

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JULY 10, 2000

4:00 P.M. - MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING - HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Vice-Chairman, Katherine S. Connolly. Present were: Katherine S. Connolly, Vice-Chairman; Marilyn Black; Judson Pierson; Bill Baschnagel; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

Ms. Connolly 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 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCE #19, REGULATION OF PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS.

Ms. Griffin explained that it was recommended to the Board in June when considering modifications to the rate and fee schedule that the Town consider returning to the ability for private property owners to choose to connect their alarm systems to Hanover's dispatch center directly rather than using private companies. She noted that Hanover's fees were set substantially higher than the average private security company; those companies charge in the vicinity of \$20 to \$25 per month. The reason that the Town got out of providing this service several years ago is that at that point in time it would have required the purchase of additional equipment in the dispatch center and it was decided not to spend the money. In the last decade, however, because of other dispatch needs there is now equipment in place that enables the department to provide that service. Ms. Griffin stated that she knows of some residences in Town that would prefer to be directly connected to the dispatch center rather than a private company.

Ms. Griffin pointed out some modifications to the language of the amendments to the Ordinance as suggested by Doug Hackett.

The Ordinance sets forth a charge of \$400 per year to provide this private alarm service with no differential for out-of-town residents. Ms. Black pointed out that a differential has always been charged for all other Town charges for a non-resident as opposed to a resident.

Doug Hackett pointed out that the fee proposed is already \$100 higher than last year's fee.

Mr. Baschnagel asked how the term "resident" is defined. Mr. Hackett answered that the original proposal back in June defined "resident" as some residing in the Town of Hanover, and "nonresident" as someone residing in another town for which Hanover provides radio

dispatch.

Mr. Hackett explained that part of the discussions that initiated his request to revise the language in the Ordinance was because of the amount of workload involved with taking calls from outside agencies rather than receiving them directly at the dispatch center. He noted that he would prefer that every alarm call came directly into Hanover's dispatch panel. Mr. Hackett noted that in drafting the proposal he did not want it to appear that Hanover was competing with private companies, and at \$300 this would be the case. He stated that he would prefer not to discourage people from connecting to Hanover, because it is a source of revenue and results in a decrease in the workload.

Chief Giaccone commented that private companies in the area charge between \$19 and \$21 a month for alarm service.

Ms. Black indicated that she does not think that Hanover should be in competition with private companies, but would recommend increasing the charge for nonresidents to \$400.

Ms. Connolly suggested that the Board wait 15 minutes before voting on this issue to allow any further public input.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ABATEMENT RECOMMENDATION BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Ms. Connolly stated that there was a recommendation from the Advisory Board of Assessors to lower the 7 Lebanon Street valuation from \$2,300,000 to \$1,700,000, and to deny the request for abatement of Charles and Jeffrey Urstadt.

Mr. Baschnagel asked for background information on the 7 Lebanon Street property. Assessor Mike Ryan explained that in the spring of 1997 ownership of the 7 Lebanon Street property was held by Fleet Bank's subsidiary. There was a settlement made between the Town and Fleet Bank for the preceding two or three tax years for roughly \$2,000,000. Dartmouth College agreed to accept that agreement for 1997 and to reserve the right to appeal at a later date. The College did not appeal in 1998, but did appeal in 1999. Mr. Ryan pointed out that the College purchased the property for \$1.675 million; the equalized sales price at that point in time would have been just under \$1.6 million. In 1999 they removed the improvements and the assessment was not revised at that time as it was felt that the improvements were worthless. Mr. Ryan stated that the abatement goes back to the original premise of the settlement on 1997 that \$2 million was indicative of the market value of the property. It is the Advisory Board of Assessors' opinion that \$2 million was excessive at that time and is still excessive.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen accept the recommendations of the Advisory Board of Assessors of June 22, 2000. Mr. Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF JUNE 22, 2000.

4. DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT ON-STREET PARKING.

Kenneth Greenbaum, Superintendent of SAU 70 consisting of the Dresden, Hanover and Norwich School Districts, thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the school

districts' needs regarding on-street parking.

Mr. Greenbaum stated that he would like the Board's opinion as to the number of spaces on Hovey Lane and Lebanon Street they might wish to continue to allow the School District to use in order to meet its parking needs.

Mr. Greenbaum referred to recommendations of the parking subcommittee's report setting forth numbers of spaces that they believe exist on Lebanon Street and Hovey Lane which the School District currently uses. There are 58 spaces on Lebanon Street, 10 permitted spaces on Hovey Lane and 39 other spaces on Hovey Lane. Mr. Greenbaum displayed a sketch depicting how they propose to meet on-site parking. He pointed out that there is a balance regarding being parking that is able to be allotted on the street versus maintaining green space. He feels that the Board is very aware of the need to try and preserve as much green space as possible while still meeting parking needs. The displayed sketch showed the latest design and provides for 208 on-site parking spaces while at the same time maintaining as much green space as possible in terms of retaining the athletic field and what is called the field hockey field.

Mr. Greenbaum noted that they propose to expand what is currently the Richmond Middle School parking area from about 46 spaces to 82 spaces, moving into what was the soccer field area. They also propose to develop parking in an area that is not used now except for storage; this area is located between the football and field hockey fields and can contain another 66 spaces. There are 29 spaces behind the building where there are currently parking spaces, and 31 spaces in the lot behind the library, for a total of 208 spaces on-site. Mr. Greenbaum pointed out that there are currently 161 spaces on site; while it would appear that the proposal would result in an increase in parking spaces, it is likely that the 50 spaces in Thompson Lot which are used by the school will be lost at some future date. He noted that although it is hard to predict the parking needs of students, he would estimate that a figure of 418 to 420 would be close to the demand.

Ellis Rolett stated that he was a member of the parking subcommittee; at the last meeting they set forth two options that were presented in the report to the Dresden School Building Committee. Option #1 was keeping the number of current on-site places, approximately 161 spaces. These spaces are used almost exclusively by teachers and staff. To that figure would be added 50 spaces which the College has indicated would eventually be lost to the school and would be phased in over a period of years. This results in 200 on-site spaces for Option #1. Option #2 is based on the assumptions contained in the Transportation Management Plan and assumes the number of on-site parking spaces at 163, which is essentially what is available at the current time. A straw vote was taken to determine which option was preferred by the Committee, and members of the Committee almost unanimously were in favor of Option #2. Mr. Rolett stated that the question in his mind is what an appropriate figure would be for offsite parking spaces, and feel this will depend on what can be done with the alternatives that the committee was in favor of, namely satellite parking, shuttle buses, etc. He explained that the data base which is being worked with is relatively marginal, having been based largely on a one-day survey done by Resource Systems Group of the high school and middle school staff back in 1998. Based on that survey, there has been a determination of a need for 424 parking spaces; however, the survey was based on a smaller student body and smaller staff, and

the administrative staff moving on site was also not included in that figure. He feels that the demand is actually greater than 424 spaces.

Mr. Baschnagel asked if the demand assumes that no traffic management is done and nothing is done to reduce the dependence on the automobile. Mr. Rolett explained that the demand was based in part on students indicating that they would have driven to school if there had been parking spaces available.

Mr. Greenbaum stated that he feels it would be fairly accurate to look at the demand for faculty parking at approximately 200 spaces; therefore, they have provided for 208 spaces on-site. He stated that it is probably true that the vast majority of this parking on-site will be allotted to staff parking and the few visitors who come to the school. They realize that there is going to be some demand for student parking, and they need to know in preparation for their meeting with the Planning Board whether or not the Selectboard sees the 107 spaces on Hovey Lane and Lebanon Street as a viable way of meeting the school's parking needs. He acknowledged that they could accommodate more parking on-site if that is what was required, but in doing so there would be a real trade-off with respect to green space and he pointed out that no matter how much parking is provided, the demand will rise to the supply.

