

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 13, 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, Brian Walsh. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Marilyn W. Black, Vice Chairman; Katherine S. Connolly; John Manchester; John Colligan; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

Mr. Walsh announced that this meeting was being taped by CATV 6 and that hearing enhancement equipment was available for anyone who wished to use it.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

There was no public comment.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE FOLLOWING TOWN ORDINANCES:

- Ordinance #1: Enactment of Ordinances
- Ordinance #2: Highways & Sidewalks
- Ordinance #5: Seasonal Weight Restrictions on Town Highways
- Ordinance #7: Traffic
- Ordinance #20: Regulation of Public Land
- Ordinance #27: Street Vendor
- Ordinance #28: King Road

Ms. Griffin explained that Ordinance #1, Enactment of Ordinances, simply outlines the way in which ordinances are enacted. The enactment procedure has now been revised to match practically what is normally done. All that is being done is to amend the enactment procedure modestly to include current procedures.

Ms. Black asked if the language in Ordinance #2, Highways & Sidewalks, addressed attaching flyers, etc. onto lightpoles. Ms. Griffin suggested that a ninth category be added to address the attachment of items to Town lightpoles.

Mr. Walsh asked Ms. Griffin to explain to the public the changes in Ordinance #2. Ms. Griffin indicated that Ordinance #2 governs highways and sidewalks. The first addition to the Ordinance is to add a new item called tracking and depositing of material, which indicates that no person shall track, deposit or spill any material in the right of way. All materials tracked, deposited or spilled within the right of way shall be removed immediately at the expense of the person or persons violating this section. Ms. Griffin added that this language has to do with snowplowing, and the fact that very often private snowplowing contractors plow out driveways and leave the snow in the middle of the road which then has to be removed. Another issue has to do with the depositing of dirt or fill in the right of way. Item 13 involves driving on sidewalks, and indicates that a vehicle can be driven on the sidewalk but only with the permission of the

director of public works. Ms. Griffin explained that item 16, driveways, has to do with clarifying the Town's driveway permit process, and new language has been inserted which says "a permit shall be required for all driveways, including modifications to existing driveways and/or substantial changes in use that, in the opinion of the director of public works, may affect safety, drainage or traffic patterns. All installation, repair or maintenance of driveways, culverts and drainage structures installed for driveway access shall be the responsibility of the landowner. All driveways accessing paved roads shall have a paved apron from the edge of pavement of the road to the edge of the right of way, or 10 ft. whichever is greater."

Ms. Griffin noted that there is new language regarding the Ledyard Bridge which states that it shall be unlawful for any person to dive or jump from the Ledyard Bridge on West Wheelock Street. She added that there is a new section 18 dealing with drainage, which indicates that it shall be unlawful to temporarily or permanently divert drainage or increase runoff in any manner that, in the opinion of the director of public works, adversely affects any structures, roads, sidewalks, or downstream properties.

Ms. Griffin stated that there is a new section 19 regarding temporary and construction access which indicates that all access, whether existing or new, that is used for construction, logging or other similar operations that have the potential of tracking material into a Town road shall have an anti-tracking pad approved by the director of public works.

There is a new item 20 regarding mailboxes. Ms. Griffin informed the Board that there is a new State statute which was passed approximately two years ago, RSA 41:11-a, which has to do with the placement of mailboxes in the right of way, largely because they have become a hazard when placed too close to the roadway, particularly for snowplows. The Town's current practice is that if the Town takes down a mailbox as a result of snowplowing, it will replace the mailbox with a reasonably priced mailbox. Item 20 reflects the statute passed by the State, and reads as follows: "Pursuant to RSA 41:11 and 41:11-a, and every other applicable law, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Hanover hereby ordain as follows regarding the installation, replacement and maintenance of mailboxes in the Town of Hanover within the limits of a public way. Installation - all mailboxes shall be installed on wood posts not exceeding 4 inches in width by 4 inches in depth. Installation of mailboxes on stone, metal or masonry posts that pose a hazard to the traveling public shall not be permitted. Placement of mailboxes - all new and replaced mailboxes shall be placed in a location approved by the director of public works or his designee, and the filling of ditches to place mailboxes shall be prohibited. Maintenance - the area between the edge of the shoulder of the road and the mailbox shall be the responsibility of the owners, residents and/or persons receiving mail. Any filling of gravel or paving of the pull-off area to accommodate delivery of mail rests with said owners, residents, and/or the recipients of mail. Replacement - should the Town of Hanover employees, equipment and/or vehicles cause damage to any mailbox which hinders the delivery of mail, the Town of Hanover shall replace the mailbox at no cost to the owner. Should replacement be necessary, the replacement

mailbox and support shall consist of one standard mailbox size T1 mounted on one 4 inch by 4 inch pressure treated post."

Ms. Griffin explained that the last section of this ordinance authorizes duly appointed police officers of the Hanover Police Department to be designated as the enforcement authority for the Ordinance.

Ami Mead of Etna commented that dirt deposited out on the road as a result of building is a one time issue, and she would not like to see the Town impose additional costs on some developers in such cases. Ms. Griffin answered that if minor work was being done on a property this would not even be an issue that the Town was aware of; the Ordinance refers to major construction projects where dirt would be moved on and off the property for weeks and months at a time.

Bob Norman spoke of problems with vandalism of mailboxes. At one time he was advised to get a 6 by 6 post, and he wondered if the Town would be responsible because it allowed such a post to be installed rather than the 4 by 4 which is written in the RSA. Ms. Griffin answered that the Board certainly has the power to grandfather such posts; however, she is concerned that there are a number of mailboxes which they would like to urge to be moved backwards because of their placement. Part of the reason for the Ordinance is to be able to say to owners of problematic mailboxes that we would appreciate their compliance with the Ordinance in moving the mailbox back.

Mr. Walsh suggested that the language in section 20 b-1 be modified to say all new and replaced mailboxes shall be on wooden posts.

Ms. Black wondered if there was any way of writing the Ordinance that would allow residents a little ingenuity and creativity regarding their mailboxes. She stated that she is opposed to having all mailboxes look alike.

