility right now, but who knows what will happen with the disposal of sludge in the future. He would like us to have this as an option. Ms. Griffin said the Town does not own the building. Chairman Walsh said the Town does own the land. He would just like to make sure the Town keeps that alternative open, not that we want to exercise that at this time.

Ms. Griffin said the Town would have to go back to the discussion table if we were to try to reinstitute some type of sludge composting at the ROT facility. Dartmouth will continue to compost their food waste there. Chairman Walsh said he wants to see this as an option; this is the basis on which we made that land available. Selectman Lubrano said she believes Dartmouth retained the option that if the ROT facility stopped operating as was originally agreed to, they would have the right to use it as storage. Ms. Griffin said that is for 10 years, which is almost up.

Ms. Griffin said she believes there will be a couple of sludge composting models developed in New Hampshire over the next couple of years. They are too early in their developmental phases to know for sure. Ms. Griffin said she has a concern the land application of class B sludge may be banned in New Hampshire.

Chairman Walsh said he didn't mean to imply that the Town could take over that facility at no cost to the Town. He would like an understanding that if the Town needs to use it, that we may need to make some investments. This would be the Town's fallback.

Ms. Griffin said to keep in mind when the Town executed the 75-year lease for the Gile Tract, we included in that lease the sludge composting building.

Ms. Griffin said she will be back to the Board in June with an agreement that would keep us sending our sludge to Hawk Ridge for another 2½ years. Selectman Connolly said the agreement doesn't have to be that long. The way we generate our sludge makes it a highly desired product. Ms. Griffin said one of the issues that is being worked on with New England Organics is whether we will send them our sludge exclusively. There is a company in New Hampshire that would very much like to take our sludge. They are only willing to give us a year-to-year contract because the legislature is considering banning the land application of Class B sludge in New Hampshire.

11. SELECTMAN'S REPORTS

Peter Christie:

Selectman Christie reported that the Recycling Committee met. One of the agenda items they went over was the educational opportunities that will be available to them this summer,

they would like to do a little promotion regarding this. The Recycling Committee also worked with Public Works and agreed that the community's role concerning the change in recycling would be to help prepare the educational material.

Selectman Christie also reported that the Finance Committee met. They had a presentation regarding the new teacher's contract. This received an positive vote from the Finance Committee. That same material was presented to the Dresden Finance Committee, where it did not receive a favorable vote. We should be hearing more about that as we get closer to the voting. Selectman Baschnagel asked if the unfavorable vote from Dresden was because of a concern about triggering issues with the Norwich tax scheme. Selectman Christie said the actual minutes will show five or six concerns expressed at that meeting; one of which had to do with the imbalance between the Hanover teacher's salaries and the Norwich teacher's salaries. Selectman Lubrano asked if this stems from this being too generous a contract. Selectman Christie said that is a primary concern, where as others felt the revised contract was significant and a reasonable change from the one proposed; maintaining the link between the increase in health benefits and wages. Selectman Christie said he believes these issues will be brought up at a Hanover School Board Meeting; the hope is the Hanover School Board vote will be postponed to the following day to coincide with the Dresden vote. If the voters present at the Hanover School Board meeting choose not to postpone the vote, the contract will be voted on that night.

Ms. Griffin said she is concerned that all the confusion will result in people giving up in frustration and not voting at all. The information she has received through the school is not clear. It behooves us to make that information available to as many voters as possible; what they're voting on, when and why. Ms. Griffin read an email from Kari Asmus, which clarifies the process somewhat.

Selectman Lubrano asked if it would be possible to get Youth-In-Action or some other group to provide childcare that night. Chairman Walsh said we can suggest the School Board call Kathy Geraghty. Selectman Lubrano said that might get more people to come.

Selectman Baschnagel said one comment he received relative to Town Meeting and childcare: is there any way that Youth-In-Action could be connected with parents and babysit in the homes rather than have to bring their child to Town Meeting? Ms. Griffin said creating a babysitting pool would be an excellent idea and she will discuss it with Kathy Geraghty.

Kate Connolly:

Vice Chairman reported the Planning Board had one meeting regarding three Dartmouth cases. All went well.