Ms. Griffin noted that they had done an actual space audit on Hovey Lane and Lebanon Street to confirm the number of parking spaces available. On the east side of Hovey Lane there are 12 unmetered spaces reserved for the school, and 33 metered spaces. On the west side of Hovey Lane there are 25 permit spaces which are leased, and in some cases double leased, to employees of the downtown area, as well as one handicapped space. On the south side of Lebanon Street against the school there are five two-hour meters and twelve ten-hour meters. There are 26 ten-hour meters on the north side of Lebanon Street between Crosby and Summer Streets, and between Summer Street and #50 Lebanon Street there are 15 ten-hour meters.

Patricia Higgins, also a member of the subcommittee, commented that one of the things she learned last week when the building committee made their presentation to the School Board was that the athletic fields represent more than just green space. The field committee has felt that it would be very advantageous to be able to have a football field on the site.

Mr. Baschnagel stressed that he was speaking as an individual, and stated that the issue is not a parking issue. He feels that it is an issue of both parking and traffic, and how to get people to the school facility. He thinks that it is important that the facility be located centrally and that there are major advantages to retaining the current site; the question is how to make the site work, and one of the major problems with making the site work has to do with traffic issues every bit as much as parking. Mr. Baschnagel added that one of the things he found very interesting and reassuring is the building committee's interest in listening to the transportation subcommittee, although he wished they had listened a little stronger. He feels that if the school wants to utilize the site in a way that is most advantageous to the school and the Town that they get very proactive in changing habits of traveling to the school. He referred to Mr. Greenbaum's comment that about 200 members of the faculty will be occupying a preponderance of the on-site spaces and

stated that he does not find that acceptable. He thinks that the faculty has as much of an obligation as the students to change their habits regarding how to get to and from the school.

Mr. Baschnagel continued to say that public parking is multi-use parking, and the resources are multi-use resources and he feels the School District should be conscious of that fact. He feels that everyone has to move away from their dependence on the automobile and thinks that this represents a unique opportunity to move in that direction.

Ms. Black commented that for at least 20 years there has been work done regarding getting enough parking in Town, how to accommodate people of different income levels, people who work downtown and those who come into Town to shop, and to try to get a mix of parking for everyone. Purposely and with great thought permitted parking spaces were put on Hovey Lane at a lower rate than other permitted spaces so that employees would have a reasonable place to put their cars and then walk to work. For those 25 permitted spaces on Hovey Lane, Ms. Black stated that she would say they should not be available to be dedicated to the High School. because they are already dedicated to the people who work in Hanover and need a place to put their cars and walk to work. Ms. Black continued to say that 10 cent meters were put in with the reasoning that service personnel and others that work downtown need a reasonable place to put their automobile. She also pointed out that there is a Senior Center across the street from the High School, and when people go to activities there they park at meters on Lebanon Street if they are able to find one. She feels that there is an obligation to provide parking for the public that attends the Senior Center.

Ms. Black stated that when the College asks for a variance or special exception on parking and wants to use municipal parking, the Board says no. When private employers come and say they can meet their parking regulations if they can use a certain number of metered spaces on Main Street, the Board also says no. She indicated that she would have a hard time dedicating any more than the 12 spaces which have already been dedicated to the school, or to dedicate any parking at any meter to meet zoning requirements, whether it would be for the school, the college or a private business, because municipal parking is for people in the municipality, not for a dedicated use. Ms. Black stated that she would vote against dedicating anything more than the 12 spaces for those reasons, adding that there are other parking needs in Town besides the schools.

Ms. Black pointed out that the school accepts 140 tuition students and she feels the school has an obligation to have some student parking on site; the school is taking their money, they have to get to the school somehow, and she would not want them parking in the neighborhoods. She noted that there is nothing concrete regarding a shuttle bus or car pooling; these concepts are all vagaries in the air, and would not meet Zoning Board or Planning Board requirements. She stressed that the permitted spaces were put in for a reason, and that is to meet part of the Town's overall parking plan. She agreed that probably 60% of those spaces are taken by High School students each day, but there has to be space available for people who need to park.