Mr. Walsh wished to move to discussion of Ordinance 20, which deals with regulation of public land.

Ms. Griffin pointed out the modifications to Ordinance 20. The Ordinance essentially regulates land that comes under the Town's direct supervision. The significant modification to the Ordinance deals with hours in response to complaints received over a significant period of time, particularly from two parts in Town. These two locations are the rope swing location, and Balch Hill, where there is frequently camping and nighttime partying with loud music and campfires. Up until the modification of this Ordinance there was no ability to write a citation to individuals who have become a continuing problem to neighboring property owners. By placing the following amendment into Ordinance #20, there will now be the ability, on a complaint basis, to write people a ticket for a violation. The following language has been added: "Access to public lands is only allowed from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset." This would then allow the Police Department on a complaint to patrol those particular locations in Town where complaints have been received from neighbors about nuisance activity that occurs usually in the wee hours of the morning, particularly

on Balch Hill and in the rope swing area on the Connecticut River. Ms. Griffin referred to a communication from the Conservation Commission indicating their concern that this type of limitation would unduly restrict law-abiding citizens, and that the people the amendment is trying to manage will ignore the restriction. Ms. Griffin feels it is significant to point out that however activity is restricted, violators will no longer have the ability to get away with ignoring the new restrictions as a ticket can be written.

Mr. Walsh indicated that a letter had been received by the Selectboard regarding misuse of the Town paths. The letter, written by Lee Stewart and Arthur Kanterwitz, was read into the record as follows: "We wish to convey to you our objections to the misuse and use of the Town path which abuts our property on the south. Despite the Town posting at the entrance to the Mink Brook natural area at the corner of Maple and Downing, it is continually used after sunset, it is a source of noise which has produced many rude awakenings late in the night and early morning hours, the voices and yelling can be heard anywhere between the street corner and the river's edge, car engines and slamming doors are likewise irritants. Also, we experience trespassers along our house despite a Town fence which is in need of repair. The second reason we are writing this is to wholeheartedly support an ordinance which would allow the police to effectively perform their enforcement power of the nighttime ban. They have gone to great and commendable efforts to quiet things down; they have also performed dutifully, but with only the ability to move individuals along when repeat disturbances occur. We stand ready to assist you in any way we can."

Mr. Walsh read another statement into the record dated September 13, 1999 from David and Barbara Hall to the Selectboard and Police Chief Nicholas Giaccone concerning safety and nuisance issues regarding the use of the Mink Brook natural area: "We reside at 3 Downing Road which is located across the street from the Downing Road entrance to the Mink Brook natural area. As you are well aware, this area was intended to be a nature trail but has become a popular swimming area. Over the years there have been a number of accidents including one drowning involving bathers at the so-called point located at the bottom of the trail from the Downing Road entrance. This is a completely unsupervised bathing area whose prime attraction appears to be a rope swing. In the last few years the use of this place has increased substantially. There is no parking available to users apart from that directly in front of our house which is intended for the use of visitors to Nathan's Garden. However, the principal nuisance to our neighbors and ourselves is the widespread use of the area at night, and we mean all night. This usage, which is expressly forbidden by a sign prominently displayed, has resulted in many calls to our police force to uproot the revelers. Experience has shown these to result in only temporary fixes, and the very process of rounding them up and sending them on their way takes the better part of an hour. A typical bad night could mean two or three roundups occurring at say 1 a.m., 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. We experienced some similar late night visitors at Nathan's Garden. We now have a chain and sign blocking the entrance stating the garden closes at sundown. This has been quite successful in alleviating the problem. Ours is a family oriented residential area and not

fraternity row. We would be very grateful to the Town for resolving these two related problems. Thank you."

Peter Doyle commented that he likes to walk around a lot at night, and thinks everyone will agree that if people were quiet and responsible about their use of Town public lands there is nothing wrong with their being on them after dark. He hopes that everyone can agree that this is a noise problem and something has to be done about it, but he feels the solution should probably not be to just completely stop people from using public lands. Mr. Doyle indicated that he understands an opinion has been received from the Town attorney that it is hard to deal with the problem, but he feels that it is a matter of common sense to try to deal with the noise issue directly.

Marcella Logue stated that the Town has indicated by a sign that access to the public land is from sunup to sundown, and she added that there are other places to walk. She feels that the reason there are laws is that people should obey them; if they cannot obey them, they should move somewhere else where they will not have to obey them.

Brad Naples, a resident of Hemlock Road, thanked the Selectmen for holding the hearing. He stated that he lives directly across and within easy earshot of Balch Hill. In the summer it is necessary for him to keep his windows shut, and he mentioned obscenities that can be heard when Dartmouth students arrive. As a personal privacy issue, he does not feel his family should be subjected to an extension of fraternity row. He would like to see specific hours that people can be on that public land, and some measures that would automatically be taken, rather than placing the onus on property owners to call the police. Mr. Naples added that the nuisance behavior typically occurs for a very short period of time, normally in the spring and fall for three or four weeks.

Mary Brown stated that she lives at the very entrance to the Mink Brook trail at #1 Downing Road, and because of her location she gets traffic continually turning in and out of her driveway and students depositing trash into her driveway. On summer nights she indicated that they take the phone up to the bedroom waiting for noise in order to call the police, and they have to sleep with the windows closed to keep the noise level down. She also mentioned that there are speeding cars around a very sharp corner at the end of their driveway. She stated that she is in favor of the complaint basis response because she feels this is the way to manage the problem initially, and then the word will spread that violators are being fined.

Bob Norman stated that he sympathizes with the neighbors' problems concerning drinking, noise and fires. He added that Balch Hill is owned by the Hanover Conservation Council, and that the Council shares some responsibility for what takes place there. In order to reach Balch Hill, most people travel through Town public land, and he pointed out that if the Ordinance prevents people from going through that land or being on that land, they will not be able to access Balch Hill in that manner. Mr. Norman noted, however, that people could access the top of Balch Hill without going through public lands by going on a trail by Grasse Road and

Trescott Road which goes through College land. He added that the Conservation Council shares the desire to avoid the kind of activities that are being complained about; however, they also recognize that the top of Balch Hill is one of the best places in Town for stargazing and it would be a shame to prohibit that activity. Mr. Norman indicated that if it were his decision, he would want to make sure all alternatives were investigated for achieving the goal, which is to make sure that the people who use the properties do so in such a manner as to not cause a nuisance. He added that although he cannot speak for the Council, he would think that the Council would find it worthwhile to help with this process. He suggested that alternatives be discussed which would not prohibit amateur astronomers from going to the top of Balch Hill to look at the stars.

