

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

March 18, 2002

7:30 PM – MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING – HANOVER, NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 pm by the Chairman, Brian Walsh. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice-Chairman; William Baschnagel; Marilyn Black; Judson Pierson; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

2. QUARTERLY UPDATE BY THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMISSION

Bob Strauss, Chair of the Hanover Affordable Housing Commission summarized the action they had taken since the Selectmen approved the Commission September 10, 2001.

Shelly Hadfield attended the Commission's October meeting to discuss her report and answer questions. In November the Commission adopted a resolution to rezone the Gile Tract for high density, permanent affordable housing; set term life for Commission members (3 year terms); adopted bylaws; and met with Gretchen Rittenhouse from Twin Pines for preliminary discussions about the Town-owned Gile Tract. In December the Commission approved their \$3,000 budget; reviewed their first draft of the proposed annual report; and discussed a proposal to rezone the Gile Tract from OL to GR-1 led by Jonathan Edwards, Director of Planning and Zoning. At a second December meeting the Commission approved the annual report; discussed whether the Town-owned Gile Tract should continue to be Town-owned or be transferred to Twin Pines; and approved the resolution to rezone the Gile Tract. In January the Commission approved a resolution to request discussions with the College regarding the management of Rivercrest in the event that the Gile Tract would be used for the College's construction materials; and discussed the proposed zoning regulations submitted to the Planning Board. In February the Commission agreed to replace the original request to rezone the Gile Tract from OL to GR-1 with a request to allow the OL to accommodate potential housing through a change in zoning allowances; Gretchen Rittenhouse submitted a bid of \$45,000 for predevelopment costs for 30 rental units and 21 home ownership units at the Gile Tract. This would include 15 units for families with median income of less than \$30,000, 20 units for families with 100% of the county median and 16 units with incomes above the county median. Mr. Strauss stated the county median was \$50,000. Mr. Strauss said the \$45,000 bid was more than the Commission expected but Ms. Rittenhouse indicated there was the possibility of grants for low interest, forgivable loans from the New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority, New Hampshire Community Loan Fund and the Upper Valley Community Foundation. In March the Commission met with the College. Mr.

Strauss said some of the issues still unsettled were whether the College should put their equipment on the 8.5 acres of the Gile Tract and whether 51 units at Rivercrest should be "given" to the Commission. Mr. Strauss suggested a better approach might be for the Commission to request 8.5 acres of Rivercrest as the building density there is much higher than that of the Gile Tract. The next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2002 would include a presentation of the final report of the Work Force Housing group by a member of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Brian Walsh congratulated the Commission on the tremendous amount of work they have completed in their short existence. Mr. Walsh asked who the Commission members were. Mr. Strauss advised of the following: Bruce Altobelli, Roy Banwell, Carla Bailey, Len Cadwallader, Joan Collison, Judith Esmay, William Fissinger, Charlotte Faulkner, Dick Jennings, Susan Keil, Kim Perez, Mr. Strauss, David Vroom and Larry Kelly.

3. CONTINUATION OF RECESSED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE FY 2002-2003 PROPOSED BUDGET

Brian Walsh explained that the Selectmen had spent 4 nights reviewing the proposed budget and were now in the final phase looking over suggested cuts and potential additional revenue.

MODIFICATIONS TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Brown and green glass recycling premium \$36,898

Julia Griffin said if this expenditure were cut the goal would be to make some sort of arrangement, possibly with the Town of Hartford and City of Lebanon, to have brown and green glass picked up, transported to a glass crushing site and redistributed for use in place of gravel when preparing roadbeds. Brian Walsh and William Baschnagel spoke in favor of eliminating this expenditure and finding a way to make a glass crushing operation happen. Katherine Connolly questioned if the voters would prefer to pay for the premium through their taxes. Marilyn Black noted the many different versions Northeast Waste communicated as to what they were really doing with the brown and green glass products currently collected. Ms. Black would really like to see this glass used in better ways than distributing it into a landfill.

The Selectmen reached consensus to eliminate this expenditure assuming staff would find an alternative solution for Hanover residents to continue to recycle brown and green glass products.