Mr. Greenbaum noted that Ms. Black had referred to Zoning Ordinances, and he stated that the Zoning Ordinance requires that one space is provided for each 1.5 staff members;

for students the ratio is 1 space for 25 students. He noted that they have no problem already in this plan meeting those requirements.

Ms. Black pointed out that the Planning Board has the ability to require a different ratio than the Zoning Ordinance calls for.

Mr. Greenbaum noted that with regard to the Zoning Ordinance, in the strictest sense 173 spaces would be required while they show 208 spaces on their plan. He added that pragmatically everyone knows that given the habits and behaviors of people presently this is not enough spaces. That is why he is looking to the Board to define the number of spaces that can be dedicated to school parking so that they can build it into their plan.

Mr. Baschnagel stated that his suspicion is that the Planning Board will be concerned with the traffic more than the parking. He added that if Mr. Greenbaum were to go to the Planning Board and say that the plan meets the zoning requirements plus some parking that is available on site and point out actions that will be taken to mitigate the traffic, he feels that the Planning Board might be quite receptive to the program. Mr. Baschnagel added that many municipalities are setting maximum parking requirements rather than minimum parking requirements.

Mr. Greenbaum indicated that he feels the plan goes a long way toward looking at traffic management. There was a concern that the former plans would load Hovey Lane, and the current plans show very little penetration into that area. The plan also calls for traffic exiting in three places rather than at one focal point. In terms of traffic, Mr. Greenbaum does not feel that there will be an increase in traffic density as the population of the school is not expected to expand dramatically.

Mr. Baschnagel stated that what he is focusing on is reducing the 420, more or less, spaces that Mr. Greenbaum has set out as a requirement. He suggested that this is, in fact, a requirement which can be addressed.

Ms. Griffin asked if Mr. Baschnagel was referring to implementing a policy which does not allow students to drive their vehicles to school. Mr. Baschnagel answered that it would not be appropriate for him to tell the school how to accomplish this; he thinks there are a lot of techniques that could be applied, and the transportation committee has spent a fair amount of time identifying those and quantifying what might be expected.

Mr. Rolett commented that obviously many more spaces cannot be put on the lot if the bond is expected to sell to the public. The only way to get more parking on-site is to take away a playing field or build a multi-story parking garage, neither of which is going to be acceptable. Mr. Rolett referred to the report of the subcommittee and noted that they were really not suggesting that a certain number of spaces be set aside to be dedicated to the school; they were simply saying that this is the inventory of spaces that exist at the present time, and that there are only ten or twelve permitted spaces as well as other long-term spaces that are potentially available to students. He thinks that the concern of the subcommittee and the building committee is that the existing metered parking spaces that are available will eventually be permitted away to the Town business community or a special need outside of the School's needs so that the meters which are now available

may eventually disappear and not be available to the students. The subcommittee is looking to mainly guarantee that all of those metered spaces on Hovey Lane will not eventually be given away as permitted spaces to some other group in Town.

Mr. Rolett continued to say that the problem of traffic management is addressed in the transportation management plan that has been proposed by the subcommittee, although the subcommittee and the building committee do not really have control over this broad issue at this point in time. He feels that the Town is saying to the school that it is the school's problem, and the school is saying that they need some help. Mr. Rolett stated that he thinks it is a matter of everyone working together.

Mr. Baschnagel explained that this is not what he was trying to say; he agrees that the problem is everyone's problem. Every bit as much as the Town has to be aware of the need of a wide variety of its constituents, the school has to be aware of the need to take steps to meet their requirements. He stated that there has not been a suggestion to take those meters out which are of concern to Mr. Rolett; they will be there for a while. A lot of changes have been made in the parking meters over the last ten to fifteen years, and these changes are a reflection of how demand has changed over time. He feels that now is an appropriate time to ask the question of the schools of how they are going to address their parking needs over the long term and to encourage the schools to be very imaginative. He pointed out that one of the things that is very nice about that site is that it is already served by public transportation and also is in a location that is within walking distance or biking distance of many people.

