

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 26, 1999

5:00 P.M. - MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING - HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 5:00 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; and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL OPTION FEE OF \$5.00 ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS PURSUANT TO RSA 201:153 VI.

Ms. Black explained that the funds received if this fee were to be implemented are required to be used for transportation needs such as busses, stoplights, bicycle paths, sidewalks, or any alternative transportation. If approved at Town Meeting, the funds will be collected for a year. No decisions will be made on how to spend the money until the next Town Meeting. She indicated that the amount expected to be realized would be approximately \$25,000 per year.

Ms. Connolly pointed out that the funds could be allowed to accumulate year after year for a larger transportation affiliated project.

Ms. Black indicated that if the money were available now, she would suggest spending it on an improved bus system.

Mr. Walsh commented that this fee would represent about 1/2 percent on the tax rate. He views the enactment of this fee as a way to pinpoint money for transportation while keeping the tax rate down.

Mr. Colligan stated that even if he was in favor of the possible areas of spending, he feels that it is very important to know what it will be spent on before the revenue is generated. He added that he will not vote for the fee's enactment because he views it as a tax, and added that he feels uncomfortable creating any source of revenue without a specific vote on what it will be spent on.

Ms. Black noted that the funds would not be spent without a vote at Town Meeting. Ms. Connolly added that it is also not known what revenue opportunities it could be used for in the future.

Mr. Walsh indicated that he would rather consider the funds against the priorities as they are seen as part of the budgeting process next year. He stated that his view relative to it being a tax is that he feels the personal vehicle is a luxury that should bear the burden of a larger fee. Taking into consideration the low cost of gas prices in this country as compared to other countries, he does not see the enactment of the fee as

a broad based tax. Mr. Colligan stated that he respectfully disagreed with Mr. Walsh's statement.

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Selectmen approve the implementation of a Local Option Fee of \$5.00 on Motor Vehicle Registrations Pursuant to RSA 261:153 VI. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED 4 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED (MR. COLLIGAN) TO APPROVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A LOCAL OPTION FEE OF \$5.00 ON MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS PURSUANT TO RSA 261:153 VI.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APRIL 5, 1999.

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of April 5, 1999. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 1999.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

There was no administrative report.

5. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly wished to remind everyone of a greenways discussion which will take place May 30, 1999 at 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. for issues dealing with Norwich and Hanover, respectively.

Mr. Colligan

Mr. Colligan indicated that there will be an upcoming site visit at Grasse Road with the Conservation Commission and Planning Board regarding wetlands issues.

Mr. Colligan also reported that he will not be able to attend the May 11, 1999 meeting of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission as it conflicts with Town Meeting. He noted, however, that Tim Edwards, manager of the Lebanon Airport, will be present at that meeting to discuss recent studies and current plans. Scott Baskin, Air and Rail Coordinator for the Vermont Agency of Transportation, will also be present at the meeting. Mr. Colligan will pass along information with regard to this meeting to members of the Board. He also stated that the Upper Valley Lake Regional Planning Commission was planning to hire a new Executive Director to replace Vickie Smith.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh had nothing to report.

Mr. Manchester

Mr. Manchester reported on upcoming meetings of the Parking Transportation Board, the Conservation Commission and the Rec Committee.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black suggested that there be no Selectmen's meeting on May 3, 1999.

The following Board members were assigned to cover the polls at the upcoming Town Meeting on May 11, 1999: Mr. Colligan - 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; John Manchester - 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; Ms. Connolly - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and John Manchester - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black had nothing to report.

6. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business.

7. ADJOURNMENT.

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

SUMMARY

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John Colligan, Secretary

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Nancy Richards.