

**FINAL**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**APRIL 19, 1999**

**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 the Chairman, Marilyn W. Black. Present were: Marilyn W. Black, Chairman; Brian Walsh, Vice Chairman; Katherine S. Connolly; John Manchester; John Colligan; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

Ms. Black announced that this meeting was being taped by CATV 6 and that hearing enhancement equipment was available for anyone who wished to use it. She also announced that the meeting was a call-in show and invited public to call in with questions or comments.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT.**

Mr. Colligan stated that he felt it was important to let the community know that Mary Scott Craig, a very dear, long-time friend of the community passed away April 18, 1999. He also announced the date and time of her funeral services.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED WARRANT FOR THE 1999 TOWN MEETING.**

The Selectmen were assigned Warrant Articles to present at Town Meeting as follows:

Articles 1 through 7 - Ms. Connolly.

Article 8 is a ballot article.

Article 9 - Mr. Walsh

Articles 10 through 15 - Ms. Black

Article 16 - Ms. Griffin stated that Article 16 cannot be put on the warrant. In error, it was not subjected to a budget hearing 25 days prior to Town Meeting, with 7 days public notice prior to the actual action. She indicated that she had spoken with the owner of the property today and outlined the problem, asking if they would be comfortable entering into a purchase and sale agreement with the provision that Town Meeting 2000 would need to approve it. Ms. Griffin added that plans were to not close on the property until July 1, 2000, and the property owners' preliminary response was that this arrangement would be fine.

Regarding Articles 17 and 18 which deal with bargaining contracts, Ms. Griffin stated that agreement would have to be reached by May 10th, and a motion made on the floor of Town Meeting of the dollar values to be plugged into the blanks in those warrant articles. She explained that cost estimates have been factored in for the cost and compensation study in the budget, so in effect those numbers have been subject to public hearing with ample notice. Mr. Manchester will present warrant articles 17 and 18 at Town Meeting.

Article 19 - Mr. Manchester

Article 20 - Ms. Connolly

Article 21 - Ms. Connolly  
Article 22 - Ms. Connolly  
Article 23 - Mr. Walsh  
Article 24 - Mr. Colligan  
Article 25 - Mr. Walsh  
Article 26 - Mr. Colligan  
Article 27 - Ms. Black  
Article 28 - Ms. Connolly  
Article 29 - To be presented by ACORN  
Article 30 - To be presented by Howe Library  
Article 31 - By petition  
Article 32 - By petition  
Article 33 - Mr. Colligan

Ms. Black stated as a reminder that the ballot vote will be in the Hanover High School gym all day long Tuesday, May 11, 1999. She also noted that the updated draft of the warrant articles is on the Web, as well as the background information and actual wording of each of the zoning ordinance amendments. By statute, the actual wording of the amendments cannot be on the warrant, but is to be posted outside the gym at the High School. A copy of all of the specific amendments will also be sent out with the Town Report.

Mr. Walsh stated that if people still have questions after checking the Web or reading the information furnished to them, they are welcome to call Jonathan Edwards, the Director of Planning for the Town, regarding all of the zoning ordinance amendments.

**Article One:** To vote (by nonpartisan ballot) for the following Town Officers: Two Selectmen, each to serve for a term of three (3) years; One Treasurer, to serve for a term of one (1) year; One Library Trustee to serve for a term of three (3) years; One Trustee of Trust Funds to serve for a term of three (3) years; One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of one (1) year; Such other Town Officers as may be required by law.

**Article Two:** (To vote by ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 1.

Amendment No. 1 would amend Section 902 "Term Definitions, Governmental Uses" to more clearly define "governmental use". Amendment No. 1 would also add a new Section 324 that specifies the requirements for notification by governmental entities to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board when the governmental entity intends to initiate new development or significantly modify the use of governmental property.

**Article Three:** (To vote by ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 2.

Amendment No. 2 would add a new subsection "1006.4 Variance" to enable the Zoning Board of Adjustment to grant a variance without finding hardship when reasonable accommodations are necessary to allow a person or persons with a recognized physical

disability to reside in or regularly use a premises.