Mr. Pierson commented that he sees one of the biggest problems as guaranteeing something over an extended period of time. He does not see how the Board can do that; the spaces are available on a first come, first served basis, and he does not see how the spaces can be counted on as being available only for the school.

Ms. Black suggested that one of the ways to handle the traffic problem would be to stagger school openings with one school opening a half hour before the other. She feels that the school leadership has to sit down and state that there are some needs for student parking. She thinks that it is necessary to look farther into the future as to how these needs will be met.

Ms. Connolly agreed with Mr. Pierson in that she does not think this Selectboard can tie the hands of future Boards of Selectmen. She called for a motion.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen dedicate twelve spaces on the south curb of Hovey Lane to the High School. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DEDICATE TWELVE SPACES ON THE SOUTH CURB OF HOVEY LANE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. Greenbaum asked that as he meets with the Planning Board in an informal hearing whether it would be accurate to report that the message from the Selectboard is that they have voted to allocate the twelve spaces on Hovey Lane, and while there are no immediate plans to remove the metered parking nor are there no guarantees of that either in the future, so the school's plan is simply to continue to use the parking as it is available

and try to reduce the demand as best they can. The Board concurred that this was a fair summary.

Returning back to item two on the agenda regarding proposed amendments to Ordinance #19, the follow motion was offered.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve Ordinance #19, Regulation of Private Alarm Systems, as amended. Mr. Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #19, REGULATION OF PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS, AS AMENDED.

Ms. Connolly closed the public hearing on this item.

5. DISCUSSION OF PARKS AND RECREATION POLICY REGARDING NON-RESIDENT PROGRAM PARTICIPATION.

Marc Milowsky referred to a letter he had written to the Rec Department requesting a change of policy regarding allowing his daughter, Madison, to partake in sports and recreational activities offered by the Hanover Rec Department. He stated that he is currently a resident of Hartland, Vermont, but he owns businesses and property in Hanover and contributes significantly to the tax base. He noted that it is not a matter of dollars and cents to him; he explained that his daughter has been playing sports for the Norwich Rec Department since the third grade. She is now moving into the middle school and would be part of the Hanover Rec program if this is allowed. He explained that the current situation at the Hanover Rec Department is that its programs are just for Hanover residents only. Mr. Milowsky noted that he is seeking a special exception to allow his daughter, who now goes to Crossroads Academy, to participate in the Hanover Rec programs. He stated that it is impossible to get her to any athletic programs in Hartland because of the time situation. She gets out of school in Lyme too late to get to Hartland to attend their programs.

John Buck, Chairman of the Hanover Rec Board, stated that the Board's policy is that if a child lives in another town and wishes to participate in a sport offered by that town, they are not eligible to participate in the same sport in Hanover. He explained that this policy was not created in a vacuum; it was created in conjunction with the Upper Valley Rec Organization. One reason to have this policy is to avoid recruiting. However, Mr. Buck feels that there are two things which are extenuating in this case; one is that Crossroads is Mr. Milowsky's choice and it is not a hardship case. The other issue is that Madison was allowed to participate in the Norwich program as she was grandfathered in due to an error by that Rec Director. The Director did not know at the time that there was a policy that did not allow this, and rather than embarrass the child or her parents, it was agreed that she be allowed to participate in Norwich sports through their Rec Department. Mr. Buck noted that the Rec Board understands Mr. Milowsky's situation and the tax structure, but it was felt as a Board that they could not violate their own policy and they voted his request down.

Mr. Baschnagel noted that he understands this is not a request for a change in policy, but simply a request for an exception in one case, and that the Rec Board did not feel

comfortable giving that exception. Mr. Buck explained that the Rec Board felt it would set an incorrect precedent.

