

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 20, 1995

The meeting of the Hanover Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the courtroom of the Municipal Building. Members present: Jack H. Nelson, Vice Chair; Katherine S. Connolly; and Dorothy King. Also attending: Clifford R. Vermilya, Town Manager; members of the public and press.

This session was viewed over CATV6 with Christopher Michaud as the videographer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL SEWER PROJECT ON LYME ROAD, GIRL BROOK AREA

Mike Chase, Foreman of the Sewer and Drainage Line Maintenance crew, gave a presentation on the proposed sewer line hookup to take care of the homes on Lyme Road between the old Medical Center and Reservoir Road. Signs of waste water in Girl Brook was traced to 23 Lyme Road and found to be polluting Girl Brook. It was decided to investigate all five homes in that area with four of the five homes showing pollution. Ken LeClair was approached and asked to draw up a preliminary plan to correct the pollution problem by allowing the property owners causing the pollution to tie into an interceptor line. The homes were thought to be on a leach system which, when investigated, would cost each property owner between \$12,000 and \$15,000 to reconstruct their septic systems. The soil has a lot of clay and the chances of building a successful septic system or leach field would be slim with the possibility of it not lasting many years due to the condition of the soil. The town is suggesting the property owners connect into the trunk line that runs from Girl Brook almost parallel to the back of the homes in question, approximately 600 feet with a twelve inch interceptor line. The new line needing to be run is suggested to be eight inches and expected to accommodate any future growth. The cost of the eight inch line would be about \$55,000, but would not include the cost of the services from the homes to connect into it. The town will pay 50% of the cost with the homeowners splitting the remaining 50%, a little under \$7,000 each for the main line with the homeowners picking up the cost from their homes to the main line from wherever their service lines are. The land where they would have to tie in is Dartmouth College owned.

Mr. Farr, one of the homeowners, was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but wanted the Board to know he was in favor of tying into the town system. Dick Couch, 29 Lyme Road is in favor of tying into the town system. Ron Sacconi at 23 Lime Road asked if the town could put out to bid for their portion as well as the towns portion. The town would not be able to do the work

themselves, but would be willing to look into a contract that would do all the lines, the town's portion as well as the individuals to see if they could get a better rate. One contractor could do the whole thing with the town helping to package it and the homeowners paying the contractor directly. It was asked if the cost could be amortized over a number of years with a bond. To be bonded, it would have to go to town meeting with two thirds of the town vote and would delay the whole process, whereas, if Board approval were received now, they could get ready to go to bid. The town might be willing to work out a finance arrangement over a period of two or three years but an extended bond issue would not be possible without going to town meeting.

Hans Copeland was present representing the Real Estate Office at Dartmouth College. Mr. Copeland said an arrangement has been made for the right-of-way for this line from Dartmouth College and a preliminary title search has been done for all the houses.

The town would be able to start the project in late spring or early summer and finished in a couple of months. The condition of the present service lines would have to be checked out. The town can only insist on the four homes who are polluting to take corrective measures. The Lynch residents can be given the option to connect into the town line or a time frame in the future for them to do so with reimbursement to the town and the other four property owners at the time they hook up.

A property owner asked when the testing was done and was told each home had a biodegradable dye put into their system which showed up florescent. He said he wasn't asked and asked how this was done. He was told the plumbers working at his home were asked if the dye could be put into the system. They said they were working for the homeowner and felt it would be alright.

Mrs. Connolly moved to appropriate \$55,000 for a trunk line, if the towns get a right-of-way from Dartmouth College for a sewer line to be owned and maintained by the Town of Hanover after installation, with the town paying half the cost, approximately \$27,500, and the neighbors splitting the cost of the remaining half (approximately \$27,500) or around a little under \$7,000 each with each property owner being responsible to get a trunk line from their home at their own expense. Mrs. King seconded it. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

APPOINTMENTS

Two appointments were made. Nancy Prosser resigned her position as council representative and it was suggested that Patricia Higgins replace her as a representative from the Conservation Council to the Conservation Commission.

Mrs. Connolly moved that Patricia Higgins be appointed representative from the Hanover Conservation Council to the Hanover Conservation Commission. Mrs. King seconded it. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

Mrs. Connolly made a motion to appoint David Earl as an alternate to the Planning Board. Mrs. King seconded it. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Vermilya announced there would be a non-public session at the end of tonight's meeting to discuss a matter that might affect the reputation of an individual concerning a tax abatement.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Mrs. Connolly's Report:

Mrs. Connolly mentioned the Planning Board will meet on 3/21/95 to discuss the Center for Jewish Life as well as the Master Plan, specifically the economic development and the business district portions with some discussion on open space and natural resources.

Mrs. King had no report.

Mr. Nelson's Report:

Mr. Nelson mentioned at the last Planning Board meeting the Center for Jewish Life had a list of stipulations outlined with a straw vote taken. It would appear by the straw vote which has been reviewed by the town council, that the Planning Board would vote for these stipulations at the 3/21/95 meeting.

Mr. Nelson said the Ledyard Bridge Committee met on 3/16/95 and feels the committee is making a lot of progress. Representatives from New Hampshire and Vermont Departments of Transportation, and the architect, Chris Carley, were present. The committee was impressed by the sketches presented and how well Mr. Carley depicted the consensus of everyone. There will be a meeting in two weeks with the New Hampshire Department, Vermont Agency of Transportation, and Federal Highway Department to discuss the appropriateness of the collective decisions for the package. Mr. Nelson feels most of what has been asked for will be received. All the elements of the proposed package would add two additional feet to the width of the bridge. This is not expected to be a major stumbling block.

On Thursday, March 23, 1995 at 4:00 pm there will be a Parking and Transportation Board meeting.

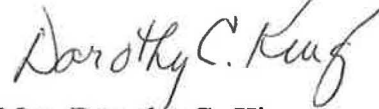
Mrs. Connolly moved to adjourn. Mrs. King seconded it. All were in favor.

Mr. Nelson asked for a vote to go into non-public session. Each Board member voted in favor of going into a non-public session.

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The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy C. King". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Mrs. Dorothy C. King
Clerk

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SUMMARY

1. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to appropriate \$55,000 for a trunk line, if the town could get a right-of-way from Dartmouth College, for a sewer line to be owned and maintained by the Town of Hanover after installation, with the town paying half the cost, approximately \$27,500, and the neighbors splitting the cost of the remaining half (approximately \$27,500) or around a little under \$7,000 each with each property owner being responsible to get a trunk line from their home at their own expense. Mrs. King SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
2. Mrs. Connolly MOVED that Patricia Higgins serve as a representative from the Hanover Conservation Council to the Hanover Conservation Commission. Mrs. King SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
3. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to appoint David Earl as an alternate to the Planning Board. Mrs. King SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
4. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to adjourn. Mrs. King SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and All WERE IN FAVOR.
5. Mr. Nelson asked for a VOTE to go into non-public session. Each person VOTED IN FAVOR of going into a non-public session.