Ms. Connolly explained that this Article deals with a variance to accommodate disabilities. She explained that a variance does not require the usual set of parameters to demonstrate a hardship; a simple hardship is someone who has a recognized disability and requires an abridgement to their dwelling or land to accommodate that disability. However, the variance only survives as long as the disabled person survives who is living in the dwelling or on that piece of land. The notice of action will be recorded in North Haverhill so that when the disability ends, the variance ends.

**Article Four:** (To vote by ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 3.

Amendment No. 3 would add a new subparagraph "317.1 K Signs" to exempt ordinary buildings directory panels and information signs from regulation if they are maintained within a building or not intended for view from outside the property. Amendment No. 3 also deletes reference to directory panels and information signs from subparagraph 317.3C.

**Article Five:** (To vote by ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 4.

Amendment No. 4 would add a new paragraph 317.2 F to allow institutionally owned art museums to utilize signs and banners to identify the museum and to announce exhibitions open to the public. Amendment No. 4 also outlines limitations restricting the number, size and specific placement of such signs and banners.

Ms. Connolly explained that Article Five deals with direction signs, and takes an amendment which exists in part of the Town's sign ordinance which deals with the business district and moves it to the general provisions. She indicated that "the restrictions of this section shall not apply to ordinary directory panels and information signs maintained within a building or not intended for view from outside the property". This means that if you have signs that are not viewed from the public street within a courtyard or on the side of the building which cannot be seen from the street, a person can put whatever sign of whatever size they wish. She added that for a period of about four years the Planning Board has been trying to work with the Hood Museum of Art to try to accommodate the problem that they are located in between several buildings and cannot be seen. This article represents an attempt to create a special set of sign ordinances to accommodate the Hood Museum only so that no one else can take advantage of these provisions.

**Article Six:** (To vote by ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 5.

Amendment No. 5 would amend Section 303 Principal Buildings Including Dwellings on Lots to insert the Service Business and Limited Manufacturing (BM) and Office and Laboratory (OL) zoning districts as areas where more than one principal building including dwellings can be allowed on one lot. Currently, only the Institutional (I) and

Business (B) zoning districts allow more than one principal building on a lot.

A question was received from a caller who asked if it was logically possible to have more than one principal building on a lot, given the definition on page 84 of the Zoning Ordinance. Ms. Connolly answered that it would be virtually impossible on some of the lots because of the size of the lot or required setbacks, but added that it would be logically possible on some lots.

**Article Seven:** (To vote by ballot) To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Hanover Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board in Amendment No. 6.

Amendment No. 6 would amend the definition of Building Height in Section 902 to clarify the means of measuring height from flat roofs, mansard roofs and other types including gambrel roofs.

Ms. Connolly noted that the definition of height had been changed to accommodate sloping roofs in an effort to encourage builders to put attic space to good use as mechanical space rather than literally confining the height of the building by its mechanical space. This also results in a more attractive building and a roof that is easier to deal with in terms of snow removal.

Ms. Black stated that these first seven articles will be voted on by ballot during the day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Hanover High School in the gymnasium on May 11, 1999. The Town Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m., with the first article heard at the meeting being Article Eight which is the election of additional Town officers. These elections are done on a voice vote from the floor of the Town Meeting.

**Article Eight:** To choose the following Town Officers to be elected by a majority vote: One member of the Advisory Board of Assessors for a term of three (3) years; Three Fence Viewers and one alternate each for a term of one (1) year; Two Surveyors of Wood and Timber each for a term of one (1) year; Such other Officers as the Town may judge necessary for managing its affairs.

A call was received from a television viewer asking what a fence viewer does and why there are so many applicants. Ms. Black explained that a fence viewer handles disputes over borders of neighboring properties. The term and position came out of Colonial days when elected officials did not want to bother with disputes of this type. She is not sure why there are so many applicants for the position of fence viewer.