Hank Tenney of the Rec Department stated that the Rec Department does not make policy; the Selectmen approved the policy. It was felt by the Rec Board that they wished to stay out of the politics of this issue. It was felt that the Selectboard had adopted the policy, and that the Rec Board was simply enforcing that policy. A great deal of thought was put into this decision, and it was felt very strongly that if there was going to be an exception from the policy that the Selectboard should make that exception. Mr. Tenney explained that the Rec Board was worried about future situations and setting precedent as to why one person was allowed to participate while others were not. He stated that the Rec Board would abide by whatever decision the Selectboard decides to make.

Mr. Milowsky stated that he was not aware when Madison signed up with the Norwich Rec Board in the third grade that a mistake was made. Mr. Tenney explained that Norwich is a young Rec Department with a part-time Rec Director. He added that the Rec Director does an excellent job, but that the policy was never really written down in black and white.

Mr. Milowsky appealed to the Board that he feels his particular situation is unique enough because of the fact that his daughter does have some history with the Norwich Rec Department from the third grade on and because of the fact that he is a taxpayer in Hanover as a business. He feels that the situation is so unique that there would be very few circumstances where this might occur again.

Mr. Pierson stated that his understanding is that there are no other children that are presently in a similar situation. Mr. Tenney answered that there was a child from Lyme last year who participated in the sixth grade program in Norwich. The Hanover Rec Board voted not to allow her to participate in their programs based on the policy that was in place. The child's parents did not pursue the matter any further after the decision was made.

Mr. Pierson asked what the deliberation was surrounding the policy when it was established this past September. Ms. Griffin answered that the policy was not actually established in September; the Board had a brief discussion at that time and there was a recommendation from the Parks and Rec Board that the policy be stated. The Selectboard did not have any concerns as the recommendation made sense to them, and there was not a significant discussion on the part of the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Griffin feels that there are probably some unique cases where a clear impediment exists to prevent a child from participating in any rec program. She feels that the time constraint is the prevailing issue here in terms of the release time of Hartland versus the release time of Crossroads. She acknowledged that there possibly could be a situation with other Crossroads students in the future. She feels that the uniqueness of Mr. Milowsky's situation is that he owns a taxpaying business in Hanover, and this is another unique feature that might not always be encountered with another private school situation.

Mr. Baschnagel agreed that in terms of recruiting things could get out of hand very easily. At the same time, he stated that he is very sympathetic to the logistical aspects which Mr. Milowsky is facing and the fact that there ought to be a mechanism to address some of

these concerns.

Mr. Buck reminded the Board that attending Crossroads is a choice, and also that there had been no ambivalence on the Rec Board in terms of voting the request down.

Mr. Tenney presented various other scenarios in which similar requests could be made of the Rec Board including children of employees in Hanover or grandchildren who come to visit their grandparents and want to participate in the Rec programs.

Mr. Baschnagel suggested that the Rec Board come up with a suggestion as to what guidelines might be applied in circumstances such as this. Mr. Tenney answered that the Rec Board had already come up with guidelines, and had denied Mr. Milowsky's request based on those guidelines.

Mr. Milowsky stated that in terms of making exceptions, he feels that there might be some possibility for making an exception based upon his taxpaying situation.

Mr. Tenney emphasized that there are a lot of people living in surrounding communities that own property in Hanover, and a future long-range concern would be opening up the programs to anyone who pays taxes in Hanover. Ms. Black answered that each case would be dealt with on an individual basis.

Ms. Black stated that she has always felt strongly that when a board or commission makes a recommendation that the Selectboard follow that recommendation. However, she feels that there are extenuating circumstances in this particular case.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that Madison Milowsky be allowed to participate for two years in the Hanover Rec Department activities. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION.

Mr. Tenney recommended that Ms. Black add language to her motion referring to grandfathering.

