

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 15, 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. PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 IN BONDS OR NOTES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY AND SENIOR CENTER

Brian Walsh advised the topic of issuing a bond was discussed at length at the Selectmen's public hearings of the proposed budget. Mr. Walsh opened the public hearing.

Julia Griffin provided revised sources and uses for the Selectmen and advised DRA and Walter Mitchell, the Town's attorney, approved the wording, "up to \$1,500,000" on the bond. Ms. Griffin said the Selectmen still had the ability to reduce the bond amount if additional funds were raised prior to Town Meeting. Ms. Griffin said as the contribution total increased the appropriation from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund would decrease. Ms. Griffin said including the \$1,500,000 bond, contributions and prior Town Meeting appropriations the Town had raised \$1,186,511 of the conservative estimated total project cost of \$2,860,336. Judson Pierson questioned if the contract price was a fixed price. Ms. Griffin advised it was a guaranteed maximum and that the Town was considering a number of different options to reduce it.

Brian Walsh congratulated and thanked both the committee that worked to put this project together and raise the funds and also the donors who contributed. Mr. Walsh said to have collected \$1,186,511 in private donations in the current economy was wonderful. Ms. Griffin said to date 365 individuals or families had contributed almost \$73,825 and that it was entirely possible that the Town would raise enough additional funds to eliminate the need to appropriate funding from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund.

Ms. Griffin suggested the Selectmen consider the possibility of reducing the bond and increasing the appropriation from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund due to the interest the Town would pay on the bond. Mr. Walsh believed the Town should use the private donations first, dip into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund second and

borrow money for the balance. Mr. Walsh said if the private donation amount was such that the Fund was not used and the Town could borrow less money the Town should borrow less money. William Baschnagel agreed.

Marilyn Black introduced Pete Tennant of Tennant/Wallace Architects and Theodore Tupper of Provan & Lorber Engineers & Planners who walked the public through the plans for the new Community/Senior Center. Julia Griffin spoke of the possibility of relocating the old Senior Center building and the Roberts' property building.

Kari Asmus of Etna questioned if there were any other projects the Town was considering over the next 5 or 10 years that might require a bond. Julia Griffin suggested the Town could consider construction of a water treatment plant at Reservoir 1 if the Water Company was municipalized. William Baschnagel suggested conservation easement purchasing could also be possible.

Marilyn Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the issuance of a \$1,500,000 bond issue for the construction of the Community/Senior Center. William Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A \$1,500,000 BOND ISSUE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER.

Brian Walsh closed the public hearing on this issue.

3. SECOND PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED 2002 TOWN WARRANT

Brian Walsh opened the public hearing and advised this was the Selectmen's third and final review of the Town Warrant. Mr. Walsh said Articles Two through Fourteen were changes to the Town of Hanover Zoning Ordinance that would be voted on by paper ballot during the polling hours of 7:00 am to 7:00 pm of the Town Meeting. Mr. Walsh stated the Planning Board had been working on some of these changes for over a year and had held 2 and in some cases 3 public hearings on the proposed amendments. Mr. Walsh said the background to the Warrant would explain what each of the proposed changes were and include details of all of the Zoning Ordinances. Mr. Walsh said having read the background information he believed the staff had done as good a job as has ever been done making complicated zoning amendments readable and available.

Brief Review of Articles Fifteen to Thirty-Two

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To choose various Town Officers by majority vote. This Article was assigned to Brian Walsh.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To vote to construct the new Community/Senior Center using a \$1,500,000 bond and the funds listed in Articles Seventeen and Eighteen to complete the payment. The amount to be appropriated through private donations was updated to

\$1,186,511. The amount of the appropriation from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund was updated to \$73,825. This Article was assigned to Marilyn Black. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To accept the funds donated for the Community/Senior Center and appropriate the funds to the construction effort. The amount to be appropriated through private donations was updated to \$1,186,511. This Article was assigned to Marilyn Black. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To fund the difference of the Community/Senior Center construction from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund. The appropriation from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund was updated to \$73,825. This Article was assigned to Marilyn Black. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

William Baschnagel questioned if Article Sixteen failed and Articles Seventeen and Eighteen passed what would happen. Ms. Griffin advised the Town would have to raise \$1,500,000 in a private fundraising campaign. Marilyn Black questioned if Articles Seventeen and Eighteen could be moved to the end of the Articles. Ms. Griffin cautioned that many people do not stay for the entire Town Meeting and suggested these Articles should be addressed when most of the people were there. Brian Walsh suggested the Selectmen could reconsider Articles Seventeen and Eighteen later in the meeting if the paper bond vote failed.