Funding for HVAC controller replacement in Police Station \$12,500

Julia Griffin suggested eliminating this expense by using \$12,000 budgeted for a storage building in the current Operating Budget to purchase the controller replacement. The Selectmen concurred.

General Fund 1/3 match for comprehensive radio study \$11,000

Brian Walsh explained there were three \$11,000 contributions involved with this radio study. Marilyn Black noted the fund balances of the Ambulance Fund, Fire Fund and General Fund and suggested funding this study entirely from the Ambulance Fund. Roger Bradley, Fire Chief said the Department would be coming forward in the near future with a request to increase the ambulance fee schedule to compensate for the HCVA rules on Medicare reimbursement. Ms. Griffin countered that the Town would have to review the rate structure for the next year's projected budget and that the Selectmen had asked staff to look at charging more than 3 firefighters worth of salaries and benefits to the Ambulance Fund in a future budget as justified by the number of fire and ambulance calls.

The Selectmen reached consensus to eliminate this expenditure from the General Fund by charging the Ambulance Fund \$22,000 for the radio study. They further agreed to increase the Ambulance Fund Balance Used to offset Community Ambulance Charges budgeted in Health and Welfare in the amount of \$20,000

Materials for East South Street sidewalk \$7,500

Brian Walsh said it appeared to be the wrong time to construct the East South Street sidewalk due to construction plans the College had for the area. Jonathan Edwards spoke of his knowledge of the College's intention for this area, which involved a large propane tank that would be in the way of a sidewalk. Kari Asmus of Etna spoke of the difficulty the public experienced during the winter in this area walking and accessing their vehicles. Ms. Asmus said many people frequenting Ramunto's or Big Green Cuts opt to walk in the street rather than cross over to the sidewalk on the north side of the street. The Selectmen did not fund this item.

Defer North College Street project \$15,000

Pete Kulbacki, Director of Public Works said the North College Street project consisted of 3 different sections with 3 different conditions. One section would require only overlay work at a cost of approximately \$6,000. Another section, loaded with utility lines through it would require drainage replacement and overlay at a cost of approximately \$74,000. The final section would require a complete rebuild and water line replacement at a cost of approximately \$90,000. Mr. Kulbacki proposed completing the project in phases beginning with the first two sections this summer. Julia Griffin advised of \$182,100 the Town had previously set aside for this project and of the \$15,000 still needed to complete the funding.

The Selectmen reached consensus to eliminate this \$15,000 expenditure, knowing they would need to appropriate funding in the future to complete the project. They also decided to fund Phase I and II from the encumbered funds and to set aside the remaining funds in a dedicated reserve for future construction of Phase III.

Correct budget for revaluation support by reducing to \$5,000 from \$15,000

Correction to cross-charging from Highway to Housing Fund reduced by \$500

LED upgrade to Park and Lebanon signal add \$4,000

Police/Highway Safety matching grant items (cruiser videos, body armor) \$7,460

Julia Griffin said the police would not receive the 2 in-cruiser videos and the body armor if this funding was cut. Nick Giaccone, Police Chief said the body armor in questioned referred to bulletproof vests only, which have a life span roughly 5 to 7 years. Chief Giaccone said the vest on hand varied in age by officer. The Department tried to keep a maintenance program to purchase 2 or 3 vest a year. Katherine Connolly acknowledged the need for the vests and said as someone else was going to pay for half of the cost she would recommend the Selectmen continue this expenditure. The Selectmen opted to retain funding for the match program.

Postpone paving first 50% of Rennie Road until FY 2003-2004 reduction \$75,505

Pete Kulbacki, Director of Public Works said Rennie Road required rebuilding as well as paving. Brian Walsh recalled that this project was important in relation to the new paving schedule. William Baschnagel said his interest in reducing traffic on Rennie Road enticed him to suggest delaying road repairs but acknowledged that the road conditions were such that repair could no long be delayed. Kari Asmus of Hanover Center Road in Etna agreed with Mr. Baschnagel and stated the road conditions made it difficult to travel at the posted speed limit safely. Ms. Asmus asked the Selectmen to consider keeping this expenditure on behalf of the people from the north neighborhood that depend on Rennie Road for daily use. The Selectmen opted to eliminate funding for paving 50% of Rennie Road.