**Article Nine:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay the expenses of the Town for the 1999/2000 fiscal year, for the purposes set forth in the Town budget.

Mr. Walsh pointed out that a budget at or under inflation was targeted by the Town back in February; with some hard work the budget came in at 1.6%, but given the uncertainty at the State level relative to education funding, the Board decided it wanted the budget to come in at a zero percent increase. The budget presented to the Town for the General Fund is flat, with no tax increase. There is a decrease in the Sidewalk

Fund, and a slight increase in the Fire Districts. The budget has been reviewed by the Town Finance Committee and approved by them. Mr. Walsh added that copies of the budget are available from the Town Offices and at the Howe Library.

A question was received from the audience regarding the budget. The caller asked if the reason downtown parking fees have doubled is because the Town needs to have more funds to pay for the parking garage. Ms. Black answered that there are several reasons for raising the parking fees for parking meters. One reason is that downtown employees find it very easy to feed meters downtown, thereby taking spaces that the customers and people coming into Town might use. If those fees are raised, it will not be as attractive to feed meters, and it will also result in additional revenue to help pay for the parking garage.

Ms. Griffin added that another purpose for the additional revenue from the parking meters would be to fund an improved shuttle to run from Thompson Arena to downtown in an effort to encourage downtown employees to park offsite and not take up downtown parking spaces. She added that downtown employees did stop feeding meters on Main Street when the rates went up to 50 cents an hour.

Mr. Walsh noted that a public hearing was held on this matter recently with a strong turnout from downtown merchants, all of whom supported this and said it will help make spaces available for customers and minimize spaces used by employees.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the "Land Acquisition and Capital Improvements Restricted Purpose Fund" created in 1989. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the General Fund.

Ms. Black explained that in 1989 a fund was created that was from money derived from the current use land tax when land comes out of current use. These funds were put into the General Fund. Article Ten will discontinue that fund, and put the money into the General Fund to be redirected, assuming that all warrant articles dealing with this matter are passed at Town Meeting.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the "Capital Improvements Restricted Purpose Fund" created in 1996. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the General Fund.

Ms. Black stated that this Warrant Article would discontinue the capital improvements restricted purpose fund which was created in 1996. This capital improvements restricted purpose fund was the money received from Dartmouth College for Elm Street.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote to create an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a, to be known as the "Land and Capital Improvements Fund", for the purpose of acquiring land for public purposes and to construct capital improvements in response to needs required by growth and development, and to raise and appropriate from the general fund balance a sum equal to half of the balance of the totals of the discontinued "Land Acquisition and Capital

Improvements Restricted Purpose Fund" and the "Capital Improvements Restricted Purpose Fund", that is \$158,292, with no amount to be raised from taxation, for this purpose.

**Article Thirteen:** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the special revenue fund accounts categorized as the "Conservation Commission Reserves" and known as the "Land Acquisition Fund" and the "Land Maintenance Fund". Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal, are to be transferred to the General Fund.

Ms. Black explained that these two funds are earmarked for conservation reserves for the purpose of buying land, maintaining trails, and a variety of other needs. The funds mainly come from appropriations from the Town from timber tax money, etc. These funds would be discontinued, and the money would be put into a Conservation Fund to be established in Article Fourteen.

**Article Fourteen:** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Conservation Fund as authorized by RSA 36-A:5.1, and to raise and appropriate from the general fund balance a sum equal to half of the balance, that is \$158,292, of the totals of the discontinued "Land Acquisition and Capital Improvements Restricted Purpose Fund" and the "Capital Improvements Restricted Purpose Fund", as well as a sum equal to the balance, that is \$18,706, of the totals of the discontinued "Conservation Commission Reserves" known as the "Land Acquisition Fund" and the "Land Maintenance Fund", with no amount to be raised from taxation, for this purpose.

Ms. Black explained that half of the money from the General Fund, \$158,292, plus the monies in the two other smaller funds which amount to \$18,706, will be combined into one fund to be known as a Conservation Fund.