Ms. Black AMENDED HER MOTION to state that Madison Milowsky be allowed to participate in 7th and 8th grade Hanover Rec Department activities because she is grandfathered as a result of being in the Norwich Rec Department program for the four previous years. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION AS AMENDED and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT MADISON MILOWSKY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 7TH AND 8TH GRADE HANOVER REC DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES BECAUSE SHE IS GRANDFATHERED AS A RESULT OF BEING IN THE NORWICH REC DEPARTMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FOUR PREVIOUS YEARS.

6. DISCUSSION OF PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE ABATEMENT PROGRAM.

Barbara McIlroy of the Upper Valley Loosestrife Coalition stated that a number of local communities and conservation commissions have become involved in the coalition

because of the growing concern of non-native species such as purple loosestrife choking out native species. She referred to information provided to the Board relative to the proposed beetle release program.

Ms. McIlroy displayed specimens of beetles and purple loosestrife plants. She explained that she is in the process of growing beetles at her house and that the State of Vermont is trying to put together a citizens program. She also provided to the Board photographs of what Wilson's Landing looked like during late summer of last year.

Ms. McIlroy indicated that she could release the beetles in Vermont, but she has permission from the State entomologist to release them in Hanover. The State of New Hampshire has a beetle rearing program but it is not as well established as the Vermont program. The NH program has mainly been trying to put the beetles in southern New Hampshire where the problem is a lot worse than it is in the Hanover area.

Ms. Black asked how many beetles it would take to work on an acre of purple loosestrife. Ms. McIlroy answered that it would take a lot of beetles; it is hoped that each plant will produce about 1,000 beetles if she is successful. It will take years to build a population high enough to bring purple loosestrife down to a reasonable number, but it will never be eradicated.

David Minsk of the Hanover Conservation Commission stated that the Commission endorses the use of this biological control for invasive species. He quoted from information which indicated it would take 200 beetles per plant to destroy the plant. It was pointed out that there was a petition submitted by a group of residents in favor of the use of the beetles to control purple loosestrife.

Mr. Baschnagel stated that his only concern would be that someone was not sufficiently familiar with this program; it could get blown out of proportion very rapidly, but education would avoid that possibility. He was also concerned that there was no one present at the meeting to speak against the proposal or present a differing view.

Mr. Baschnagel MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen support the purple loosestrife abatement program and support moving ahead with the process of implementing control. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND SUPPORT MOVING AHEAD WITH THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING CONTROL.

7. RECOMMENDATION TO ACCEPT EASEMENTS RELATED TO HAURI SUBDIVISION.

Ms. Griffin distributed the recommendation recently received with regard to easements in the Hauri subdivision. She explained that the Town typically requires various easements, in this case, a water tank easement, a drainage easement, a right of way extension and a related pedestrian access easement. All of these easements have been approved by Town Attorney Walter Mitchell in consultation with attorneys representing the purchasers of the property.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen accept the easements related to the Hauri subdivision. Mr. Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENTS RELATED TO THE HAURI SUBDIVISION.

8. DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2000-2001.

Ms. Connolly suggested that discussion of proposed goals and objectives for FY 2000-2001 be postponed until Mr. Walsh is able to be present.

Ms. Griffin stated that she will put this item on the next agenda.

9. APPOINTMENTS: TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS AND SENIOR CITIZENS STEERING COMMITTEE

Ms. Black wished to defer the appointment to the Senior Citizens Steering Committee.

Mr. Pierson MADE THE MOTION to appoint Paul Gardent to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT PAUL GARDENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin stated that she does not have much to report on administratively. She discussed with the Board the schedule for upcoming Selectmen's meetings and indicated that she will check with Mr. Walsh and inform the Board regarding meeting dates.

11. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Mr. Pierson

Mr. Pierson reported that Ms. Connolly stood in for him at the recent Board of Assessors meeting and that the Water Company meeting has been postponed from July to August. He added that he will be attending the Chamber of Commerce meeting scheduled for July 11th.

