

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

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; Katherine S. Connolly, Vice-Chairman; Marilyn Black; Bill Baschnagel; Judson Pierson; 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.

Ann MacIntosh of 3 Pleasant Street in Hanover requested that the Town of Hanover enact a noise ordinance. She noted that she had 240 signatures from other people that were also concerned about this issue.

Mr. Walsh read the petition which Ms. MacIntosh presented: "We the undersigned request that the Selectmen of the Town of Hanover enact a noise ordinance that will demand that the ambient as well as intermittent levels of noise in the residential zones be low enough to ensure an uninterrupted night's sleep between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. The sources of the noises to be lowered between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. may be animal, human or mechanical."

Mr. Walsh indicated that one of the Board's goals and objectives for this year deals with looking into a noise ordinance. He thanked Ms. MacIntosh for her encouragement.

Dave Cioffi commented that with regard to the parking facility, the Chamber of Commerce is working on putting together a program to market and promote the facility and to encourage people to park there. He wished to present to the Board a few ideas in this regard. One of the things that the group is encouraging strongly is that the parking facility needs its own name. Currently, everyone knows that it is called 7 Lebanon Street, but members of the Chamber of Commerce would like to separate the commercial aspect of the site versus the parking aspect. They have been trying to come up with a name, and although there have been several suggestions they have yet to settle upon one.

Mr. Pierson stated that earlier attempts to name the facility involved a snag with the College. Mr. Cioffi explained that the issue has since been revisited with Paul Olsen, and he does not mind if the parking facility has its own name. Mr. Cioffi added that it is felt that a name for the parking facility will help in marketing.

Mr. Walsh asked if anyone on the Board had any objections to coming up with an appropriate name for the parking facility. No member of the Board had an objection. Ms. Black asked if any consideration had been given to naming the facility in honor of someone. She added that she would love to see it named for Lou Bressett who has been downtown all of his life and has contributed greatly.

Mr. Cioffi added that the group feels there should be a press release relative to the parking facility on behalf of both the Chamber of Commerce and the Town. This might facilitate getting coverage

on some of the radio talk shows and an article in the Valley News. Mr. Cioffi noted that they also feel there should be a ribbon cutting, and he pointed out that the goal seems to be having a soft opening the week of October 9th and allowing people to perhaps park in the facility for free. It is felt that the beginning day of operation during this week would be a good day to have the ribbon cutting, and he suggested that a dignitary, such as Mr. Bressett, be the first one to park there. He also suggested that the Selectboard be represented at the ribbon cutting.

Mr. Cioffi explained that they would also like to have some publicity around Town; the Chamber of Commerce is planning on getting signs onto cash registers, in real estate offices and on tables in restaurants to let people know that the facility is open. There would also be a small handout including information on the hours and rates in the facility. There was also a discussion about hanging a banner to announce the opening of the facility, and Fred Salvatoriello stated that he would allow a banner to be hung from Ben & Jerry's over to the facility. The Board had no objection to this suggestion.

Relative to fees in the structure, Mr. Walsh suggested that an important message to get across to the public is that the first half hour in the parking facility is free, and if someone parks there for an hour the cost is equal to being on the street. He feels that getting this message out would help make the facility the first place a person looks for available parking rather than the last. Mr. Cioffi agreed, adding that this is the goal of the group working on marketing. He encouraged Board members to provide input on the marketing aspect of the facility as well as coming up with an appropriate name.

2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO ORDINANCE #2, HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS, RELATED TO USE OF SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES AND SCOOTERS ON TOWN SIDEWALKS AND IN PARKING STRUCTURES.

Ms. Griffin noted that the revisions proposed to Ordinance #2 are very straightforward; they simply add a new Section 11 in relation to skateboarding, in-line skating or scooters which states that "No person shall use a skateboard, in-line skates or scooters on any sidewalk in either Parking District 1 or Parking District 2 as described in the Hanover Parking District Ordinance and map. No person shall use a skateboard, in-line skates or scooters in the parking structure located at 7 Lebanon Street."

Mr. Baschnagel commented that he feels getting in-line skaters and scooters off from the sidewalks will only push them into the street. He noted that there are students skating between classes and coming downtown; he is not advocating that they be used on the sidewalks, but he is certainly not advocating that they be used in the street.