Ms. Black indicated that the above Warrant Articles have taken four funds, discontinued them all, and created two new funds, the Land Acquisition and Capital Improvements fund which will be controlled by Town Meeting with the Selectmen recommending using money from the fund, and the Conservation Fund which will be controlled by the Conservation Commission and by Town Meeting.

Ms. Black pointed out that if one of these Articles fail, they all will fail. She hopes that the people in Town support these Warrant Articles because they will make acquisition of conservation easements and land for conservation purposes much easier. It will also make it easier if something needs to be done in capital improvements for the Town.

A question was received from a caller who asked if the Conservation Commission would be able to spend these funds for conservation purposes without public approval. Ms. Black explained that under the law caps on spending cannot be included in the Warrant, but there is a memorandum of agreement between the Selectmen and Conservation Commission indicating that the Conservation Commission will be able to spend up to \$50,000 after a public hearing and with the approval of the Selectmen in any calendar year; anything beyond this figure would be taken to Town Meeting. All expenditures will coincide with the plan to be developed by the Planning Board and the Conservation

Council to prioritize and spell out what areas of Town should be on the priority list. Initially the limit on spending would be \$50,000 without Town Meeting approval. Ms. Black explained that one of the reasons for the agreement is that the Board of Selectmen cannot spend anything without Town Meeting approval, and it was felt that it was not appropriate that an appointed board should have the authority to take upwards of \$200,000 and spend it without a plan and without Town Meeting approval.

Mr. Colligan indicated that even without the side agreement, as a practical matter the Board of Selectmen could defer to a Town Meeting vote as an advisory role, so that there is more protection on any spending than anyone could ask for.

Ms. Black explained that this would also allow the Conservation Committee enough money to put a binder on a piece of property that is going to cost over \$50,000 and to place it on the Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Colligan added that the practical reality is that if a fund is started with \$170,000 to \$200,000 in it and there is the ability to contribute \$10,000 to \$20,000 in a year, individuals in charge of the fund would be very careful about how they choose to spend the money.

Mr. Walsh also pointed out that this is a fund that the Conservation Commission controls. The Conservation Commission is a public body of the Town of Hanover, as opposed to the Conservation Council which is a private entity. The first step is an appointed public body of the Town of Hanover and the Conservation Commission, and the next step is a public hearing in front of the Selectmen who represent the Town between Town Meetings. The third step is if over \$50,000 is needed, Town Meeting approval would be required.

**Article Fifteen:** To see if the Town will vote favorably on the following question (from RSA 79-A:25-bl(c): "Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 79-A:25-a to account for revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund? Any surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund shall not be part of the general fund until such time as the legislative body shall have had the opportunity to an annual meeting to vote to appropriate a specific amount from the land use change tax fund for any purpose not prohibited by the laws or by the constitution of this state. After an annual meeting any unappropriated balance of the land use change tax revenue received during the prior fiscal year shall be recognized as general fund revenue for the current fiscal year."

Ms. Black explained that the purpose of this Warrant Article is to take revenues from the Land Use Change Tax and put them in a fund separate from the General Fund. She added that land use tax money has been put into the General Fund each year, and this Article will stop that practice. It will split the amount of money that comes out of the current use land tax evenly, half for Conservation and half for Land Acquisition and Capital Improvements. Nothing will go to the General Fund.

**Article Sixteen:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase

property located at 48 Lebanon Street for \$137,500; to raise and appropriate \$137,500 for this purpose, with the funds to be withdrawn from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund rather than general taxation; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all action deemed to be in the best interest of the Town, including signing all documents as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Ms. Black noted that there was no public hearing held on the purchase of this property as required by law, as discussed earlier in the meeting. Therefore, this Article will not be included in the Warrant.

**Article Seventeen:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide for the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement, approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_, between the Town of Hanover and the Professional Fire Fighters of Hanover, Local 3288 of the International Association of Fire Fighters.

Mr. Manchester indicated that this Article basically appropriates money to pay for Fire Department personnel. This is in negotiation currently, and hopefully there will be an agreement before Town Meeting. Ms. Black noted that there is money in the budget to cover a reasonable settlement.