Other than that, they have a minor subdivision, which is still on going. The Planning Board also had a conversation with the people from CVS about their future plans.

The Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission is having a meeting, Wednesday night at Trumbull Hall in Etna. The discussion will be about small septic systems.

The Planning Board will be meeting with their Master Plan Implementation Consultants.

Bill Baschnagel:

Selectman Baschnagel reported the Conservation Commission met last week regarding three wetlands permits, including the Town's application to repair a wall on the side of Ruddsboro Road.

Selectman Baschnagel said he would welcome feedback on the MOU the Board has already seen.

Selectman Baschnagel said the Conservation Commission is working to start setting the boundaries for conservation land. There have been some issues with tree cutting and dumping on Town land. What Vicki Smith has done, is get little signs that say "Hanover Conservation Land, Please no dumping". These will be tagged along the boundaries of the properties in conjunction with the abutting landowners. A few landowners have expressed concerns. It is important that we start identifying Town lands.

Allegra Lubrano:

Selectman Lubrano said she does not have anything to report, she is just happy to be here.

Brian Walsh:

Chairman Walsh said he has two comments on the Memorandum of Understanding. One comment is regarding the phrase "it is not feasible to put a question before Town Meeting". Chairman Walsh said there should be some explanation as to why this is. The second comment is: if we go through this process and we don't go to Town Meeting, the Conservation Commission takes it to the Selectboard; the Conservation Commission should still report to Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh said he thinks we had a great Town Meeting. The day afterward there was a groundbreaking at the Howe Library, this was a great groundbreaking. The next day we had a groundbreaking for the Richmond School, which was nice as well.

The Town Meeting Task Force met earlier in the day. Chairman Walsh said he thinks the Board should send a thank you to the Task Force for their great work on Town Meeting. The Task Force will meet again in three weeks, they will be reviewing the results of the questionnaire. In a few weeks the Task Force will be looking to meet with the Selectmen to discuss whether to go forward and if so, what is the charge.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked if the Task Force was pleased with the direction the Town Meeting is going in. Chairman Walsh said the Task Force did not dwell on the success, but rather discussed where to take things from here.

Chairman Walsh said he got the same reaction as the other Selectmen from the people in Town; it was one of the best Town Meetings ever.

12. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Vice Chairman Connolly to adjourn the meeting. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 PM.

SUMMARY

- 1. Vice Chairman Connolly NOMINATED Brian Walsh as Chairman of the Hanover Board of Selectmen. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the nomination.**

Chairman Walsh NOMINATED Kate Connolly as Vice Chairman of the Hanover Board of Selectmen. Selectman Lubrano SECONDED the nomination

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT BRIAN WALSH AS CHAIRMAN AND KATE CONNOLLY AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE HANOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

- 2. Selectman Christie NOMINATED Allegra Lubrano as Secretary of the Hanover Board of Selectmen. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ELECT ALLEGRA LUBRANO AS SECRETARY OF THE HANOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

- 3. It was MOVED by Selectman Baschnagel and SECONDED by Selectman Christie to accept the revised job title – Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector. THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE REVISED JOB TITLE – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK/TAX COLLECTOR.**

- 4. It was MOVED by Vice Chairman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Baschnagel to approve the minutes of April 26, 2004 as amended. CHAIRMAN WALSH, VICE CHAIRMAN CONNOLLY, SELECTMAN BASCHNAGEL AND SELECTMAN CHRISTIE VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2004, AS AMENDED. SELECTMAN LUBRANO WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.**

5. It was **MOVED** by Vice Chairman Connolly and **SECONDED** by Selectman Christie to approve the minutes of May 3, 2004 as amended. **CHAIRMAN WALSH, VICE CHAIRMAN CONNOLLY AND SELECTMAN CHRISTIE VOTED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2004 AS AMENDED. SELECTMAN BASCHNAGEL AND SELECTMAN LUBRANO WERE NOT PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND ABSTAINED FROM THE VOTE.**

6. It was **MOVED** by Selectman Baschnagel and **SECONDED** by Vice Chairman Connolly to adjourn the meeting. **THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allegro", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Allegra Lubrano, Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by Susan Love