Mr. Baschnagel

Mr. Baschnagel reported that at the Planning Board meeting of June 20th there were four Dartmouth College cases. These included a Chase Field modification which was accepted, a discussion of an addition on the north end of Dick's House which was approved, and some changes to Whittemore and Byrne Hall. There was also a Country Club application dealing with a modification for four holes; the Planning Board accepted the application as complete and told them to press forward. The Country Club has now gone to the Zoning Board with a set of prints that were approved and are making changes to reduce the impact on the site. However, since the site is no longer consistent with the Zoning Board approval, the Planning Board actually approved both versions in anticipation

that the Zoning Board would approve the lesser of the two impacts.

Mr. Baschnagel added that he had attended a Conservation Commission meeting on July 21st regarding purple loosestrife, and an Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee. This Committee is soliciting projects for this year, and asked if the Town had received a solicitation. Ms. Griffin answered that she had, and she had distributed it to the Public Works staff as well as the Planning and Zoning staff to see if they had any suggestions for projects.

Mr. Baschnagel also noted that there had been a discussion of a dedication of the Ledyard Bridge. Ms. Black stated that there had been a feeling among the Board that they did not want a really big event to dedicate the bridge. Ms. Griffin indicated that she had told NH DOT that they were welcome to do whatever they wanted to, but neither Hanover nor Norwich were interested in having a big festival dedication.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black reported that the visitors from Nihonmatsu, Japan would be arriving in Hanover on July 29th. There was discussion among the Board members as to plans for the adults in the group.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported that she had attended a Board of Assessors hearing and the yearly meeting for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

12. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: JUNE 5, 2000 AND JUNE 19, 2000

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of June 5, 2000, as amended. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2000, AS AMENDED.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of June 19, 2000, as amended. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2000, AS AMENDED.

13. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business to come before the Board.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

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

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to go to non-public session to discuss a matter which may affect the reputation of an individual. Mr. Pierson 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. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen accept the recommendations of the Advisory Board of Assessors of June 22, 2000. Mr. Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS OF JUNE 22, 2000.**
- 2. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen dedicate twelve spaces on the south curb of Hovey Lane to the High School. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DEDICATE TWELVE SPACES ON THE SOUTH CURB OF HOVEY LANE TO THE HIGH SCHOOL.**
- 3. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve Ordinance #19, Regulation of Private Alarm Systems, as amended. Mr. Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE ORDINANCE #19, REGULATION OF PRIVATE ALARM SYSTEMS, AS AMENDED.**
- 4. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that Madison Milowsky be allowed to participate for two years in the Hanover Rec Department activities. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION.**

Ms. Black AMENDED HER MOTION to state that Madison Milowsky be allowed to participate in 7th and 8th grade Hanover Rec Department activities because she is grandfathered as a result of being in the Norwich Rec Department program for the four previous years. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION AS AMENDED and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT MADISON MILOWSKY BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN 7TH AND 8TH GRADE HANOVER REC DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES BECAUSE SHE IS GRANDFATHERED AS A RESULT OF BEING IN THE NORWICH REC DEPARTMENT PROGRAM FOR THE FOUR PREVIOUS YEARS.
- 5. Mr. Baschnagel MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen support the purple loosestrife abatement program and support moving ahead with the process of implementing control. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SUPPORT THE PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND SUPPORT MOVING AHEAD WITH THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING CONTROL.**
- 6. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen accept the easements related to the Hauri subdivision. Mr. Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE EASEMENTS**

RELATED TO THE HAURI SUBDIVISION.

- 7. Mr. Pierson MADE THE MOTION to appoint Paul Gardent to the Trustees of the Trust Funds. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT PAUL GARDENT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS.**
- 8. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of June 5, 2000, as amended. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 5, 2000, AS AMENDED.**
- 9. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of June 19, 2000, as amended. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 19, 2000, AS AMENDED.**
- 10. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**
- 11. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to go to non-public session to discuss a matter which may affect the reputation of an individual. Mr. Pierson 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 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judson Pierson, Secretary

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