Request for courtroom chairs \$4,500-\$2,200

Brian Walsh questioned the audience as to whether they would prefer their chairs be upgraded. Judson Pierson believed this item to be deferrable. Marilyn Black spoke in favor of keeping the chairs the Selectmen currently used. Julia Griffin said if the Selectmen wanted to leave in \$2,200 of this expenditure it would more than cover replacing the audience chairs.

The Selectmen reached consensus to keep \$2,200 of this expenditure to replace the audience chairs.

Additional amount to fund road widening/signaling project at Park and Wheelock Street
\$25,000

Julia Griffin said \$65,000 was encumbered for upgrading the signal. Ms. Griffin said the issue was whether or not the intersection should be widened to allow for a left turn lane. Ms. Griffin said another option would be to use money encumbered for the North College Street project to pay for the road widening work in this project. If the North College Street funding was tapped into additional funding would have to be set aside in the future to reimburse what would be taken out. The Selectmen opted to retain funding for this project.

Reduce legal fees to more closely match level of current known litigation (\$8,515)

Julia Griffin said given the potential lawsuit that might emerge from the Maynard Street project she was uncomfortable cutting this expenditure. The Selectmen agreed not to reduce the funding.

WISH LIST ITEMS NOT ADDED TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Granite State Electric appraisal and full inventory \$20,000

Proximity card readers – Police Department door locks \$1,800

Conservation Commission – supplemental funds \$400

Software and books – Assessing \$690

Tax Exempt measure and list services \$10,000

Julia Griffin advised that these funds would be used to update measurements on the Town's tax-exempt properties. Marilyn Black suggested the Assessor somehow measure these properties during regular working hours.

Mink Brook Survey \$5,000

William Baschnagel said this requested originated from the Conservation Commission to the identify property lines of the Mink Brook corridor. Marilyn Black suggested the Commission use their funding for this work.

Summer uniforms – Police Department \$6,500

Both Marilyn Black and Katherine Connolly spoke in support of the police officers acquiring summer uniforms but also questioned if these costs could be folded into the uniform allowances already budgeted for. Chief Giaccone said the funding proposed

would cover start up costs to outfit 2 out of 3 shifts. Julia Griffin added that some of the officers would prefer not to wear the summer attire.

Fireworks \$4,000

The Selectmen reached consensus to cut this item from the Wish List as typically the Parks and Recreation Board raised funds for this item.

Dog Kennels – Police Department \$500

Brian Walsh questioned what the police current did with itinerant dogs. Chief Giaccone said depending on the weather a dog would either be tied outside the police department or kept in the sally port until transported to the Humane Society. Marilyn Black suggested the Town advertise for used kennels that could possibly be donated.

WISH LIST ITEMS ADDED TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET

Compensation and Benefits package – General Fund \$34,004

Gile Tract Improvements for playing field use \$34,000

GIS – continued project funding \$5,000

Increased hours for Children’s Assistant \$2,600

Affordable Housing Commission – Support Funds \$3,000

Heather/Pete’s/ Piper’s Lane Upgrade \$126,440 \$21,500

Julia Griffin provided a breakdown of different options to repair these roads.

	Gravel	Pave
Heather	\$ 7,600	\$ 31,000
Piper (Lyme Road to Heather)	\$10,800	\$ 20,600
Piper (Heather to the end)	\$35,500	\$ 58,300
Pete’s	<u>\$ 3,100</u>	<u>\$ 16,500</u>
	\$57,000	\$126,400

Katherine Connolly suggested the work on Piper’s Lane from Lyme Road to Heather Lane move forward. Marilyn Black believed the people who purchase houses on gravel roads should know what to expect of road conditions. Ms. Black believed Piper’s Lane was in the worst shape of the three lanes in questioned and did not object to putting new gravel on it. Ms. Black felt it would be a bad mistake for the Selectmen to start paving the rural roads as an avalanche of people would begin asking that their gravel road be considered for paving.

