

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**OCTOBER 7, 2002**

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

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:55 pm by the Chairman, Brian Walsh. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice-Chairman; William "Bill" Baschnagel; Peter Christie; Judson "Jay" Pierson; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; and members of the public.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**2. DISCUSSION REGARDING UPCOMING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON OCTOBER 29, 2002**

Julia Griffin advised of Judge Burling's ruling to grant the Town's petition to include an article to appropriate a \$2 million note, payable over 20 years, at the October 29, 2002 Special Town Meeting. She said both the Selectboard and Planning Board had held the statutory required public hearings in preparation of the Special Town Meeting. She reminded the public that the voting, on the proposed zoning amendments, Article One, would be held, from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, at the Hanover High School Gymnasium, the day of the 29<sup>th</sup>. The Special Town Meeting, also held at the Hanover High School Gymnasium, would begin at 7:30 pm, and would address Articles Two and Three. Bill Baschnagel believed the zoning amendments were largely facilitating. Ms. Griffin agreed, many were, but unless the Town was to take the stance not to comply with its own Zoning Ordinance, these amendments were the only way Dartmouth would be able to use the Gile Tract for outdoor storage. Brian Walsh said he was not ready to implement Municipal Exemption if the Town did not vote in favor of these Articles.

Jay Pierson asked of the meeting agenda relative to vote counts. Ms. Griffin said the votes on Article One, the zoning amendments, would be counted prior to the start of the Special Town Meeting, between 7:00 and 7:30; the Town's Moderator would determine the rest of the agenda. Ms. Griffin suggested taking a break while the votes on Article Two were counted. Mr. Walsh referred back to the Parking Facility and Community Center votes and how the presentation of those entire projects helped to explain all of the smaller pieces. He suggested the following meeting agenda:

- Keep the polls open for Article One until 7:30 pm
- Present an overview of the tri-party agreement while the votes for Article One are counted
- Hold a question and answer session on Article Two

- Call the vote for Article Two
- Present all the components of Article Three while the votes for Article Two are counted
- Call the vote for Article Three

Peter Christie suggested the Selectmen present both Article Two and Three, then open the polls for voting. Mr. Pierson agreed, he thought that might pull in voters, viewing from home, to come in to vote. Mr. Walsh expressed concern for the voter turnout. He encouraged the Hanover residents to vote during the day, attend the Town Meeting, and be a part of what he believed would be one of the most important decisions Hanover had or would make in 20 years.

Ms. Griffin advised of the information pieces leading up to the Special Town Meeting:

- A mailing will go out, from the Selectmen to the Hanover voters, with a copy of the draft Warrant and background information.
- A flyer will go home with Ray School, Middle School and possibly high school students to alert people of the Special Town Meeting
- Transaction ads, advertising the Special Town Meeting, will run in the Valley News the next 3 Saturdays.
- The Dresden School Board's monthly publication will run half page ads in the Valley News on October 19, 2002 and October 26, 2002. These will include mapping pieces on all of the properties involved.
- Consideration was given to submitting letters to the editor of the Valley News alerting people of the Special Town Meeting
- The Selectmen will host two informational meetings displaying and explaining large maps, the Warrant Articles and the agreement. They will be held:
  - October 21, 2002 at the Hanover High School Gymnasium at 7:30 pm
  - October 23, 2002 at Trumbull Hall in Etna at 7:30 pm
- Brian Walsh and Willy Black will make a presentation to the Kendal voters on October 22, 2002.
- Brian Walsh will speak to Rotary Club on October 23, 2002
- Ms. Griffin spoke with the Lion's Club previously
- Posters were being considered to alert people of the Special Town Meeting
- Voting banners will go up a week before the meeting
- The Warrant Articles, background information, and tri-party agreement will be posted on the Town's website
- The League of Women Voters would also provide reference material on their website

Mr. Walsh said it would be important to advertise that childcare would be provided during the Special Town Meeting. He asked that Youth in Action be contacted.