**Article Eighteen:** To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to provide for the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement, approved by the Board of Selectmen on \_\_\_\_\_, between the Town of Hanover and AFSCME Local 1348.

Mr. Manchester explained that Article Eighteen is essentially the same as Article Seventeen, but deals with the Public Works AFSCME Local 1348 in its negotiations, the outcome of which has yet to be decided.

**Article Nineteen:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant necessary easements in connection with the construction of the Lebanon Street parking structure, which is scheduled to be conveyed to the Town upon its completion.

Mr. Manchester explained that the provisions outlined in this Article are necessary for the Town and Dartmouth College with regard to construction of the parking garage so that there can be easements back and forth for traffic and pedestrian flow throughout the complex. Ms. Griffin added that Town Meeting previously gave the Board of Selectmen the authority to accept easements, but not to grant easements.

**Article Twenty:** To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports and to receive any special resolutions that may be appropriate and to vote thereon.

Mr. Colligan invited anyone in the community to let the Town Manager's office know of any special individuals in the community that should be honored by a resolution.



**Article Twenty-One:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and authorize payment into the Capital Reserve Funds in the following amounts for the purpose for which such funds were established:

Police	\$ 45,000
Howe Library	\$ 10,000
Public Works	\$115,500
Fire Fund	\$ 70,000
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 19,000
Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund	\$100,000
Ambulance Fund	\$ 20,000
Parking Fund	\$ 12,660

Ms. Griffin indicated that these are amounts contributed to the reserve each year, which may vary a little from year to year depending upon long range vehicle or equipment acquisition plans. The purpose for making these contributions year after year is to eliminate the peaks and valleys in the budgeting process.

**Article Twenty-Two:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$623,532 for the purposes listed below, and to authorize funding these items by withdrawal from the listed capital reserve funds and to designate the Board of Selectmen a agents of the Town to expend such funds for the purposes for which such funds were established, in the following amounts as set forth in the Town Report:

Police	\$ 85,532
Public Works	\$122,000
Wastewater Treatment Plant Fund	\$296,000
Ambulance Fund	\$120,000

Ms. Connolly explained that in Police Reserve this will fund the purchase of four police cruisers with all associated equipment, including laptop computers; in Public Works two ten-year old dump trucks will be replaced; in the Waste Water Treatment Plant reserve the bar rack system and grit removal system will be replaced and a telemetry system will be installed, and in the Ambulance Fund ambulance #150 which is ten years old will be replaced.

**Article Twenty-Three:** To see if the Town will vote to collect an additional motor vehicle registration fee of \$5.00 per vehicle for the purpose of supporting a municipal transportation improvement fund for the purposes set forth in RSA 261:153 VI, and further, to vote to establish said fund. Proceeds from said fund are to be used to support eligible local transportation improvement projects such as public transportation, roadway improvements, signal upgrades, and development of new bicycle and pedestrian paths.

Mr. Walsh indicated that this represents a new funding opportunity made available by the State legislature which requires a Town Meeting vote to enable the Town to use it. Ms. Griffin added that Article Twenty-Three would add up to \$5 flat rate per vehicle registered in addition to the State and local fees that are currently paid depending on

the value of the vehicle. Mr. Walsh continued to say that this Article would empower the Town to increase the registration fee by \$5 and to start accumulating a fund beginning July 1st. Money would be accumulated in that fund over the coming year and public hearings would be held during the year to decide how the money would be used. It is estimated that approximately \$25,000 will be raised per year by assessing this \$5 surcharge. The surcharge would be assessed on new renewals only after July 1st.

**Article Twenty-Four:** To see if the voters will authorize the selectmen to grant easements over Town property, for various purposes, as they deem fit.

Mr. Colligan indicated that this Article represents an attempt rather than waiting for the annual Town Meeting to seek specific approval to grant or accept easements from Town Meeting, to delegate the Board of Selectmen to accept this responsibility. Ms. Griffin explained that the goal of this Article would be to delegate to the Board of Selectmen each year the responsibility for negotiating easements. She added that in the past easements were executed but it was often inconvenient to wait for Town Meeting to receive approval for a specific easement.