David Fall of 5 Heather's Lane saw paving these rural roads as a long-term goal that should be done to improve the quality of life and protect and enhance property values for the future. Mr. Fall noted the number of people being served by these roads and suggested that number was large enough to warrant an infrastructure upgrade. Rich Howard of Etna spoke of the desire of some of the residents of the north neighborhood to keep dirt roads in Hanover. Mr. Howard was not sure the Town should be in the business of building paved roads and urged the Selectmen not to blacktop these roads. Mr. Howard spoke of speeding traffic and suggested paving these roads would add to that problem. Robert Bentrup of 2 Pete's Lane in Hanover spoke in support for paving these roads. Mr. Bentrup pointed out the number of children and the two bus routes that accessed the area. Mr. Bentrup said these lanes were cul-de-sacs and a concern for speeding traffic was nonexistent. Scott Winslow of Pete's Lane s believed this area was forgotten when many other subdivisions in Hanover built on gravel roads were paved and asked the Selectmen to consider paving these roads.

Brian Walsh said there were many projects in the late 70's and early 80's where developers convinced the Planning Board that gravel roads would save money on housing and would be what was wanted. Bill Baschnagel took exception to the fact that it would be an improvement to pave all the roads. Mr. Baschnagel said roads were paved in Hanover when the traffic demanded it. Mr. Baschnagel said it was not obvious to him that paving would be an improvement and a necessary improvement to the infrastructure of this Town on roads that were quite ample if maintained correctly.

Brian Walsh asked Pete Kulbacki if it would be worthwhile and valuable relative to maintenance and public safety to spend the extra \$10,000 to pave the hill on Piper's Lane. Mr. Kulbacki acknowledged that the Public Works Department was spending a significant amount of time maintaining that hill but did not believe it was necessary to pave the hill and was more a matter of choice. Mr. Kulbacki said at the very least the gravel work should be done on all these roads.

The Selectmen had reached consensus to expend \$21,500 to gravel Heather, Pete's and the section of Piper's from Lyme Road to Heather as a possible first step to further consideration of paving on these roads.

Housing Inspector Program \$35,000

Marilyn Black suggested expending \$17,500 for this program as the timeline provided stated the first 6 months would primarily involve setting up the program. The Selectmen concurred with her recommendation.

Supplementary building inspection services \$5,000

Julia Griffin advised that these funds would be used to pay Paul Jordan's overtime hours for his work assisting Ryan Borkowski, Building Inspector with building inspections. Brian Walsh questioned if this was something that could be passed on in the form of

increased building permit fees. William Baschnagel questioned if this overtime work was still needed. The Selectmen agreed to retain these funds in the budget.

Skateboard Park equipment \$1,500

Chief Giaccone spoke of the extreme amount of problems the police department was experiencing with skateboarders in the downtown. Chief Giaccone said the skateboard park currently available was not challenging enough and urged the Selectmen to add this expenditure to the budget. Marilyn Black suggested assessing fines to the skateboarders found doing illegal activities in the downtown and using the fine money to purchase new equipment. William Baschnagel did not believe \$1,500 was enough money to make a difference.

The Selectmen reached consensus to add this expenditure to the budget conditional that the Recreation Department find other funds to match this funding.

Social Services

The Selectmen reached consensus to provide Social Service Agency Funding as follows:

	FUNDING	FUNDING
AGENCY	REQUESTED	PROPOSED
ACORN	\$2,000	\$2,000
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council	\$8,200	\$8,200
Headrest	\$7,025	\$7,000
Listen	\$4,100	\$3,667
Visiting Nurse Alliance	\$13,000	\$13,000
WISE	\$5,560	\$5,560
Youth-in-Action	\$12,000	\$12,000
TOTAL	\$51,885	\$51,427

The above funding was added to the proposed budget utilizing \$13,406 from the General Fund undesignated fund balance which would bring the undesignated fund balance from 8.21% to 8.0% of the total budget.