Ms. Griffin felt each component of Article Three would need to be explained to the voters, during the Special Town Meeting, in terms of what they were and why they were included in the tri-party agreement. She suggested the Selectmen divvy them up amongst themselves, to present as part of the overview presentation. Mr. Walsh thought rather than presenting each component of Article Three, it would be useful to have each of the Selectmen prepared to answer questions on one or two of the components. The Board agreed and the following assignments were made relative to Articles Two and Three:

- Overview and Article II (Walsh)
- Article Three: Accept part of Lyme Road parcel (Baschnagel)
- Article Three: Accept Thompson Terrace from the School District (Pierson)
- Article Three: Convey Reservoir Road fields to Dartmouth (Pierson)
- Article Three: Discontinue a portion of Sargent Place (Connolly)
- Article Three: Convey East South Street properties to Dartmouth (Connolly)
- Article Three: Lease portion of the dump (Gile Tract) to Dartmouth (Baschnagel)
- Article Three: Long-term agreement for Lyme Road playing fields (Pierson)
- Article Three: Purchase option for the Lebanon Street site (Christie)

Mr. Walsh suggested adding the balance sheet to the above list and asked Mr. Christie to speak to that also.

The Selectmen agreed to conduct a dry run of the overview and speak to each of Article Three's components at the start of the informational meeting scheduled for October 21, 2002. Ms. Griffin asked the Selectmen to advise her of any props they would need to assist them in explaining their piece of the agreement. Large flip charts and handouts would be available.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 23, 2002**

**Bill Baschnagel MOVED to approve the minutes of September 23, 2002 as amended. Katherine Connolly SECONDED. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2002 AS AMENDED.**

**4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Tax Rate

Ms. Griffin reported that the tax rate was tentatively set on Friday, October 4, 2002 at DRA. The final rate would not be verified until Wednesday or Thursday, October 9 or 10. The Town portion of the tax rate was under the Selectmen's target of 3%. The School District portion was also relatively low.

Special Town Meeting

Ms. Griffin said staff was busy fully preparing for the Special Town Meeting. She spoke of her positive experience working with the School's Communication Committee.

**5. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

**Peter Christie**

Mr. Christie reported on the Finance Committee's activities, which included holding their first meeting with the SAU. The guidelines set by the School Board for their piece of the budget involved maintaining the program with one new emphasis: to look at reallocating resources between programs if possible and if needed. The Finance Committee elected John Manchester as their Chairman.

**Katherine Connolly**

Ms. Connolly reported on the Planning Board's trip to the Office of State Planning where they met with representatives from other college towns (all associated with the University of New Hampshire). Ms. Connolly said she came away from the meeting with a great sense of gratitude for the relationship the Town of Hanover has with its resident college.

Ms. Connolly complimented a tenant of the Bridgman Building who petitioned the Board voluntarily for a site plan waiver to enclose a dumpster.

Ms. Connolly reported on the success of the visit with the students from Kashiwa, Japan. She thanked the Town's Public Works department for their efforts assisting the visitors with their luggage.

**Bill Baschnagel**

Mr. Baschnagel reported on the PTB's discussions on the Thompson Lot and long-term planning for alternatives. He said he encouraged Bill Barr to return to the College to find places for 7 bus shelters whose construction was fully funded by a Federal Grant.

Mr. Baschnagel said subcommittees of the Downtown Visioning Group were looking at recommendations to streetscapes downtown and parking credit issues.

Mr. Baschnagel reported of Dartmouth's presentation, to the Planning Board, on plans for the north campus.

**Jay Pierson**

Mr. Pierson reported on interviews the Recreation Board conducted to fill a vacant seat. He spoke of three top candidates and asked if the Board could be expanded. Ms. Griffin said she would research that and get back to him.

**Brian Walsh**

Mr. Walsh reported of a fax he received from the Deputy Mayor of Joigny, France sending wishes and thoughts to the Town and the people of America relative to the one-year anniversary of September 11, 2001.

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

Jay Pierson asked of the status of the ISTEPA for the bike path. Julia Griffin said as soon as the easement agreements and a maintenance agreement, between the Town of Hanover and the hospital, were finalized DOT would put the project out to bid to construct the path.

Polling Hours

The Selectmen agreed to the following schedule to cover the polls for the October 29, 2002 Special Town Meeting:

7:00 – 10:00	Jay Pierson
10:00 – 1:00	Bill Baschnagel
1:00 – 4:00	Katherine Connolly
4:00 – 7:30	Brian Walsh

The Selectmen agreed to the following schedule to cover the polls for the regular elections on November 5, 2002:

7:00 – 9:30	Jay Pierson
9:30 – 12:00	Peter Christie
12:00 – 2:30	Bill Baschnagel
2:30 – 5:00	Katherine Connolly
5:00 – 7:00	Brian Walsh

Brian Walsh, Jay Pierson and Bill Baschnagel will stay to certify the count.

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Bill Baschnagel MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Katherine Connolly SECONDED. THE SELECTMEN VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:02 PM.**

**SUMMARY**

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Christie", written in a cursive style.

Peter Christie, Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by Beth Rivard.