

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

October 4, 2004

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

The Chairman, Brian Walsh, called the meeting of the Board of Selectmen to order at 7:30 pm. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice-Chairman; William "Bill" Baschnagel, Selectman; Peter Christie, Selectman; Allegra Lubrano, Selectman and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

2. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2004 TO CONSIDER AND ADOPT A VIDEO SYSTEM FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND RIGHT-OF-WAY USE AGREEMENT WITH HANOVER BROADBAND NETWORK, LLC

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3. RECOMMENDATION TO SET PUBLIC HEARING ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2004 TO CONSIDER INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES ON HOVEY, BUELL AND CURRIER

Chairman Walsh said he would like to reword this. He would like to not only consider installation of permanent devices, but also to hear from the public how the temporary devices have worked.

Selectman Lubrano said she thought the devices on Currier are seasonal. Ms. Griffin said they are. She has included Currier on the list because she would like to make sure the neighbors on Currier don't think that we somehow are not willing to consider they are worthy of the same types of devices. We saw a significant decrease in traffic on Currier before the speed bumps went in, presumably because cars were no longer taking that detour.

Selectman Baschnagel suggested that the Public Hearing notice say "Hovey, Buell and/or Currier". Chairman Walsh said we should just have a Public Hearing to consider traffic calming on Hovey, Buell and Currier.

Selectman Christie asked if this could be advertised more heavily than normal. He receives a lot of feedback from people who don't necessarily live in that area and wouldn't necessarily receive the notice. Ms. Griffin said she can ask reporters at both the Spectator and the Valley News to do articles on this.

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4. APPOINTMENT: JOINT RIVER COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE

It was MOVED by Vice Chairman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Lubrano to appoint Caryl Collier to the Joint River Commission Subcommittee. THE SELECTBOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT CARYL COLLIER TO THE JOINT RIVER COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEE.

Chairman Walsh said there is, also relative to the Joint Rivers, a request that the Town support their application for a grant. Ms. Griffin said they are looking for a letter of support from the Town. It would be easy for her to draft a letter on behalf of the Town. Ms. Griffin told Selectman Baschnagel that David Minsk had meant to communicate this to him at a Conservation Commission meeting and didn't so this somehow wound up in Ms. Griffin's office. Chairman Walsh said the suggested letter looks benign to him.

THE SELECTBOARD DIRECTED THE TOWN MANAGER TO DRAFT A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A GRANT APPLICATION OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: - SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

The approval of the September 13, 2004 minutes was deferred until October 25th.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Griffin reported we're coming up shortly on tax rate season. She will be coming forward to ask the Selectman to give her a tax rate target for purposes of putting a budget together. We will also be going down to DRA for tax rate setting. We are hoping to get bills out right after Election Day.

The Downtown Business Service District tax bills will be going out at the same time as property tax bills but will be a separate tax bill. We have already worked out a protocol with the Downtown Business Service District Advisory Committee with regards to what they will need to submit to us in terms of receipts.

The Town Meeting Task Force hopes to give the Selectmen their recommendations on October 25th.

On November 15th we will have the Broadband and Right-of-Way Public Hearing. Ms. Griffin said she would do her best to get those documents to the Selectmen well in advance of the hearing to give them time to plow through them.

Also on November 15th, Ms. Griffin will be asking the Selectmen to set a Public Hearing for December 6th on the franchise agreement with Adelphia. We had some final discussion with the Adelphia attorneys today and it looks like we are just about in agreement.

Selectman Baschnagel asked if Hanover Broadband would be able to provide a schedule of implementation on November 15th. Ms. Griffin said there would be a map and schedule of implementation with the documentation provided in advance of the meeting. Hanover Broadband will be prepared to make of full public presentation.

Ms. Griffin said she is working on completing most of the goals and objectives set by the Selectmen. She would like to do this by the end of the calendar year because she will be busy on budget after that point.

8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Allegra Lubrano

Selectman Lubrano reported the Community Substance Advisory Committee met today but she was not able to attend the meeting.

The Howe Library did generate \$20,000 from its fund raising effort.

Bill Baschnagel

Selectman Baschnagel reported the PTB met last Thursday. The major portion of the meeting was spent talking about the Town's ability to grant or sign rental agreements for on-street parking. Bernie Waugh made a very vocal argument that he feels it is not

appropriate although our Town lawyer disagrees with this. Ms. Griffin said that Bernie Waugh feels it is not legal for the Town to do this.

Selectman Baschnagel said the other thing talked about at this meeting was enforcement issues. This will come back to the Selectboard so we can have a broader discussion. Ms. Griffin said she would like to get some input from the Selectmen about how aggressive we want to be with enforcement. We have been talking about putting out a flyer to employers in Town soliciting feedback on employee parking and accessibility issues. We should probably do this before we have too much of a discussion about enforcement. Vice Chairman Connolly said she has heard both sides of the complaint. She has heard people complaining that they got a ticket but then she has heard complaints that the employees are using the minimal parking spaces available.

Kate Connolly

Vice Chairman Connolly reported the Planning Board met with Burnt Rock, their consultant last week' on a newly minted chapter of the proposed zoning ordinance. They have also come that the conclusion that they should have an extra Planning Board meeting every week to plan only. This will take place at noon on Wednesdays. The idea is that they have these consultants and they don't want their time with them to expire without fully utilizing them.

Vice Chairman Connolly said tomorrow night the Planning Board would be addressing the Hanover High School with regards to the Dresden School District.

Peter Christie

Selectman Christie reported the Finance Committee is up and running with the fall schedule primarily focused on the schools.

The Recycling Committee meets this week to get an update on the plan of the implementation of the new recycling program. Ms. Griffin said we got responses to our recycling contract bids, but they weren't responsive. We are having to come up with variations as a comparison exercise. It turned out to be much more complicated than Ms. Griffin had hoped it would be. Nobody bid on our actual proposal; they gave us variations of what we were asking for.

Brian Walsh

Chairman Walsh reported the Town Meeting Task Force met this afternoon. The Town Meeting Task Force is planning to make a report to the Selectmen as well as some recommendations to see where the Selectmen would like to go from here. There will be a Task Force meeting on Monday October 18th. Hopefully they will have the report done and ready to present to the Selectmen on October 25th. That should be insink if the Selectmen would like to do anything with a set of Public Hearings in the late fall or early winter. This would be in time to deal with things at next year's Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh said he has been reading about problems with the San Diego, CA retirement system. He asked Ms. Griffin if she could supply him with information about the Town retirement system. Ms. Griffin said Town employees are covered under the State of NH Retirement System. Chairman Walsh said he would like more information about this.

9. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

10. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED by Vice Chairman Connolly and SECONDED by Selectman Lubrano to adjourn the meeting at 7:55. THE SELECTBOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:55.

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Respectfully Submitted,



Allegra Lubrano, Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by Susan Love