Barbara Hall stated that the issue foremost to her is the safety of students going there at night, many of whom have been drinking, and the danger of going off the rope swing into a murky river. She feels that this activity will result in a horrible tragedy.

Marcella Logue added that she is also concerned about the safety issue. She suggested that the Town look into its insurance policy because if an accident were to happen to a student, the student's parents would probably blame the Town.

Mr. Norman suggested that a study committee be set up to look at the ways in which the goals can be accomplished, and to determine if it is really necessary to close these lands to the public from sunset to sundown.

Chief Nick Giaccone read the times logged of complaints received from three families over a period of two summers; these complaints total 37 complaints on Downing Road. Some of the times were as follows: 5:36 a.m.; 2:25 a.m.; 4:35 a.m.; 3:05 a.m.; 4:58 a.m.; 1:02 a.m.; 3:35 a.m.; 11:30 p.m.; 12:48 a.m.; 3:30 a.m.; 12:51 a.m.; 3:16 a.m.; 11:06 p.m.; 10:41 p.m.; 12:07 and 12:08 a.m.; 11:34 p.m.; 10:56 p.m.; 4:27 a.m.; 10:41 p.m.; 9:28 p.m.; 12:15 a.m.; 10:27 p.m.; 9:15 p.m.; 3:47 a.m.; 10:18 p.m.; 8:58 p.m.; 9:59 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; 3:35 a.m.; 12:31 a.m.; 12:56 a.m.; 12:20 a.m.; 9:56 p.m.; 2:25 a.m.; 9:54 p.m.; and 10:10 p.m. He commented that he does not believe anyone would want to live in that area and tolerate what these people have been through. Looking at the problem from a police perspective of going there and trying to enforce noise or drinking seems reasonable, but Chief Giaccone indicated that when the officers get there the noise and drinking have stopped. The current process would rely on these victims being victimized again, giving statements and having to come to court to testify as to what woke them up in the middle of the night, whereas the adoption of the ordinance would allow a police officer to observe a person that is in violation of the sign and to take care of the problem. He added that trying to fix the problem by addressing noise, drinking or whatever brought them there in the first place is not reasonable.

Peter Doyle feels that if an ordinance is passed saying people should not use public lands during certain periods, those people who are serious about obeying the laws will not go on that public land. He added that if the ordinance is passed, the Town should be sure that it does not want law abiding citizens to go on public lands after sundown.

Jenny Hall suggested that the rope swing tree be cut down to prevent reinstallation of the rope swing, as this appears to be the draw to the property.

Mr. Walsh noted that Ordinance 20 says that access to public land shall be allowed only from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset, and asked for discussion from the Board members.

Ms. Black indicated that she would like the Ordinance language to be enlarged to say specifically the area at the rope swing and the entrance to Balch Hill.

Mr. Manchester agreed with Ms. Black; he would like to be sure that if the Ordinance is passed the Police Department can effectively police it. Chief Giaccone commented that it is not the Department's intent to go walking on Balch Hill or any other land looking for stargazers; when they have a complaint they will respond to investigate it.

Mr. Walsh indicated that if the Ordinance is passed, his hope would be that the Valley News would treat it as a public safety issue and that Dartmouth College would publish a statement in its first issue of The Dartmouth that comes out, or in issues as students arrive on campus. He feels that on a complaint driven basis is one way to address the problem, but also that reasonable publicity about people living together and public safety is a reasonable thing for the public press to go forward with.

Mr. Colligan wished to empathize with people struggling with the problem, and added that he thinks it is fair to say that the two areas discussed are not the only two areas in Town subject to late hour noise. If the rope swing is a major draw for that particular spot, he suggested that consideration be given to the tree being cut down. He noted that there is a general perception in Hanover that the Town is getting more and more focused on making more and more laws and enforcing more things. He feels that some of the criticisms are fair and some are not fair, but that passing this Ordinance is another step in that direction. If no other way can be figured out to deal with the problem, however, he feels that this is a price that the community has to pay. Mr. Colligan added that this problem is one of the elements of living in a College town, and the problems are spreading through Town because more houses are turning into College housing as rentals. As the Selectmen's representative to the Conservation Commission, he stated that the Commission feels strongly that this type of limitation would restrict law-abiding citizens. He feels that this is another reason to try to address the real problem before continuing to squeeze down on what people can and cannot do.

Ms. Connolly stated that she feels the two areas which have received many complaints should be targeted for restriction, and she feels it is necessary legislation.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen adopt Ordinance 20 with Section 5 reading "access to public land at the rope swing area and the entrance to Balch Hill be allowed only from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset". Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION

and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20 WITH SECTION 5 READING "ACCESS TO PUBLIC LAND AT THE ROPE SWING AREA AND THE ENTRANCE TO BALCH HILL BE ALLOWED ONLY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET".

Ms. Griffin asked if the Board would consider amending the motion to include an Appendix A to reflect the updated list of Town owned land under Conservation Commission supervision. Mr. Walsh suggested that rather than Ms. Griffin's suggested amendment, that the Board of Selectmen direct the Town Manager to keep a current and accurate inventory of Town owned lands under Conservation Commission supervision so that it is not necessary to come back with corrections in the future.

Ms. Griffin referred Mr. Walsh to language in the ordinance which says "public lands - shall mean any easement conveyed to the Town by deed duly recorded and listed as updated in Appendix A." She believes that this language would allow the Town to maintain the list in an updated fashion without having to come back to the Board to update the Ordinance each time a new piece of public land was acquired.

Mr. Colligan asked the Chief Giaccone to state for the public what the penalty for violation of the Ordinance is. Chief Giaccone answered that the fine would be \$100 per person per incident.