Mr. Walsh noted that the language in the article should be revised to read "grant and accept".

A question was received from the viewing audience asking if easements are ever contentious in nature, and, if so, would public hearings be held. Ms. Griffin answered that there would be a public hearing whether or not the matter was contentious in nature.

**Article Twenty-Five:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to support the services provided by CATV 6.

Mr. Colligan commented that CATV 6 is a very valuable means of improving access to information of local governments in Hanover. He recommended that they implement the use of a wide-angle lens and attempt to improve the audio of their broadcasts.

**Article Twenty-Six:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,250 to support the continuation of a survey of historic Town structures to be conducted by the Hanover Historical Society.

Mr. Colligan explained that last year Hanover Historical Society requested this funding for the first time, and they are seeking the same amount again in 1999/2000.

**Article Twenty-Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to be used by Hanover-Joigny Exchange Inc. in the furtherance of cultural, student, and adult exchanges between the Town of Hanover and its sister city, Joigny, France.

Ms. Black explained that the Town voted to appropriate \$1,000 last year to the Joigny exchange. She noted that a group of Joigny students is in Hanover at the present time,

with a group of adults consisting of six members of their City Council arriving the last week in May. The money is used by the Joigny Committee to help transport students and to send out newsletters in an effort to further relations with the sister city.

**Article Twenty-Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 to be used by the Town of Hanover in the furtherance of cultural, student, and adult exchanges between the Town of Hanover and Nihonmatsu, Japan.

Ms. Connolly noted that although Hanover's relationship with Nihonmatsu is shorter than with Joigny, she feels it will be immensely valuable particularly to the Town's students. She recommended that the Town appropriate this sum of money to continue the exchange. She noted that Joigny as well as Nihonmatsu are fully aware that Hanover has no public funds to spend on any of these types of activities, yet they are more than willing to be generous to further the relationship between the cities.

**Article Twenty-Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 to support the services provided to the Upper Valley by the AIDS Community Resource Network (ACORN).

Ms. Black noted that there are several non-profit organizations included in the budget to which the Town appropriates funds. When an organization has had a special article on the Warrant for three years and it has been passed, their request for appropriation gets put into the budget. This is the second year that ACORN has asked for an appropriation; if it passes this year and they ask for another appropriation next year and that passes, their request will then become part of the budget.

**Article Thirty:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to designate and proclaim April 7, 2000 as Howe Library Day in celebration of the library's 100th birthday, and to observe a series of related public activities that will promote citizens' awareness of their library.

**Article Thirty-One:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to call upon the U.S. Government and governments of all nuclear weapons states to secure on an urgent basis a nuclear weapons abolition treaty. This treaty must include an early timetable for the elimination of nuclear weapons in a manner that is mutual and verifiable among all nations. In addition, to further urge our state senators and representatives to introduce a resolution to this effect and to send it on to the New Hampshire Congressional delegation for immediate action.

**Article Thirty-Two:** (By Petition) To see if the Town will vote to urge the General Court of New Hampshire, U.S. Congress, and the President of the United States to support and pass meaningful laws reforming electoral campaign financing. Meaningful reform will return the political process to the will of the people, encourage participation by qualified candidates with limited means, reduce the influence of moneyed special interests on elections and lawmaking, and restore the principal of "one person, one vote" to elections.

**Article Thirty-Three:** To transact any other business that may legally be brought before the Town Meeting.

Ms. Griffin noted that typically what the Board has done in the past is to indicate in the Warrant how many Board members support or do not support each Article. The Board unanimously supported all of the Warrant Articles with the exception of the petition Articles and Article 23. It was decided to wait to vote on Article 23 until after the public hearing which has been set for April 26, 1999.