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To transfer 50% of the Land Use Change Tax Reserve into the Land and Capital Improvements Fund. This Article was assigned to William Baschnagel. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY: To transfer 50% of the Land Use Change Tax Reserve into the Conservation Fund. This Article was assigned to William Baschnagel. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

Judson Pierson questioned how this split came about. Marilyn Black spoke of the tug of war between open space, building needs and Town needs and said the decision was made to split the funds evenly so all needs were met from this tax. William Baschnagel recalled the Town reconsidered the question due to the passing of State law that gave conservation commissions authority to spend the money.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To transfer the \$96,119 of the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund to the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund. This Article was assigned to Marilyn Black. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To vote to ratify the Parking Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer \$50,000 from undesignated fund balance to start the Fund. This Article was assigned to William Baschnagel. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To establish a North College Street Construction Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$91,140 that had been saved over the last six years. This Article was assigned to Judson Pierson. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To transfer money into various Capital Reserve Funds for equipment purchases. This Article was assigned to Katherine Connolly. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

Kari Asmus of Etna questioned if the \$108,000 listed for the Water Treatment Plant and \$2,660 for the Parking Fund came from the General Fund. Julia Griffin advised they came from Revenue Funds that transferred into the Capital Reserves. Ms. Griffin explained the \$2,660 for the Parking Fund would be transferred into the Fund ratified in Article Twenty-two. Steve Croy of Hanover questioned if consideration had been given to advantages and disadvantages of selling, trading or recycling Town vehicles to different Town departments. Brian Walsh advised the issue was reviewed at length during the budget hearings in March when Frank Austin, Fleet Maintenance Superintendent and Julia Griffin walked the Selectmen through the process and advised the Town was keeping a few vehicles and trading others depending on the vehicle, mileage and projected value.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To take money from the Capital Reserve Funds for the purchase of various equipment. This Article was assigned to Katherine Connolly. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hanover and the IBPO Local 561. This Article was assigned to Judson Pierson. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To approve the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Hanover and the AFSCME Local 1348. This Article was assigned to Judson Pierson. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

Brian Walsh questioned the estimated increase listed for 2002-2003. Julia Griffin advised that reflected both the wage scale adjustment and the additional cost to the Town for the benefits package. Ms. Griffin said years 2 and 3 of the contracts reflect the impact of the 2.5% wage scale adjustments only as the cost of the benefits package was not known for those years. It was assumed there would be no change.

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: To appropriate funding in the amount of \$12,767,266 for the Town expenses. This Article was assigned to Brian Walsh. The Selectmen voted unanimously in favor of this Article.

Total budget approved	\$13,678,041
Land and Capital Improvements Fund	- 13,250
Conservation Fund	- 13,250
Transfer in to the Capital Reserves	- 451,860
Transfer from the Capital Reserves	- 331,699
IBPO contract 1 st year totals	- 49,893
AFSCME contract 1 st year totals	- <u>50,823</u>
Net Number appropriated for Article Twenty-Eight	\$12,767,266

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE: To appropriate \$2,000 to support the services provided by the Family Place. This Article was assigned to Katherine Connolly. The Selectmen voted unanimously to place this Article on the Warrant.

ARTICLE THIRTY: To appropriate \$9,300 to support the services provided by West Central Behavioral Health. This Article was assigned to Katherine Connolly. The Selectmen voted unanimously to place this Article on the Warrant.

Kari Asmus of Etna believed the Selectmen were required to take a position on all Articles that required expenditure of funds as stated in RSA 32:5 and that the citizens would like to know whether their elected officials recommended these appropriations or not. Julia Griffin advised the Town's attorney and DRA's position on these Articles that come outside of the tax rate setting appropriation was that the Selectmen do not need to take a position. Brian Walsh recalled the Selectmen traditionally had not taken a position. Ms. Griffin believed the reason for that was their feeling that the agency needed to be at Town Meeting to make their case to the Town. Brian Walsh asked Ms. Griffin to contact Walter Mitchell for clarity on the issue.

ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE: To receive reports from Selectmen and other various members of Town leadership and to act on any motion relating to these reports. This Article was assigned to Brian Walsh.

Hanky Tenney, Director of Parks and Recreation believed special recognition items used to be at the beginning of the Articles and questioned why they were moved to the end. Brian Walsh advised Harry Bird, the Town Moderator felt strongly that they belonged at the end and that people should be asked to stay and wait for the recognition reports.

ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO: To transact any other business legally brought before Town Meeting. This Article was assigned to Brian Walsh.

Brian Walsh closed the second pre-Town Meeting Public Hearing relative to the approval of the proposed 2002 Town Warrant.

Brief Review of Explanatory Information

Julia Griffin said the purpose of the Explanatory Information was to try to translate the Warrant Articles into everyday English and to provide relevant background information that is not explained in the Warrant language itself. The Selectmen made the following suggestions for modifications:

ARTICLE ONE: Add a sentence noting that the Howe Library Corporation owns the building and contributes to its operating expenses of the library. Verify the years of service listed for Harry Bird.

ARTICLE FIVE: Add a statement to the end of the second paragraph advising what the change would allow for.

ARTICLE SEVEN: Change line 3 of the second paragraph to read "within the 75-foot buffer setback."

ARTICLE TEN: Change the language so it does not infer the Town has made a decision relative to the use of the property for affordable housing. Add that if such a use were decided it would be decided by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE TWELVE: Make reference at the beginning of the text that this is a new zoning district.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: Update figures based on discussions held at the current meeting.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: Change the title to "Maximum Funding from the Land and Capital Improvements Fund which could be used to Construct the New Community and Senior Center".

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: Indicate amount saved over the years.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: Change title to "Withdrawal of Fund from Capital Reserve Funds for Vehicle and Equipment Replacement".

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: Differentiate which Police Department employees are union members and which are not in explanation at Town Meeting not in text.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: Differentiate which Public Works Department employees are union members and which are not in explanation at Town Meeting not in text.

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT: Clarify this does not just pertain to the General Fund budget but to the entire budget.

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE: Change “needs of the Upper Valley’s families” to “needs of Town of Hanover’s families”. Add a sentence stating it is expected that an agency representative would appear before the Town Meeting to address the needs for these funds and how they would be used.

Caroline Tischbein asked that more information be provided to the public in terms of the statistics provided by the different agencies versus the staff recommended funding amounts and the proposed funding amounts. Julia Griffin said she could add information to this Explanatory section in terms of specifically what the funding request is designed to accommodate by each agency. Ms. Tischbein also questioned the Town’s policy with regard to having agency requests listed as Warrant Articles versus being part of the proposed budget. Brian Walsh advised that process was discussed each year at Town Meeting. Ms. Griffin suggested clarifying the Warrant Article descriptions to state how many years a funding request had appeared as a Warrant Article and how many more years it would need to appear as a Warrant Article before it became part of the proposed budget. Ms. Griffin said she could further direct the public to the page in the budget text where additional background information could be found.

ARTICLE THIRTY: Add a statement that much of this reflects costs the State of New Hampshire has previous paid and which the State is now choosing not to pay.

Julia Griffin advised full text would be provided as part of the Town Report and full text of all of the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments would be posted at Town Meeting.

William Baschnagel MADE THE MOTION to close the second pre-Town Meeting public hearing. Marilyn Black SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE SECOND PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING.

4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NEIGHBORHOOD REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC CALMING ON BUELL STREET AND HOVEY LANE

Dick Lewin appeared on behalf of his neighbors on Buell Street and Hovey Lane and reported the chicane installed on Hovey Lane worked well to slow traffic in the area between the high school and Ledyard Lane but failed to slow traffic anywhere else. The neighborhood residents have now realized their primary problem is not speed but the overwhelming volume of cut through traffic on their neighborhood roads.