Mr. Walsh feels that it would be appropriate for the Police Department to work with the College proctor to find an appropriate way for notice to be published in the College papers relative to this, and to point out that this is not a question of the Board being punitive, but rather is a way for the Board to try to protect individuals' ability to sleep and to protect students from injuring or killing themselves. Mr. Walsh feels that the information should be published in the Valley News as quickly as possible and be in effect as close as possible to the beginning of school, partially to establish the right habits for next spring. Ms. Griffin explained that it would take two or three weeks for the appropriate signs to be prepared.

Regarding Ordinance 5 relative to seasonal weight restrictions on public highways, Ms. Griffin noted that the only significant change to the Ordinance is to add a new item requiring the posting of a performance bond by loggers and contractors who want to get access to a roadway before the weight restrictions have been lifted. They will be asked to post a bond so that if the roadway is negatively impacted by their usage during weight restriction periods that the Town can collect on that bond for necessary road repairs.

Ms. Griffin pointed out that there are very minor changes to Ordinance 7 regarding traffic; these changes refer to emergency vehicles, Hanover Police Department vehicles and Fire Department vehicles under Section 4B definitions, and a change referencing the Lebanon District Court for summons and pleas by mail.

Regarding Ordinance 27, Street Vendors, Ms. Griffin suggested that Shrine Day be spelled out as a day that the street vendors are under the auspices of the Shriners. Ms. Griffin indicated that a new section could

be added to address Shrine Day.

Lisa Lock from Randolph, Vermont, asked for an explanation of what was being changed in the street vendor Ordinance. Ms. Griffin explained that page 4 specifies the location of one of the temporary vendor outlets to be in front of The Gap. The reason for trying to be specific in giving location names is to prevent arguments with vendors as to the exact location of a vending unit. There is also one temporary outlet on the sidewalk between Ledyard Bank and Citizens Bank. Also, language has been included in item 7 which reads "in the event that a temporary outlet in front of the Municipal Building has not been assigned for a six month term, the Town Manager may assign that temporary outlet on a daily basis in conformance with Section 9 of this Ordinance only if all other spaces are sold out."

Ms. Black asked about language defining the end of the business day. Ms. Griffin answered that the Board can determine the end of the business day; it would typically coincide with dark, but it would not be unusual to have a food vendor who might want to be open until well after dark on a nice summer evening. Ms. Black suggested that item #4 be removed. Mr. Walsh asked how this Ordinance would insure that items are not left in vending locations overnight. Ms. Griffin suggested that she could refine the language of this Ordinance and bring it back to the Board with revisions.

Regarding Ordinance #28 - King Road, Ms. Griffin explained that the change is that exceptions for travel on the restricted portion of King Road have been spelled out in more detail, making it clear that once travel is allowed on a restricted section the vehicle cannot exit by going down the hill. There has also been a bonding requirement included which is very similar to the seasonal weight restricting bonding requirement referred to earlier. Previously, the language had read "all motor vehicles having a gross vehicle weight rating of 18,000 lbs. or more shall be excluded from the Town highway known as King Road from the intersection of King Road and Laramie Road on the east to the intersection of King Road and Etna Road on the west." The following language has been added "Exceptions - the following motor vehicles having the gross vehicle weight rating of 18,000 lbs. or more are exempt - Town emergency and public utility vehicles in the performance of official duties, private contractors engaged to perform work on behalf of the Town or public utilities, or owners of property within the excluded portion of King Road or any other road accessible only via the excluded section, provided that no other alternate route is available, and vehicles making local deliveries on the excluded section of King Road or any other road accessible only via the excluded section of King Road. The exceptions provided in paragraph 2 and 3 above shall authorize vehicles with a gross vehicle weight rating of 18,000 lbs. or more to travel only in an easterly direction." Ms. Griffin also noted language which constitutes a new Section C as follows: "Private contractors engaged to perform work on behalf of landowners on the restricted section of King Road may be allowed provided they apply in writing to the Director of Public Works who will impose reasonable conditions and may establish reasonable regulations for bonding and restoring the highway. Application shall include number of vehicles, period of work to be performed, license

plate numbers, and a contact person."

Mr. Walsh closed the public hearing.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen approve changes in Ordinances #1, 5, 7 and 28, as presented. Mr. Manchester SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CHANGES IN ORDINANCES #1, 5, 7 AND 28, AS PRESENTED.

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen approve Ordinance #2 and #27, as corrected. Ms. Black SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2 AND #27, AS CORRECTED.

Ms. Griffin will send out customized wording for Ordinance #2 and #27 as discussed by the Board for their acceptance.

Mr. Walsh wished to change the order of the agenda to discuss agenda item #6.

6. CONSIDERATION OF MINOR INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AT INTERSECTION OF SCHOOLHOUSE LANE AND ETNA ROAD.

Ms. Griffin displayed a drawing of the intersection of Schoolhouse Lane and Etna Road. She noted that the Board had conducted a site visit in Etna recently at which approximately 20 local Etna residents gathered to provide additional feedback to the Board. The essence of the discussion was to talk about doing the following items: The first issue and decision which has already been made by the Town was to widen the bridge to 20 ft. from its current width, which will be accomplished by moving the guardrails which are now in the middle of the abutment walls to the outside of the walls to provide more travel width. Also, the grade of the bridge will be raised to extend to the top of the abutment wall. The 5 ft. wide pedestrian walkway will be off the southern side of the bridge to enable pedestrians to walk the bridge without being in the middle of the vehicular travel way.

Ms. Griffin indicated that the site was visited to determine that the Planning and Zoning and Public Works staff were comfortable with what the Board had suggested. Based on feedback received over the last few months, the Board has also suggested that the Town install a curbed island essentially just south of the intersection of Schoolhouse Lane and Etna Road to in front of the store to prevent parking of vehicles in that location. Discussion was had regarding sloped granite curb vs. regular granite curb vs. asphalt curb, and the decision was made to use straight granite curbing as it would prevent vehicles from driving up on it.