Ms. Connolly stated that her problem is with including language relative to in-line skaters in the revised wording. She feels that scooters and skateboards have a tendency to part company from their owners, while in-line skates stay with their owners. She feels that the chance for an accident is far less with in-line skates. She does not feel that in-line skating should be banned from the sidewalks, but is comfortable with it being banned in the parking facility.

Mr. Pierson asked why these activities are not banned from the parking areas. Ms. Griffin answered that the parking areas are private property, such as the Fleet deck. She feels that it was a compromise when the Ordinance was first amended to not include parking lots and to try to keep skateboarders and in-line skaters off the sidewalks. The challenge when the ban was first implemented was to try and create an alternative place for skateboarders to skate, and the Town began to fund a skateboard park behind the Middle School. She added that there are three more obstacles which have been selected by the people who use the skateboard park which the Town will purchase to place at the park.

Mr. Walsh stated that he is in favor of the revisions to the Ordinance, but added that he can

accept Ms. Connolly's thoughts relative to in-line skaters. His sense is that the pedestrians on the sidewalk should feel safe. He pointed out that having people follow an ordinance is different from putting an ordinance in place. Mr. Walsh wondered if there were ways to publicize the revised ordinance or make the thought behind it clearer.

Ms. Black suggested a compromise by revising the Ordinance to prohibit skateboarding, in-line skating or scooters in the parking facility, but to prohibit only skateboarding and scooters on the sidewalks.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that Ordinance #2 be revised to state that "No person shall use a skateboard or scooter on any sidewalk in either Parking District 1 or Parking District 2 as described in the Hanover Parking District Ordinance and map. No person shall use a skateboard, in-line skates or scooters in the parking structure located at 7 Lebanon Street." Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT ORDINANCE #2 BE REVISED TO STATE THAT "NO PERSON SHALL USE A SKATEBOARD OR SCOOTER ON ANY SIDEWALK IN EITHER PARKING DISTRICT 1 OR PARKING DISTRICT 2 AS DESCRIBED IN THE HANOVER PARKING DISTRICT ORDINANCE AND MAP. NO PERSON SHALL USE A SKATEBOARD, IN-LINE SKATES OR SCOOTERS IN THE PARKING STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7 LEBANON STREET."

Mr. Walsh closed the public hearing on this agenda item.

3. REVIEW OF DRAFT MODIFICATIONS TO CONTRACT WITH NEW ENGLAND ORGANICS FOR OPERATION OF THE COMPOSTING FACILITY.

Ms. Griffin referred to a memo to the Board which included language to be contained in a modified Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and New England Organics which addresses concerns of Town staff and the Selectmen which came out of the last few discussions with Jamie Ecker representing New England Organics. Mr. Ecker has since started working on modifications, and both he and Ms. Griffin agree that rather than trying to modify the agreement within the body of the Memorandum of Agreement, it would be better to execute an addendum that specifically highlights the changes. She noted that Mr. Ecker has set forth additional prices in case the Town goes under 14% solids or over 20% solids, and in addition, the revisions address very directly issues of pickup of sludge, removal of the sludge bin and transport to the facility. Ms. Griffin stated that there was a meeting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to go over with New England Waste both modifications they would make to the bay to make it much easier to remove the sludge bin on a regular basis, as well as pick-up protocol that would develop between New England Waste and the Town of Hanover.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she is asking the Board to authorize her to negotiate and execute a contract with New England Organics.

Ms. Connolly noted that the site is presently one acre and according to the new proposed Memorandum of Agreement it would be 2.06 acres. She asked if there was a site plan available. Ms. Griffin explained that the matter will go before the Planning Board, but she added that she is not certain on the amount of acreage. The 2.06 acres represents Mr. Kulbacki's quick calculation. She indicated that right now the site actually exceeds an acre, and the additional section they are talking about using for storage which is located to the north of the building makes it about 2.06 acres.

Ms. Connolly stated that before the Planning Board deals with this issue, she thinks that the Selectboard should see the site plan.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she does not know how Mr. Kulbacki arrived at the figure of 2.06 acres, and noted that it may be incorrect. She added that there will be a plan, but that the good news is

that the area to be expanded into is not an area which is currently used for anything. Ms. Connolly commented that she does not want this expansion to get in the way of any other constructive uses on the capped landfill.