Mr. Lewin believed the solution to the problem was to reroute traffic onto arterial streets as noted in the book, *Traffic Calming, State of the Practice*. Mr. Lewin suggested installing a full diverter at the intersection of Buell Street and Currier Place to prevent traffic from either entering or leaving South Main Street from Currier Place and Buell Street. Mr. Lewin said the diverter would be simple to install, would leave more of the road network open than any other solution and would eliminate the need for speed control measures. Mr. Lewin reported Chief Bradley of the Fire Department, Chief Giaccone of

the Police Department and Pete Kulbacki, Director of Public Works did not object to the installation.

Brian Walsh explained the proposal was to close off the link between Currier Place and the end of Buell Street with a full diverter. The route would then be diverted from Buell Street to Currier Place to either Dorrance Place or South Street to South Main Street.

Brian Walsh questioned how long the chicane was used. Julia Griffin said it was removed after a 6 weeks trial period. Marilyn Black said the chicane was continually knocked down and flattened. Ms. Griffin said had it been a permanent chicane the situation would have been slightly different in terms of how long it remained visible as a chicane.

Ron Michaud of Lebanon spoke of his cut through use of these roads not realizing it was a problem. Mr. Michaud stated he would not cut through these neighborhoods again and suggested he could speak with the Lebanon City Council to try to spread the word.

William Baschnagel spoke in opposition of closing off the neighborhood and suggested adding an additional chicane creating more of a physical impediment to control the speeds. Charlie Faulkner of Buell Street in Hanover did not believe this would close off the neighborhood; it would merely change the access to the neighborhood. Mr. Faulkner suggested the same proposal could apply in other Hanover neighborhoods with the same kinds of adverse impacts this neighborhood has.

Steve Crory of Hanover questioned if the impact of a proposed zoning change to the area in questioned that would create a circular travel pattern from South Main Street around to the high school had been fully considered. Mr. Crory believed the lack of proper planning in the growth of Centerra, DHMC and the high-tech district on the old Etna Road was affecting the quality of life in Hanover and in Lebanon. Mr. Crory argued that Hanover should support the idea of creating a connector between Route 10 and the hospital as Hanover is directly affected by the developmental of an area that the City of Lebanon receives millions of dollars in general tax revenue from. Mr. Crory believed this was a regional problem and urged the Selectmen to join forces with the City of Lebanon and others to find alternatives. Charlie Faulkner agreed the traffic problems were regional issues that needed to be addressed at that level more than it has been.

William Baschnagel agreed the issue was regional and believed it would be addressed not by creating a bypass from Route 10 to the hospital but by building a rational Exit 18, a rational Route 120 and possibly by connecting to Interstate 91.

Bruce Genereaux of 6 Ledyard Lane in Hanover expressed concern for the increase in traffic to Currier Place. Mr. Genereaux said 85% of the cars using the roads in question during the rush hour periods were non-resident traffic. Mr. Genereaux believed this to be inconsistent with the historical use of that area. Mr. Genereaux believed the Master Plan stated a degradation of the quality of the historical use of a community must be

addressed. Mr. Genereaux said Ledyard Lane, an area of 10 houses that received almost no traffic, was directly affected by the trial chicane. Mr. Genereaux believed the chicane failed to achieve its goal due to its location and stated he would not oppose adding more chicanes in other areas. Therese O'Brien of Currier Place in Hanover asked that chicanes be added to Currier Place and noted the lack of posted speed limits on the road.

Pete Kulbacki said the purpose of chicanes was to slow traffic not to stop or divert it. The chicane was installed in an area where the traffic study indicated the speed was excessive. Mr. Kulbacki suggested the Town needed a formal policy regarding where to try what traffic-calming method prior to putting a whole lot of effort into traffic calming measures. Mr. Kulbacki believed it was important to know what the community would be willing to accept. William Baschnagel said he would be happy to review a policy statement but questioned if it was known what works yet. Part of the issue is that the Town is still at an experimental stage. Mr. Kulbacki said there were many documents available that could advise what would work but more importantly the issue of what the community will accept must be considered.