In addition, Ms. Griffin noted that Mrs. Chickering has sent a letter requesting that the Board consider installing another raised granite curb island to the north of Etna Road to prevent trucks from parking there, as well as because of a problem with blocking of the sight line for people attempting to turn either right or left onto Etna Road. The Public Works Department has indicated to Ms. Griffin that if the Board is interested in

doing this, the decision needs to be made when the decision is made regarding the other improvements to prevent repaving of the entire apron at a later time.

Ms. Griffin stated that Town staff feels very strongly that the bridge should be paved. The Public Works director, the highway superintendent and assistant public works director have indicated that in order to take advantage of the full width of the bridge, pavement is required to fully adhere to the abutment walls to gain the maximum width possible. Theoretically, vehicles would be able to build up speed with a paved surface, but they feel that they would also be able to build up speed by improving the traffic surface whether it is paved or not. She pointed out, however, that with such a sharp turn to the right it will be very difficult to build up speed going in, but it will be easier to build up speed coming out. Keith Southworth has indicated that simply using gravel or a mix rather than paving will not provide enough stability to use the abutment walls to drive on.

John Chickering questioned whether the entire 20 ft. would be able to be driven on. Ms. Griffin referred to the sketch showing the placement of the abutment walls and guardrails. The plan is to attach the abutment walls to what are called casements which extend out beyond the bridge to enable vehicles to safely travel right up against the edge of the paved surface. She added that she has confidence in the Public Works Director and Assistant Public Works Director to perform the bridge design, and she has not questioned the integrity of those designs. Ms. Griffin indicated that if the Board wishes to have engineered drawings it would be possible, but that this is not required for any of the other bridges which are maintained in Town. She stressed that nothing would be designed which they did not believe would be safe to carry two-way traffic. Regarding the safety aspect of speed of traffic going around the turn down into the Post Office and the concern that paving might lead to encourage faster moving vehicles, Ms. Griffin stated that experience with bridges like this one is that the length of the bridge is short and the turn just after the bridge is so immediate that it would be very difficult to go much faster than cars are currently going.

John Chickering mentioned the problem with potholes reappearing and questioned whether paving would help this problem. Ms. Griffin explained that the plan is to place sufficient gravel to do enough work on the road bed so that they would not be just pouring asphalt on a road that has been problematic to begin with. It is felt that the work will take about two weeks to complete, including the bridge work, the sidewalk and the roadwork itself.

Mr. Chickering asked how far the pavement would extend. Ms. Griffin answered that her understanding is that paving will terminate at just about the point where the sewer siphon is when descending down into Mr. Dickinson's property, beginning at the section from the entrance over the bridge.

Mr. Chickering noted that runoff from his driveway creates a mess all winter long on the road. Ms. Griffin noted that she will ask the Public

Works Department to speak to Mr. Chickering specifically about this problem, and whether a culvert would be required to direct the drainage.

Mr. Walsh asked what the guardrail would be made of. Ms. Griffin answered that the intention is to reuse the current metal guardrail. Both Keith Southworth and Peter Kulbacki agree that a wooden guardrail, which was suggested by some Etna residents, would not be nearly as safe as a metal guardrail.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen vote to move the guardrails of the bridge, pave the bridge, pave the portion of Schoolhouse Lane owned by the Town, and build a vertical curbed island on the south side of Schoolhouse Lane.

Mr. Colligan asked what the safety rationale of paving the bridge was, in addition to the engineering rationale. Ms. Griffin indicated that the safety concern on the part of residents was that paving could increase speeds. The decision was basically an engineering rationale as paving would allow the bridge to be easy for the Town to maintain in the winter time. The Public Works staff felt very strongly that in order to widen the bridge, they needed to pave it.

Mr. Walsh indicated that another proposal at the site visit was to take off the lower limbs of the pine tree on the corner by the siphon for better visibility. Ms. Griffin noted that there are two large old trees which will have to come down that are essentially half-dead, and the pine trees need to have their lower branches trimmed.

Ms. Connolly agreed with paving of the bridge; she pointed out that Mr. Dickinson's property has already had problems with dust, and whereas the site plan approval allows for up to 600 trips a day on that road, the dust could become an enormous problem on the road as well as in the property.

Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION, and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE THE GUARDRAILS OF THE BRIDGE, PAVE THE BRIDGE, PAVE THE PORTION OF SCHOOLHOUSE LANE OWNED BY THE TOWN, AND BUILD A VERTICAL CURBED ISLAND ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF SHCOOLHOUSE LANE.

It was the consensus of the Board to not put a motion on the table relative to curbing on the north side of the intersection.

4. DISCUSSION OF LONG-RANGE PLAN UPDATE AND TECHNOLOGY PLAN FOR THE HOWE LIBRARY

Chris Vermilya presented an update of the Long-Range Plan and Technology Plan for the Howe Library. She pointed out that in the update they briefly discuss the Library's accomplishments, continuing activities and strategies. They decided to do a survey, a copy of which is included in Appendix A. The survey was mailed to 450 randomly selected residents; 184, or 41%, were returned. There were 725 surveys handed out at the Library by volunteers, and 396, or 55% of those were returned.

Marlene McGonigle discussed strategies, which are mostly an outgrowth of what the Library has been doing for the last three years for long-range planning. The first strategy is to implement plans for Howe Library's centennial. All residents received a newsletter which highlights the first half of the year for the centennial. She indicated that the kick-off is Friday, September 17th, with a parade from the original library proceeding through Town to the present library.

Ms. McGonigle noted that there are four strategies concerning the building renovation programs. She explained for the viewers and public that while most public libraries are built with tax dollars, Howe Library's current building was built by the Howe Library Corporation with its operations funded by the Town of Hanover. When a building program is entered into, the Howe Library Corporation will again conduct fundraising to build the building. She added that one of the Selectmen's objectives and one of the Library's strategies is to discuss an appropriate apportionment of the increased expenses that will come from the new building.

Ms. McGonigle also pointed out that an architect has been hired to do a design concept phase within the building. The next strategy is to be able to attempt to educate residents in an attempt to build advocacy for the building program. Another strategy is to actually begin at some point to do fundraising for the building, and the sixth strategy is for the Howe to advocate for a good level of funding for staffing at the Library. The primary priority at this point is for a part-time assistant in the children's area. Ms. McGonigle explained that all of the surveys and roles that support the mission statement indicate that serving parents and young children is one of the top goals for the Howe Library, and the top way to serve the Town's residents. She would like very much to be able to fund an assistant in that area to expand the program. The last strategy has to do with cooperative networking which would study the potential of reciprocal borrowing among area libraries.