Ms. Connolly also commented that her greatest worry is that Hanover's sludge, which apparently is very desirable, will be taken away and land applied by New England Organics and that the facility will end up with sludge from elsewhere which is not as desirable. Mr. Ecker answered that the facility is there first and foremost for Hanover's sludge. If after going through the advisory committee and various steps laid out in the Memorandum of Agreement any other material can be fit in the facility, that is fine. It is fairly clear to him that Hanover's sludge cannot just be moved out of the facility in order to bring in other material. He pointed out that the Town also has the full option of putting its sludge out to bid for land application, but that New England Organics would still have to service the Town for about 12 months after that happened.

Mr. Baschnagel agreed that handling the revisions in an addendum is the correct approach.

Mr. Pierson asked if the CPI adjustment was included as part of the original agreement. Ms. Griffin explained that the original document had fixed the price for the first two years of operation, then there was a CPI. The first two years of operation have already occurred, so now the agreement is moving into the CPI. The language that she asked for was a cost based justification for the CPI so that there could be some understanding of tracking of actual costs incurred by the facility as opposed to an automatic CPI.

Mr. Pierson noted that there is language in the document indicating that ROT should pay taxes to the Town, and he asked how that would work and whether it was something that had been included in the agreement previously. Ms. Griffin answered that it was included in the original agreement, but there was not a clear understanding on the part of DSM that taxes were to be paid. She explained that the Town is legally required by State statute to tax the facility because it is public land being leased for a private purpose by private entities. Ms. Griffin noted that as a result of a lack of communication no tax bill was sent during the first two years. Mike Gilbar has now generated a tax bill of approximately \$14,000 for the first two years of operation. She noted that there is no cash, however, to pay that tax bill because operation of the facility had been in the red. She wanted to be very sure that going forward the Town would be sending a tax bill based on the assessed valuation assigned by the Town Assessor.

Mr. Pierson asked if there were to be damage clauses included in the document. Ms. Griffin answered that the floor in the facility has already been damaged. Northeast Waste is planning to install two 18 inch to 24 inch wide sections of steel that will provide a track for the sludge container to prevent further damage to the floor. Regarding repair of the floor, Ms. Griffin indicated that the damage to the floor is a very shallow trough that was created and it would be very difficult to repair it without having the piece of concrete break away at some point very shortly thereafter because the area damaged is so shallow. In order to try to restore the bay floor to its original condition, it would be necessary to use a jackhammer and replace the floor. Ms. Griffin noted that this is not a priority right now; they simply want an effective pick-up system worked out with Northeast Waste that works smoothly. Mr. Baschnagel suggested that the wording in the modification state "design and provide a pickup system" as opposed to "design a pickup system".

Ms. Black noted that the original agreement states that the Advisory Operations Committee shall meet quarterly. Although this has not been occurring, she feels that some of the problems that are now being faced could have been worked out quicker if the Committee had met regularly. She asked whose responsibility it was to be sure that the group met regularly. Ms. Griffin answered that it simply needs to be put on the calendar.

Mr. Pierson commented that it seems like all of the new revisions in the agreement relate to the

Town, whereas the agreement involves the Town, the College and New England Organics. Ms. Griffin answered that it may be that the College and New England Organics will want to execute their own separate addendum as well, but from the Town's perspective, the College's relationship with New England Organics is separate from the Town's.

Ms. Black reported that she visited the facility recently and everything is a 100% turnaround from six months ago. It is well tended, clean and well identified.

Mr. Walsh asked if Ms. Griffin planned to draft the addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement and provide it to the Board for their final review. Ms. Griffin answered that this is what she had planned, but she would not want to hold up New England Organics much longer as they have some modifications to make to the facility before it gets much colder. Therefore, they are anxious to get this worked out so that they can move forward and theoretically begin to take the Town's sludge on November 1st.

Mr. Walsh commented that the Board has spent a lot of time on this subject over the past couple of meetings, and he would not expect the Board to raise any new questions unless there is a major problem. It was the consensus of the Board to give Ms. Griffin permission to negotiate an addendum to the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town and New England Organics and to bring it back to the Board for their final approval.