**3. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING AT 5:00 P.M. ON APRIL 26, 1999 TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL OPTION FEE ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.**

The Board agreed to set a public hearing at 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 1999 to consider implementation of a local option fee on motor vehicle registrations. Ms. Griffin will provide the Board with copies of the RSAs which were adopted by the legislature in their 1997/1998 session.

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Ms. Griffin reminded the Board that she needs to have any changes to the Warrant as soon as possible as it goes to the printer on Tuesday, April 20th. The Board discussed the order of the Warrant Articles. Ms. Griffin explained that the Department of Revenue Administration has the final word on the ordering of the Warrant Articles.

Ms. Griffin added that once the Town Report is received back from the printer it will go to the mailing house to insert all of the various inserts including background papers, a graphic presentation regarding conservation funds, the actual wording of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, and a number of other items. She noted that there is a great yearbook of almost all of the Town's employees, and she thanked Ms. Black for her work in photographing these employees and for the layout.

**5. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.**

**Ms. Connolly**

Ms. Connolly reported that a recent Sunday edition of the Valley News had the Town's schedule incorrect. She wished to clarify that the Planning Board will be meeting Tuesday, April 20th in the Municipal Building. She also reported that the recent Planning Board meeting in Trumbull Hall was very successful and very well attended. Concerns of Etna residents were voiced, and they were made aware that they can help the Planning Board in trying to craft ordinances that will help them to achieve their goals realistically. She continued to say that at the upcoming Planning Board meeting the neighbors to Chase Field will be asking for a modification of the site plan as agreed upon by both parties. A report from Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council will also be discussed regarding natural and cultural resources in the entire Upper Valley. Additionally, last week hearings on two College buildings were completed, and a site plan review for Great Hollow Road was extended.

**Mr. Manchester**

Mr. Manchester reported that at a recent Planning Board meeting the hearing on the penthouse project for Dartmouth College was completed, in addition to hearings on a new dormitory.

Mr. Manchester also reported that a Recreation Committee meeting will be held April 27, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

**Mr. Colligan**

Mr. Colligan reported that there will be a monthly Conservation Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 21st, 1999. This meeting will start with a site visit at 4:00 at Trumbull House Bed and Breakfast at 40 Etna Road, and will continue at 5:00 in the Municipal Building.

Mr. Colligan also mentioned that there was a joint Planning Board and Conservation Commission meeting recently which discussed issues on wetlands specific to Grasse Road Phase II development for Dartmouth College. There will be a site visit at that property which is open to the public and is scheduled for April 27th at 5:00 p.m.

**Mr. Walsh**

Mr. Walsh had nothing to report.

**Ms. Black**

Ms. Black asked that if any members of the Board have ideas for the Hanover Highlights newsletter, they should make them known as soon as possible as the issue will be going to press very soon.

Ms. Black added that she is also looking for volunteers to help with the Nihonmatsu celebration in July.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she was approached by another group wondering if a committee could be appointed to plan a new millennium New Year's Eve party for Hanover to celebrate the dawn of the year 2000.

Ms. Black informed the Board that there will be a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 6, 1999 at the Facilities Planning Office at Dartmouth College to look at the different types of lighting at Dartmouth. There will be a walking tour of the College to discuss different fixtures, light spillage, glare, etc.

Ms. Black stated that she wished to thank the League of Women Voters for handling the phone lines for the call-in show.

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - MARCH 17, 1999**

**Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of March 17, 1999, as corrected. Mr. Manchester SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 1999, AS CORRECTED.**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business to come before the meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT.**

**Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

**Mr. Manchester MADE THE MOTION to go to non-public session to discuss a matter which may affect the reputation of an individual. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO TO NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER WHICH MAY AFFECT THE REPUTATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.**

**SUMMARY**

- 1. Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of March 17, 1999, as corrected. Mr. Manchester SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 17, 1999, AS CORRECTED.**
- 2. Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- 3. Mr. Manchester MADE THE MOTION to go to non-public session to discuss a matter which may affect the reputation of an individual. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO TO NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER WHICH MAY AFFECT THE REPUTATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
John Colligan, Secretary

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Nancy A. Richards.