Ms. Connolly suggested that perhaps there should be a readjustment in the numbers since there is a planned expansion of about 80% in square footage and only an expansion of about 13% in personnel. Ms. McGonigle explained that she thinks the addition of personnel for the expansion will depend entirely on the design of the building. There could be an expansion added to the Library that allows sight lines to be as good as they are now, which would not result in large numbers of additional personnel.

Ms. Griffin indicated that the Howe Library budget is a little more than 7% of the Town's total budget at the current time. Mr. Colligan questioned at what point a discussion will take place regarding the financial impact of the expansion on the Town's budget. Ms. Griffin answered that obviously the preliminary budget layout begins to drive the numbers in terms of the staffing that would be required, as well as the feasibility. She suggested that discussion would be had both in terms of the upcoming budget and a year from now about the costs associated as well as the funding scenarios. Mr. Colligan suggested that these discussions be held as soon as possible.

Ellen Lynch discussed the Technology Plan for the Library. She explained that this plan is actually a separate report required by the New Hampshire State Library and is required for any grant applications. Ms. Lynch noted that one major point in the plan is that technology is a tool, and is a means by which the Library is able to accomplish its mission, rather than an end in itself. She referred to a time line included in the plan which lists accomplishments during the past year and a half, and what has been scheduled in for this present year into 2000, as well as what is projected through the year 2005.

Dick Winters stated that from everything he has heard from the Trustees as well as conversations with he has had with Ms. McGonigle, he believes that the larger, renovated Howe Library will result in extremely modest staffing increases. He also commented that he believes it is a little too early to begin talking about what some of the financial implications for the Town might be until the architect has had a chance to report to the Library trustees in their annual corporation meeting in November. Once that occurs, he thinks that there will be some understanding of the boundary conditions being discussed to allow a realistic estimate of the financial implications, both for the Corporation and the Town. He explained that the first round of discussions will basically be tentative with the Selectmen about what appears to be some of the implications for those plans. A factor not yet mentioned is that there is hoped to be a capital campaign on the part of the Corporation that could be sufficient to deal with the architect's plans, and it is also hoped that Hanover and the Upper Valley population will be sufficiently generous to be able to endow other operations of the Library in such a way that they would be budget relieving for the Town with respect to the added obligations.

Mr. Colligan pointed out that his experience with architects is that even when they start with a financial framework, they always exceed it. He commented that the architect chosen is a very famous architect who obviously has very good taste. Mr. Colligan expressed concern about managing the financial impact of this project.

Mr. Walsh noted that the Hanover taxpayers are going to be under increasing stress and duress with regard to the solution of the Claremont education funding problem, and it will be a difficult time to balance expansion of any sort.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen commend and endorse Howe Library's committee work, long-range plan and technology plan. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO COMMEND AND ENDORSE HOWE LIBRARY'S COMMITTEE WORK, LONG-RANGE PLAN AND TECHNOLOGY PLAN.

3. REVIEW, APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANOVER AND THE LEAGUE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ARTS AND CRAFTS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING GARAGE

Ms. Griffin explained that the Board of Selectmen will see several matters regarding execution of easements over the next two or three months. This

particular easement includes the property line between the parking garage property and the property of the New Hampshire Arts and Crafts building.

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen approve and authorize the execution of the easement and agreement between the Town of Hanover and the League of New Hampshire Arts and Crafts related to construction of the parking garage. Ms. Black SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE EASEMENT AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANOVER AND THE LEAGUE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE ARTS AND CRAFTS RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF THE PARKING GARAGE.

Mr. Walsh indicated that the difficulty with this issue is that he believes it was committed at Town Meeting a year and a half ago to have a public hearing on easements required for the parking garage. Ms. Griffin explained that her reading of the Town Meeting commitment is that there are large easement issues coming forward, which is the development agreement itself, and a whole series of easements related to the Dartmouth College and Town of Hanover layering of the parking garage and building. The Board has now been authorized to accept and convey easements, but there was a clear statement made at Town Meeting that those easements would be subject to a public hearing. She did not read that the minor easements between the parking garage and the other abutting properties should be subject to a public hearing, and she suggested that all of those easements be brought forward together at one time.

5. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED PARKING PAY STATION INSTALLATION IN MARSHALL AND HSD LOTS

Ms. Griffin explained that the Board had deliberated on the issue of pay stations as an alternative to parking meters; it had been suggested that the Board consider a combination of the Marshall Lot and HSD Lot as they tend, for the most part, to be used for long-term parking.

Patrick O'Neill presented a brief presentation regarding the parking pay station. He explained that the parking consultant came up with a plan to place the pay station at the island located between the HSD Lot and the Marshall Lot, using the power at the pole located near the roadway. Signage would begin in the lot with #1 through #24 based on poles, with each pole being numbered up to #103. Numbers 1 through 24 would transfer over to 25 through 103 in these parking lots. Also, on each side and around the parking lots there would need to be signs to direct parkers to go to the pay station located on the island, punch in their space number, and put in the appropriate amount of money based on whether they were in the 3 hr. lot or the 10 hr. lot. There would be no pay by display system, but rather the pay by space system which makes it easier on the customer as well as the enforcement officer. The parking technician would enforce the pay station violations by going up to the pay station, punching in a special code, and receiving a receipt of all spaces that should be empty within the lots. Sgt. O'Neill believes this is a great alternative for these lots as purchasing the same amount of parking meters would result in approximately the same cost.

Ms. Griffin explained that they would re-use the same meter head poles. Mr. Colligan noted that this would result in a cost/purchase neutral situation, but wondered if it would be maintenance neutral or better. Sgt. O'Neill answered that there is low maintenance on electronic meters. It appears from references received that maintenance is equally low on pay stations. A benefit he anticipates would be that they will not have to go to each meter to actually retrieve the money, but rather can just go to the pay station.