4. DISCUSSION OF BANNER POLICY

Ms. Griffin noted that Chief Bradley from the Fire Department was in attendance at the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have regarding the logistical details of banner hanging, and he also has a banner request. The International Association of Fire Chiefs has sent the Fire Department a "Change Your Battery" banner. This is an annual campaign which the Town pays to publish through the Fire Prevention budget. Permission is requested to hang the banner from October 23rd through October 29th.

Ms. Griffin indicated that the banner policy issue came up because she wanted to be sure that the Board was comfortable with the current banner policy. Although she has never been able to find a banner policy in writing, Ms. Griffin indicated that it is her sense that the Board's original thinking on this issue was that banners needed to be essentially Town related functions only. The feeling is that a banner should not be hung up constantly over Main Street which is probably what would happen if the banner policy were less restrictive.

Mr. Baschnagel asked if it was necessary to bring a ladder truck from the Fire Department to hang a banner. Chief Bradley answered that it can be done with ground ladders. He suggested that consideration be given to developing specifications for banners, for example, specifying grommets and length of rope built into the banner. Chief Bradley also pointed out that many times in trying to meet the deadlines in installing banners and taking them down it has been necessary to accumulate overtime, and he would like to recover that cost. Ms. Black suggested that banners go up and come down without incurring any overtime, and that the time they go up and come down be more casual than hard and fast. Chief Bradley responded that the instructions that are passed along to him need to be more flexible and loose in terms of dates of installation and removal of banners.

Mr. Walsh suggested that questions about specifications regarding when a banner goes up and comes down and overtime issues are operating policy questions between the Town administration and Chief Bradley. He added that he feels the small banners put up on the light poles downtown by the Howe Library are an attractive addition to the Town. Ms. Griffin explained that this type of small banner is quite expensive, having cost the Howe Library approximately \$3,000 for the ones that are currently displayed.

Mr. Pierson MADE THE MOTION that the Fire Department be allowed to hang a "Change

Your Battery" banner from October 23, 2000 through October 29, 2000. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Directors VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ALLOW THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO HANG A "CHANGE YOUR BATTERY" BANNER FROM OCTOBER 23, 2000 THROUGH OCTOBER 29, 2000.

5. FINAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES FOR FY 2000-2001

Board members reviewed their proposed goals and objectives for FY 2000-2001 with Ms. Griffin.

Mr. Walsh referred to changes in language made by Ms. Connolly with regard to the goal and objective referring to supporting State government initiatives that fund the State's education responsibilities in line with the NHMA guidelines. He suggested that items 3, 4 and 5 contained in this goal and objective be left the way they were originally stated prior to Ms. Connolly's suggested changes. Mr. Walsh stated that this is not because he disagrees with Ms. Connolly's additions, but because leaving the wording as it was originally is in line with NHMA policy. Ms. Connolly stated that as much as she respects NHMA, she feels their work is not always perfect and that is why she amplified on it. Ms. Black agreed that NHMA's work is not always perfect, but she still feels the guidelines of NHMA as approved should be followed. Ms. Connolly answered that she does not think the additional language disrupts the guidelines of NHMA, she feels it clarifies them.

Regarding the goal and objective of requesting the Town Manager to bring to the Board a base budget proposal which would require a total budget tax rate increase equal to the inflation rate, Mr. Pierson asked if this referred to a maximum figure. Mr. Walsh answered that he believes this goal and objective to mean bringing the Board a budget at the inflation rate with a wish list for additional items and a list of items that can be deducted, to arrive at a budget that the Board can present at Town Meeting. Mr. Pierson noted that the budget could come in at the inflation rate while the grand list has gone up, resulting in no increase in the tax rate.

Mr. Baschnagel commented that he is confused as to why the Howe Library is involved with the Parks and Recreation Board and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee relating to the feasibility study for the new senior center. Ms. Black explained that the Howe Library handles pre-school activities and programs at the library, and they had indicated that they would take responsibility for whatever programming needs the Town had for pre-schoolers. Mr. Baschnagel noted that he understands the Howe Library's involvement, but that the thrust of this is to agree on a proposal before the next Town Meeting for a new Senior Center plus office space for the Rec Department and the Community Counselor, but he does not see any of these things tracking back to the Howe Library. Ms. Griffin explained that just because the Howe Library has been involved in the working group does not mean that they will in any way be involved in funding or providing an element of the Senior Center. They are just part of the collaborative work to try and move things along and also to understand each group's needs. Mr. Walsh's suggestion was to get three or four folks involved from each of the groups so that they could all understand what the individual organization's needs were.