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4. PUBLIC HEARING BY THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY TO CONSIDER THE FY 2002-2003 PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE HOUSING FUND

Brian Walsh opened the Hanover Housing Authority's public hearing to consider the FY 2002-2003 proposed budget for the Housing Fund. Julia Griffin said the Hanover Housing Authority budget was not subject to Town Meeting approval.

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5. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 1, 2002

MARILYN BLACK MADE THE MOTION TO SET A PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 1, 2002. William Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO SET A PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING FOR APRIL 1, 2002.

6. CONSIDERATION OF THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE REQUEST RELATIVE TO STREETFEST 2002

Brian Walsh MADE THE MOTION to authorize the Chamber of Commerce to hold StreetFest 2002. Marilyn Black SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO HOLD STREETFEST 2002.

7. DISCUSSION OF DRAFT WARRANT FOR 2002 TOWN MEETING

Julia Griffin advised that the Town's attorney, Walter Mitchell, had not reviewed the draft Warrant provided.

West Central Behavioral Health

Ron Michaud from West Central Behavior Services appeared before the Selectmen advocating that the full \$9300 requested by his agency appear on the Warrant for Town Meeting. The Selectmen assured Mr. Michaud that would be the number listed.

Community Center Article

Julia Griffin said the Town's attorney felt strongly that the Selectmen should seek an appropriation for the funding received from private contributions for the Community Center at Town Meeting. This would affirm that the money was all contributions; there was no impact on the Town budget and the funding was received for a purpose.

Brian Walsh questioned if the Town fell short in contributions what would happen. Ms. Griffin said if the fundraising fell short the Town would not be able to fully furnish the facility.

William Baschnagel suggested changing the language of the article to "approximate" the funding amount. Julia Griffin said she would confer with Walter Mitchell on the wording. Mr. Baschnagel asked if absentee voting would be available for this article. Julia Griffin advised this would have to be voted by ballot at the Town Meeting. Kari Asmus of Etna said RSA 33:8A addressed the issue relative to voting on the bond by absentee ballot.

Land and Capital Improvements Fund Article

Marilyn Black questioned if there could be an information article in the Warrant to discuss the Water Company. Julia Griffin hoped to have a staff report for the Selectmen's April 15, 2002 meeting of the municipalization of the Water Company. Ms. Griffin hoped an insert would be included in the Town Report that would offer background and discusses the process going forward to consider municipalization.

Capital Reserve for the Parking Facility Article

Julia Griffin said there was already a small Capital Reserve for the Parking Fund that was used to set aside \$2,500 for future replacement of the parking pickup truck. Julia Griffin questioned if the Selectmen would be comfortable having one Capital Reserve for the facility reserve money and the equipment reserve money. Ms. Griffin said the funds could be tracked internally as to what proportion belonged to the facility versus equipment reserves.

The Selectmen agreed to combine the reserve accounts. Ms. Griffin said the article would then be changed from establishing a Capital Reserve for the facility to taking the \$50,000 from the current Operating Budget and moving it into the Parking Equipment Reserve Fund and appropriating into that fund the next year for the second allotment of \$50,000.

Kari Asmus questioned if this would be changing the purpose of a fund. Ms. Asmus believed there was a procedure for that at Town Meeting. Ms. Asmus believed the Trustees of the Trust Funds might have an opinion. Besty McClain, Director of Administrative Services stated the Trustees had been advocating for consolidating funds where it was legal. Ms. McClain sensed they would strongly endorse this change with the provision that the use for which the funds were created remained intact. Ms. McClain advised of a Trustees meeting scheduled for the following and said she would consult with them on this issues then. Julia Griffin said she would review the original language for the use for the Parking Reserve Fund.

Arranging Article Listing

Brian Walsh suggested something be added to the beginning advising how all this would happen. Julia Griffin said another option would be to start the Warrant after the election of officers with the 2 articles that appropriate money into the Conservation Fund and the Land and Capital Improvements Fund followed by the bond issue, appropriation of the fund raised money and appropriation from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund.