The Board of Selectmen concurred with the proposal for the parking pay station as presented.

7. CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN DONOR COMMUNITY COALITION RESEARCH PROJECT RELATIVE TO STATEWIDE ASSESSING PRACTICES

Mr. Walsh noted that the Town had met with the School Board recently on this matter. Ms. Connolly asked if there were sums of monies established at that meeting. Mr. Walsh explained that the School Board's response was that developing a process whereby Town and School boards and the Finance Committee would set broad tax rate goals before the budgeting process was an appropriate step, and the Hanover and Dresden School Boards, the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen are going forward on that basis. The second piece is whether or not to participate in funding of the research that the donor communities are doing relative to the possibility of whether sufficiently inequitable assessing practices around the state support a lawsuit. The Hanover School Board felt, assuming the Selectmen act in this direction, that they would encourage the Town to support the research, and that they would pay their fair share of that research. The third issue was whether the Town of Hanover should become a plaintiff in the donor community lawsuit, and it was suggested that this question be tabled until the research was completed.

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION that the Town of Hanover, by the Hanover School Board or the Town itself, fund \$5,000 to support the research being conducted by the donor communities relative to the assessment practices in the State, and that the Town Manager meet with Ken Greenbaum to determine an equitable split between the Town and the Hanover School District.

Mr. Colligan AMENDED THE MOTION to say that the Hanover Selectboard appropriate \$10,000 to support the research being conducted by the donor communities relative to the assessment practices in the State, and that the Town Manager discuss with the Superintendent of Schools so that a separate determination can be made from the leadership that the Selectboard needs to provide on this issue; if the School Board chooses to pick up a portion of the financial support, the Town's portion would be adjusted accordingly. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE AMENDMENT.

Mr. Colligan indicated that as he studied HB 117, it became very clear to him that it is not equitable, not accountable, not financially viable and not sustainable. In his view the law enables redistribution of wealth, and does

not provide tax sharing for improving education. It penalizes towns like Hanover that have always made education a top priority, and the attempt at a solution has focused on money and taxes not on education and children. He feels that potentially this solution will put some people, some towns, and potentially the State of New Hampshire in financial jeopardy. Mr. Colligan feels that it is a compelling enough situation that he would hope the School Board would choose to join, but in the absence of the School Board's financial contribution, he feels it is responsible and prudent for the Selectboard to appropriate what was asked for the research piece, and allow the Selectboard and School Board to have more information before the separate determination is made as to whether or not there is legal activity from the Town.

Mr. Walsh explained that the reason he picked \$5,000 rather than \$10,000 is that \$10,000 is 10% of the Town's legal budget, and his full expectation was that the Town would get another opportunity to participate as the research came in. He explained that he would not want the donor community coalition to think that Hanover is putting \$10,000 on the table with another \$10,000 or \$20,000 to go. Mr. Colligan indicated that his sense is if the Town contributed less than \$10,000, there might be an expectation that there would be more. If the Town contributed \$10,000, however, it would be a very strong signal as to the Town's position that more information is valuable before it made a determination on legal activity. He is very hopeful that the School Board would decide to contribute, as it represents 2/3 of the property tax and this issue is something that impacts everyone.

The Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE HANOVER SELECTBOARD APPROPRIATE \$10,000 TO SUPPORT THE RESEARCH BEING CONDUCTED BY THE DONOR COMMUNITIES RELATIVE TO THE ASSESSMENT PRACTICES IN THE STATE, AND THAT THE TOWN MANAGER DISCUSS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS SO THAT A SEPARATE DETERMINATION CAN BE MADE FROM THE LEADERSHIP THAT THE SELECTBOARD NEEDS TO PROVIDE ON THIS ISSUE; IF THE SCHOOL BOARD CHOOSES TO PICK UP A PORTION OF THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE TOWN'S PORTION WOULD BE ADJUSTED ACCORDINGLY.

8. CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSED POLICY GOVERNING NON-RESIDENTIAL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TEAM SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

Ms. Griffin stated that this agenda item represents a recommendation of the Parks and Rec Board. She explained that there are typically situations where a non-resident student from a surrounding community wishes to participate in more than one team sport. Because some team sports tend to fill up faster than others, and because the Parks and Rec Board is cognizant of the need to provide access to Hanover residents first and foremost, they have recommended the policy which reads as follows: "Students from surrounding communities will be allowed to participate on Hanover teams if space is available and the town in which they reside does not offer a program in their sport or grade." Ms. Griffin's recollection is that under 10% of the participants are from out-of-town, including Norwich.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a policy governing non-residential youth participation in Hanover Parks and Recreation Department team sports activities. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN VOTE TO APPROVE A POLICY GOVERNING NON-RESIDENTIAL YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN HANOVER PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT TEAM SPORTS ACTIVITIES.

- 9. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE POLE LICENSE FOR REPLACEMENT UTILITY POLE ON WOODROW ROAD.**

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a pole license for a replacement utility pole on Woodrow Road. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE A POLE LICENSE FOR A REPLACEMENT UTILITY POLE ON WOODROW ROAD.

- 10. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SEPTEMBER 27, 1999 ON PROPOSED BICYCLE PATH LAYOUT FROM DOWNTOWN HANOVER TO DHMC.**

Ms. Griffin indicated that the date of the public hearing should be amended to October 18, 1999.

Mr. Manchester MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing for October 18, 1999 on the proposed bicycle path layout from downtown Hanover to DHMC. Ms. Black SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 18, 1999 ON THE PROPOSED BICYCLE PATH LAYOUT FROM DOWNTOWN HANOVER TO DHMC.

- 11. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 18, 1999 TO CONSIDER PROPOSED LAY-OUT AND ACCEPTANCE OF IVY POINTE WAY AS A PUBLIC STREET.**

Mr. Colligan MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen set a public hearing for October 18, 1999 to consider a proposed lay-out and acceptance of Ivy Pointe Way as a public street. Ms. Black SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Colligan asked for the rationale for this request. Ms. Griffin answered that the rationale was for ease of maintenance and plowing.