Marilyn Black said had the hospital not moved to Lebanon the entire Town of Hanover would be impacted by its expansion measures. Ms. Black said there is only one constant in life and that is change. The development of the hospital and Centerra has created change to the entire region. Ms. Black expressed concern for the Selectmen doing something for one neighborhood and having all the others come in asking for the same. Ms. Black would rather see an overall plan developed before the Selectmen did anything as major as installing a diverter.

Katherine Connolly felt diverting streets should be viewed as the last possible measure to take and suggested a 6 week trial period for one chicane was not ample to determine whether it had failed or not. Ms. Connolly believed a lot more could be done and considered before installing any diverter. Ms. Connolly said there were a number of very small arterial streets in Hanover that had become main streets and residents of those other streets have also asked that traffic on their streets be addressed.

Judson Pierson questioned Pete Kulbacki and Chief Giaccone of their support of the diverter mentioned in Mr. Lewin's request. Pete Kulbacki believed a diverter was a valid option for traffic calming if all other choices had been looked at and ruled out. Mr. Kulbacki said he would not oppose installing a diverter but again suggested a policy needed to be instated showing community support. Chief Giaccone said he did not object to the diverter. Chief Giaccone was convinced the traffic issue for this neighborhood was with volume not speed. Chief Giaccone spoke of his observation of the chicane stating it did slow traffic but was not the type of thing that would make people decide to travel elsewhere; a diverter would. Chief Giaccone recalled residents from Currier Place expressed concern at a previous hearing of the volume of traffic they would receive from the different traffic calming measures. Chief Giaccone believed a lot of the traffic in question related to high school traffic coming from Vermont that would travel through East South Street or Dorrance Place to access the area if a diverter was installed.

Brian Walsh questioned if the residents of Dorrance Place or Gould Street had been informed of the latest proposal. Mr. Lewin said he had not spoken with them but recalled their concerns were relative to exiting Dorrance Place onto South Main Street. Mr. Lewin said if Dorrance Place received a lot of traffic it would mean the diverter was not working for Currier Place, Hovey Lane or Buell Street either.

Katherine Connolly noted Dorrance Place as being a hill on a curve and said it would be the least appropriate substitute for turning from South. Mr. Lewin stated his neighborhood was the only neighborhood with data available of its traffic problems and stated a knowledgeable person would not believe Dorrance Place would be affected much by his proposal.

Brian Walsh said the issue had previously been talked about at great length. He did not sense the Selectmen had been persuaded relative to a diverter given that the people that have expressed real concern on Dorrance Place were not present at the meeting. Mr. Walsh said he would be happy to address this issue again after Town Meeting. He was frustrated a more substantial chicane was not used and suggested 2 chicanes more substantial than the first be installed.

Steve Crory suggested using the Valley News and possibly an additional sign in the area in question asking that the neighborhood not be cut through.

Mr. Lewin stated his neighbors would be happy to try anything the Board would suggest.

The Selectmen asked Pete Kulbacki and Julia Griffin to return to the Selectmen with recommendations based on the discussions held.

5. UPDATE ON COALITION COMMUNITIES EFFORT AND HB 1462

Julia Griffin said she had testified on behalf of the Town of Hanover at the Senate Finance Committee hearing on the bill on Friday, April 12, 2002. All but 2 of the roughly 40 people that testified were in favor of HB 1462. Ms. Griffin explained HB 1462, initiated by Democratic Representative Terry Norelli, would sunset the statewide property tax effective January 1, 2004 and force the legislature to come up an alternative or reinstate the statewide property tax on January 1, 2004. Ms. Griffin said the main concern associated with the proposal was that a companion bill did not accompany it suggesting a revenue generating mechanism in place of the statewide property tax. Those opposed to any other form of revenue generation such as an income tax or sales tax are using that as their rationale to oppose the sunset. Ms. Griffin advised the Senate would take action on this April 16, 2002 in a full session. The Senate Finance Committee voted 3 to 2 to send the bill on to the full Senate with the recommendation that it be sent to a study committee. The Senate would have to overturn the Senate Finance Committee's recommendation and vote in favor of HB 1462 for it to continue on to the Governor who could either sign it, ignore it or veto it.