Ms. Griffin pointed out that the Senior Center is basically used in the afternoon. While the seniors are adamant, at least those in the group that is actively involved, that they want their own space, Ms. Griffin feels that there is no reason why that space cannot be used by other elements of the community when the seniors are not using it. She indicated that the question is how to create a space that is flexible enough to accommodate the needs of groups other than just the seniors, acknowledging that it is essentially designed with the seniors in mind for their daily afternoon use. Mr. Baschnagel stated that he thinks the idea of multiple use of the space is a good one. Ms. Griffin noted that the hard part of the process is finding a reasonable mix of space such that the seniors will feel that they have a right to use it when they need to, but so that the space does not lie unused the rest of the time.

Referring to earlier discussion of this item, Ms. Black suggested that the Board adhere to what NHMA approved with regard to supporting the State's government initiatives.

Ms. Griffin will revise the goals and objectives further and provide a revised copy to the Board members.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 9, 2000 TO CONSIDER RESCINDING ORDINANCE #22, LAND USE CHANGE TAX ALLOCATION.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to set a public hearing on October 9, 2000 to consider rescinding Ordinance #22, Land Use Change Tax Allocation. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON OCTOBER 9, 2000 TO CONSIDER RESCINDING ORDINANCE #22, LAND USE CHANGE TAX ALLOCATION.

Mr. Baschnagel suggested that at some point the memorandum needs to more strongly reference the formula approved by Town Meeting so that it is in writing, so that it does not get lost and therefore be open for negotiation.

7. APPOINTMENTS: - Building Code Advisory Committee

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to appoint Jack Wilson to the Building Code Advisory Committee. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT JACK WILSON TO THE BUILDING CODE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that the recording secretary, Nancy Richards, would love to continue to do the minutes for the Board but has an ongoing conflict with Monday evenings. She stated that Ms. Richards would be more than happy to continue to do the minutes from a tape of the meeting. Ms. Griffin added that the other option is for her to interview candidates, and there have been three applications submitted for the recording secretary position. She asked for a sense of the Board as to how they felt about not having a recording secretary present at the meetings and transcribing the minutes from a tape. It was the consensus of the Board that this would be fine.

Ms. Griffin also reported that the home rule vote is coming up on the November ballot. She had indicated that she would be happy to be the representative regarding home rule. She suggested that members of the Board think about writing a couple of letters to the editor of the Valley news to familiarize voters with home rule as the typical voter will not know what home rule is about. Ms. Griffin noted that she would be happy to draft a couple of letters for Board members' signatures. Mr. Walsh suggested that perhaps the League of Women Voters could also be involved in this, and Ms. Griffin will contact them.

9. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS:

Ms. Black

Ms. Black reported that scrap metal collection was held recently and over 100 bicycles were received. She understands that some of the bicycles have gone to traveling doctors from Hitchcock that go to Guatemala and Costa Rica who use them in those countries for transportation to the clinics, etc. She also reported that a couple of cell phones were received which will be given to Wise to give to battered women.

Mr. Walsh commented that it would be nice if the Valley News did a story on the bicycles and cell phones.

Ms. Black added that she feels it would also be nice to do something for Olympic gold medalist B.J. Bedford if she returns home to Hanover. Ms. Griffin noted that there are other Olympians from Dartmouth who have participated in the Olympic games.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly mentioned that Ms. Black will be leaving Town for a tour around Africa.

Ms. Connolly reported that the Planning Board approved the Terrace community's modified site plan. This is a new elderly housing development at the top of Buck Road which she feels is evolving into quite a nice facility. She added that it is a pleasure to announce a small subdivision which is the property of Elizabeth Hunter on Balch Hill. Ms. Hunter has subdivided her land and has given a conservation easement or deed in fee for ten acres to the Conservation Council to complete the conservation land on Balch Hill.