Ms. Connolly explained that legal lots cannot be developed without Class 5 or below frontage. To have a Class 5 road it has to be a Town road, and therefore a Town road has to be created. Ms. Griffin noted that the road in question was built to Town standards and bonds have been posted to insure that there are sufficient monies to maintain it in the future.

The Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING FOR OCTOBER 18, 1999 TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED LAY-OUT AND ACCEPTANCE OF IVY POINTE WAY AS A PUBLIC STREET.

12. APPOINTMENTS: DISABILITY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen appoint Karen Laramor to the Disability Accessibility Advisory Committee. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT KAREN LARAMOR TO THE DISABILITY ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

13. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin explained that an issue has come up regarding property at the top of Moose Mountain where the tower is located, owned by the University system. She noted that there are a number of properties that UNH is considering disposing of throughout the State. The Society for the Protection of NH Forests has been engaged to do a preliminary assessment for them of the interest level in host communities for the acquisition of these properties, particularly conservation commissions. The Hanover Conservation Commission has expressed interest in being able to consider the value of acquiring that land for its view corridor. Ms. Griffin indicated that she thinks the Town might have a strategic interest because the land houses the communication tower which generates rental income as well as housing some of the Town's telecommunications.

Ms. Griffin added that she understands the Appalachian Trail system has expressed interest in the property as well, and has actually inquired if UNH would hold off for a year as to whether or not to dispose of any of these properties. When she was contacted on the Appalachian Trail issue, she commented that she felt the Town needed to be able to consider its own strategic interest in the property since it hosts the telecommunication tower, and that the biggest issue recently with the Appalachian Trail conference is that they have acquired additional land in Hanover within the last few months with no increase in payments in lieu of tax from them, nor will they even provide the Town with the formula by which they calculate the meager payment in lieu of tax they provide currently. Ms. Griffin noted that she notified the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests of the Town's potential interest as a way to reserve a place for the Town, depending on what the Trustees decide in the future.

Ms. Griffin reminded the Board members about the parking retreat to be held on September 16, 1999 at 8:30 a.m.

Ms. Griffin also reported that ridership numbers for the first eight days of extended Advance Transit operation have increased. Mr. Colligan asked if there was any anecdotal support that there are more spaces available in downtown because of the increased service of the shuttle. Ms. Griffin answered that she is not sure, but that the true proof will be when the Dartmouth students return. She added that meter feeding enforcement will begin on Wednesday, September 15th.

14. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported that a recent Planning Board meeting dealt with a lot line adjustment creating a lot for Bob Bailey, and also a site plan on Lyme Road which will increase the size of one of the business buildings there. The upcoming Planning Board meeting will discuss possible zoning changes in the rural district, combining that with the statutory framework in growth management. There is also work being done on the Master Plan and changes in the rural district.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black reported that at a recent Senior Citizens Advisory Committee meeting it was urged that the Town keep continuing plans for the Senior Center. Ms. Griffin noted that on the next agenda there will be discussion of points developed by Jonathan Edwards coming out of the meeting in Concord with CDBG staff regarding central funding and a feasibility grant for preliminary design for the Senior Center.

Mr. Manchester

Mr. Manchester reported that the Howe Library parade will be Friday afternoon, September 17th. There will also be a Recreation Committee meeting Wednesday, September 15th at 6:30 and a parking retreat all day Thursday, September 16th, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Mr. Colligan

Mr. Colligan reported that the Conservation Commission will meet Wednesday, September 15th at 5:00 p.m., and that the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 3:30 on Tuesday, September 14th in room 107 at the Hanover Inn.

Mr. Colligan also reported that he had been asked by a couple of individuals about the balls on the Ledyard Bridge, and wondered if this is an issue that can be discussed or whether this is the way the bridge is going to look forever. Ms. Black explained that when the Ledyard Bridge project was presented at Town Meeting, it was turned down because the citizenry did not like the design the State and a committee of Hanover and Norwich residents had come up with. One request from the New Hampshire Department of Transportation was to hire an architect who designed the bridge, and the committee thought it was a marvelous plan and went ahead with the project. She added that the design incorporated very substantial citizen input.

Mr. Colligan pointed out that there are also safety concerns which have been raised with the design of the bridge. Ms. Black answered that the balls have reinforced bars going up through them and will not be able to be pushed over.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, September 14th at 4:00 p.m., a Parks and Rec Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 15th at the Rec Center at 6:30 p.m., and a Finance Committee meeting with Hanover and Dresden School Board Finance Committees on September 16th. He also reported that the Community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee met recently and developed an agenda for a lot of good action during the coming year.

15. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - AUGUST 16TH

Ms. Black **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the minutes of August 16, 1999 as written. Ms. Connolly **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED FIVE IN FAVOR, ONE ABSTAINING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 16, 1999 AS WRITTEN.**

16. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business to come before the Board.

17. ADJOURNMENT.

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

SUMMARY

- 1. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION** that the Board of Selectmen adopt Ordinance 20 with Section 5 reading "access to public land at the rope swing area and the entrance to Balch Hill be allowed only from 30 minutes before sunrise to 30 minutes after sunset. Ms. Connolly **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 20 WITH SECTION 5 READING "ACCESS TO PUBLIC LAND AT THE ROPE SWING AREA AND THE ENTRANCE TO BALCH HILL BE ALLOWED ONLY FROM 30 MINUTES BEFORE SUNRISE TO 30 MINUTES AFTER SUNSET.**
- 2. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION** that the Board of Selectmen approve changes in Ordinances #1, 5, 7 and 28, as presented. Mr. Manchester **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE CHANGES IN ORDINANCES #1, 5, 7 AND 28, AS PRESENTED.**
- 3. Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION** that the Board of Selectmen approve Ordinance #2 and #27, as corrected. Ms. Black **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #2 AND #27, AS CORRECTED.**
- 4. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION** that the Board of Selectmen vote to move the guardrails of the bridge, pave the bridge, pave the portion of Schoolhouse Lane owned by the Town, and build a vertical curbed island on the south side of Schoolhouse Lane. Ms. Connolly **SECONDED THE MOTION**, and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO MOVE THE GUARDRAILS OF THE**


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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


John Colligan, Secretary

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Nancy Richards.