Ms. Griffin said there was still a lot of doubt this bill would move through the Senate positively as there is enough concern over the State budget situation right now with the looming deficit. Senator Below was in favor of the HB but there are others across the State people are attempting to connect with to persuade them to vote in favor. Ms. Griffin said there was good representation by the Coalition communities at the hearing but that the most compelling testimony came from individual seniors and folks on fixed incomes who spoke about the extent to which their property tax increased as a resident of a donor community and how they are being forced to sell their homes and leave those communities.

Brian Walsh advised he made a couple of calls on behalf of the Town of Hanover to some Senators to back HB 1462. The arguments he heard against the bill was that it is irresponsible to sunset the property tax without having any tax substitute for it. Mr. Walsh's rebuttal was that the current system of funding government in New Hampshire was highly responsible and that it was ludicrous to pretend the we were doing something fiscally responsible now rather than continue to put pressure on the legislature. Mr. Walsh said he made his thoughts known to the Governor on behalf of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hanover.

6. RECOMMENDATION TO SET POLLING HOURS ON MAY 14, 2002

The Selectmen set the polling hours as follows:

7:00 am to 11:00 am	Jay Pierson
11:00 am to 1:00 pm	Bill Baschnagel
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm	Katherine Connolly
5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Bill Baschnagel

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 1, 2002

Katherine Connolly MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of April 1, 2002 as amended. William Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2002 AS AMENDED.

8. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Firefighters Contract

Ms. Griffin advised the Town was not able to reach agreement with the firefighters' union by the deadline. There were two key issues outstanding on the table that were too expensive for the Town to agree upon. Ms. Griffin said a mediator would be brought in to try to help both parties come to some sort of agreement. The Town would remain under the old contract until a new contract could be ratified at Town Meeting 2003. This would not provide for wage scale adjustments effective July 1, 2002. Ms. Griffin said the

Town's position was that there would not be any retroactivity as the benefit package the firefighters would enjoy until a new contract is ratified would be richer than the benefit package enjoyed by the other Town employees but it was all still subject to negotiation.

Town Report

Ms. Griffin reported the final piece of the Town Report would go to the printer April 16, 2002. The biggest challenge was having to turn down several folks who had asked that their inserts be added to the Town Report. Ms. Griffin expressed concern for the taxpayers funding the inserts and not wanting to draw attention away from the Town Report by mailing too many miscellaneous items with it. Ms. Griffin sensed the Selectmen would soon have to set a hard and fast policy in terms of what could and could not be included in the Town Report mailing.

Town Manager's Schedule

Ms. Griffin advised she would be out of the office Wednesday, Thursday and Friday but would be available by pager.

Noise Ordinance

Ms. Griffin reported the Selectmen would have to act on the Noise Ordinance in the near future as it was set-aside during budget discussions.

9. **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Marilyn Black

Ms. Black reported Northeast Waste would be providing composting flyers in the recycling bins per a request from the Recycling Committee.

Katherine Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported the Planning Board was working on zoning amendments and land use.

William Baschnagel

Mr. Baschnagel reported the College had asked for a joint review by the Planning Board and Zoning Board for their Dewey Field application. Mr. Baschnagel said there was considerable neighborhood concern that this would be the first of a multi-step process for development of the North Campus.

Judson Pierson

Mr. Pierson did not have anything to report.

Brian Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported of a Howe Library Trustees meeting and their review of a development campaign looking to raise \$4,000,000 for the Howe Library's renovation/expansion.

10. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

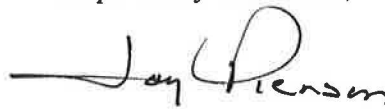
Marilyn Black MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Katherine Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:06 PM.

SUMMARY

- 1. Marilyn Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the issuance of a \$1,500,000 bond issue for the construction of the Community/Senior Center. William Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF A \$1,500,000 BOND ISSUE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER.**
- 2. William Baschnagel MADE THE MOTION to close the second pre-Town Meeting public hearing. Marilyn Black SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE SECOND PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING.**
- 3. Katherine Connolly MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of April 1, 2002 as amended. William Baschnagel SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2002 AS AMENDED.**
- 4. Marilyn Black MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting. Katherine Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 10:06 PM.**

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jay Pierson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the beginning.

Jay Pierson, Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by Beth Rivard.