Ms. Connolly reported on the recent Downtown Visioning all-day workshop. There were a lot of ideas and conversation and a lot of mapping being done. She added that she got a glimpse of a draft of the open space plan and feels it is a wonderful document. Ms. Connolly wished to commend anyone who worked on this document. She also reported that the Planning Board and Zoning Board held their first joint hearing on the Simpson Development.

Mr. Pierson

Mr. Pierson reported that there will be a Chamber of Commerce board meeting on September 26th.

Mr. Baschnagel

Mr. Baschnagel reported that he had attended an Upper Valley Transportation Advisory Committee meeting. He noted that he was provided with a description of what is going on with the Norwich corridor. They are looking at the entire stretch from the Ledyard Bridge all the way through Town with the idea of traffic calming and some reorientation of the intersection to provide better traffic flow. They are also looking into getting rid of an extra double lane.

Mr. Baschnagel also reported that Dartmouth College's refurbishment of Buildings 57 and 37 has begun and involves minor construction.

Mr. Baschnagel noted that the Chase Field lighting issues were reviewed at the Planning Board. Shades are up at the north end of the tennis building and seem to be working with regard to blocking lights from the neighbors. There was one final light associated with the loading dock door that was troublesome to the neighbors, and the College agreed to put that light on a switch so that it could be turned off.

Regarding the Conservation Commission, Mr. Baschnagel indicated that the Memorandum of Understanding was discussed. In addition, an opportunity at Old Lyme Road seems to be developing for picking up a piece of land that can be put into a conservation easement. The property is at the intersection of Lyme Road and Old Lyme Road on the north end. The lot is approved for a residential home although it is less than a 3 acre lot. Mr. Baschnagel explained that he understands the neighbors are getting together to buy the lot and are interested in negotiating an easement for the Town.

Mr. Baschnagel noted that the Conservation Commission has talked a little about the rope swing. He understands that it has been taken down and that the issue has been resolved at least for the time being. Ms. Griffin noted that it was necessary to hire a tree company to come in with the proper equipment to climb the tree and remove the rope swing. A sign will be put up on the tree that indicates the next time a swing goes up the tree will have to come down. Ms. Griffin added that a lengthy meeting was held with a group of Dartmouth College students and the neighbors in mid-August. She indicated that it is expensive to hire a tree firm to go up there and to take down the rope swing. The Town has been put on notice by the Property and Liability Trust that the Town will not be covered for an accident at that location because it is unsafe.

Mr. Baschnagel asked if there have been any discussions with the College to build their own rope swing. Ms. Griffin answered that there have been discussions, but the Town does not want the liability. Ms. Connolly asked if there had been any thought given to a "people collar" around the base of that tree to prevent individuals from climbing the tree. Ms. Griffin answered that most of the steps that had been nailed into the tree have been removed, but in a couple of instances the tree has grown around the steps and Bill Desch believes it would do more harm than good by removing those steps. She added that she does not know how serious a conversation was had with the College administration regarding putting up a replacement swing on College property.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported that he had attended a Howe Library board meeting recently, and they wanted to make sure that the Board had received their letter relative to considering modifications to the operating agreement. He informed the Howe Library board that the Selectmen had received the letter and would be willing to consider suggestions.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 21, 2000

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of August 21, 2000, as amended. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF AUGUST 21, 2000 AS AMENDED.

11. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business to come before the Board.

12. ADJOURNMENT:

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

SUMMARY

- 1. Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that Ordinance #2 be revised to state that "No person shall use a skateboard or scooter on any sidewalk in either Parking District 1 or Parking District 2 as described in the Hanover Parking District Ordinance and map. No person shall use a skateboard, in-line skates or scooters in the parking structure located at 7 Lebanon Street." Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT ORDINANCE #2 BE REVISED TO STATE THAT "NO PERSON SHALL USE A SKATEBOARD OR SCOOTER ON ANY SIDEWALK IN EITHER PARKING DISTRICT 1 OR PARKING DISTRICT 2 AS DESCRIBED IN THE HANOVER PARKING DISTRICT ORDINANCE AND MAP. NO PERSON SHALL USE A SKATEBOARD, IN-LINE SKATES OR SCOOTERS IN THE PARKING STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 7 LEBANON STREET."**

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Pierson, Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by Nancy Richards.