Kari Asmus spoke on behalf of the League of Women's Voters and asked if resolutions could be read while people voted on the bond rather than reviewing the Articles. Julia Griffin said she would ask Harry Bird, Town Moderator if he would feel comfortable making this change.

8. REQUEST TO NAME PROPOSED GILE TRACT BASEBALL FIELD

Brian Walsh advised of a letter submitted by the Lions Club to name the proposed Gile Tract baseball field after Bob Sparks.

Marilyn Black MADE THE MOTION to name of the proposed Gile Tract baseball field after Bob Sparks. Brian Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO NAME OF THE PROPOSED GILE TRACT BASEBALL FIELDS AFTER BOB SPARKS.

9. APPOINTMENT: ADVANCE TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS – HANOVER REPRESENTATIVE

Bill Baschnagel MADE THE MOTION to nominate Judith Rocchio to the Advanced Transit Board of Directors for a second term. Judson Pierson SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO NOMINATE JUDITH ROCCHIO TO THE ADVANCED TRANSIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A SECOND TERM.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Julia Griffin reviewed the Selectmen's meeting schedule and suggested the April 22, 2002 meeting be changed to April 15, 2002. The Selectmen agreed.

Julia Griffin advised that Representative Sirrell's bill sunsetting the statewide property tax passed the House. Ms. Griffin said she had been asked to appear at a Senate hearing scheduled for March 28, 2002 and questioned if the Selectmen wanted her to testify or not.

Brian Walsh was comfortable with Ms. Griffin testifying before the New Hampshire State Senate that the property tax that creates donor towns should sunset at the soonest possible date but certainly no later than January 1, 2004. Bill Baschnagel agreed. Marilyn Black found Mayor Sirell's articles and press releases rather offensive. Katherine Connolly noted in the Coalition mailing the Town of Hanover's name was missing from the letterhead. Julia Griffin advised of a fax she received earlier in the day that listed the Town's name in the letterhead. Ms. Griffin said she would re-verify with the Coalition that the Town of Hanover should not be listed.

11. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Marilyn Black

Ms. Black said a display of the Community Center would be shown at the Home and Trade Show.

Katherine Connolly

Ms. Connolly said the Planning Board was reviewing on the Master Plan and zoning amendments. Ms. Connolly said the Planning Board would hold their first public hearing on the present set of zoning amendments the following evening.

William Baschnagel

Mr. Baschnagel said the Parking Transportation Board viewed Webster Avenue in relation to a proposal Dartmouth might come forward with to accommodate parking. The PTB decided it would be feasible to create 30 parking spaces on Webster Avenue but not feasible to put 2 rows of cars there.

Mr. Baschnagel said the Conservation Commission wanted to put a questionnaire out to the rural residents relative to their well conditions. Mr. Baschnagel questioned if that could be included in the Town packet mailing. Julia Griffin said that would be possible. Brian Walsh suggested sending the mailer town wide rather than to just the rural areas.

Mr. Baschnagel said Ryan Borkowski pointed out that the House had recently adopted a State Building Code. Mr. Baschnagel believed this to be another State mandated fiasco. Julia Griffin advised that the State Senate had not passed the Code and said there was a lot of resistance to it. Mr. Baschnagel said all of the local representatives voted in favor of this bill. Brian Walsh suggested information on this action be added to the Conservation Commission mailer.

Judson Pierson

Mr. Pierson reported that the Recreation Department had raised \$2,000 for the Afghan children and submitted a request to the Rotary Club to match. If the funding was matched the Recreation Department would make a trip to Washington, DC to present it to the President.

Mr. Pierson advised that the hats and compliments given to Bill and Sue Young for their efforts at the Occum Pond Party and to Hank Tenney for his Coach of the Year award were greatly appreciated.

Brian Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported of a Howe Library Trustees meeting scheduled for later in the week.

12. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

13. ADJOURNMENT

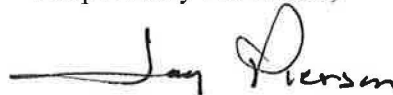
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11. Marilyn Black MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. William Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Pierson, Secretary