

## **APPROVED**

### **MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**April 24, 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: Marilyn W. Black, Chair; Jack H. Nelson, Vice Chair; Katherine S. Connolly; Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs; and Dorothy King. Also attending: Clifford R. Vermilya, Town Manager; and members of the public and press.

This session was viewed over CATV6 with \_\_\_\_\_ as the videographer.

#### **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED PARKING DISTRICT BUDGET**

The proposed parking district budget changes are:

1. Increase in non-metered parking fine violations:
  - a. left wheels to curb
  - b. overtime in two hour zone
  - c. improper parking in prohibited zone
  - d. no parking 12:00 midnight to 7:00 am in the winter
  - e. no parking 2:00 am to 6:00 am
  - f. improper parking with Town permit
2. Proposed to change above fines from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and late charge from \$20.00 to \$30.00.
3. Proposed change to raise the 10 hour meters in the Marshall lot from .25 cents an hour to .50 cents an hour.
4. Proposed to increase the hours of enforcement from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

There was discussion of an overtime charge to monitor meters from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm. It was decided to have flexible scheduling so the public using the meters wouldn't know when the meters would be checked rather than overtime.

A parking district tax totaling \$40,000 will be enacted on the two parking districts. Parking District #2 is for the College property and will be 15% of the Parking District tax. The rest of the downtown area is Parking District #1 and will be 85% of the Parking District tax. The assessment will be similar to what it was three years ago unless there were changes in assessed property value.

When asked by a member of the public why the town chose to basically double the rate for 10 hour meters, she was told to raise revenues and keep the Parking District tax down. With the raise it still would not add up to more than \$5.00 a day and be cheaper than renting a space.

When asked if there was one action the town could take to bring into balance the Parking District Budget, what it would be and why wasn't it being done, the response was to do away with the Peripheral Parking system or specifically the Shuttle System.

Mrs. Black said a new schedule will be printed to hopefully enhance the Shuttle System and create more riders. The Shuttle System keeps about 100 vehicles from coming into downtown each day. The Select Board hopes the Parking District budget will be in balance next year with the new revenues being enacted. Some of the money being assessed for the Parking District will go for the study to redo the Municipal Lot behind the Town Hall for a Managed Lot.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mrs. Winifred Stearns on the corner of Currier and Dorrance Place, down the street from Howe Library, asked why money hasn't been designated for more parking at Howe because library parking is taking over the free parking areas. She wondered why no parking wasn't enforced and tickets given. She mentioned there is generally one person per vehicle with no attempt to car pool and asked for something to be worked out for more parking at the Library as well as having the rules enforced. She understands the Library has more land and wondered why it couldn't be used for parking.

Mrs. Black mentioned the Library is doing a long range planning study and parking is one of the major considerations. Discussion has been held and it was decided to fill in a little on the South end of the Library to be used for parking. The Illied classes are one of the reasons parking is so bad. A lot more patrons are coming to use the Library facilities in big groups. The Select Board will speak with the Library staff about not having two classes meet at the same time to help the parking situation. A suggestion was made for putting the meters back in the Library lot. Mrs. Stearns said the people on Occom Pond will have the same problem and mentioned as long as there is no penalty for parking it will just accelerate.

A suggestion was made to preserve the quaintness of Hanover and still accommodate parking by shutting off Main Street and forcing the parking onto the peripheral lot with the shoppers being shuttled in to town. This was asked on the Master Plan questionnaire that went out last year and the vote was not in favor of it.

The town has evolved over the last 10 or 15 years from a local community supported by a local community to a destination shopping center. The problem is the town has created a business community that needs and encourages coming in from outside to use the community and challenges how to accommodate those clients. Parking also becomes a problem with people no

longer having to live in the town where they work. Hanover changed with the interstate going through. Hopkins Center being built and Dartmouth going year round.

When asked if the negotiations for the HSD lot were finished. Mr. Vermilya said he received notification for the town to remove the meters and turn them over by May 31, 1995. Mr. Hochreiter thought this could be a mis-communication since he didn't get the same response. The members of the Select Board said they would like to lease the lot at a better rate and asked him to check it out.

### **DISCUSSION CONCERNING REQUESTS FOR SKATEBOARD REGULATION**

Due to concern over the increased skateboarders causing chipping and pitting of the new concrete sidewalks it was decided to enact an ordinance and warning system to prohibit skateboarding, bicycling, skating, and in-line skating on public sidewalks.

Mr. Nelson asked if the town has the ability to regulate public sidewalks and Mr. Vermilya said they do. The upper level near the Nugget Arcade is in question and Mr. Vermilya said he isn't sure how successfully they can litigate any infraction in that area. It is a gray area and will probably take a court decision to decide because even though they are not owned by the public right-of-way they have been public sidewalks long enough so they would be considered as such.

When asked if bicycles weren't already prohibited from public sidewalks, the response was it was thought about, but never acted on. The ordinance will read "No person should ride a bicycle, skateboard, roller skate or in-line skate on any sidewalk in the Parking Districts as described in the Hanover Parking District Ordinance". It was asked if this meant signage would be posted all over. The response was no, there would be no need to. It was suggested to give a warning, then a fine. The standard fine is set at a minimum of \$100 and a maximum of \$500. It was suggested to draw up new, more modest fines equivalent to parking fines. Mr. Vermilya said the fines have to be enforced by a sworn police officer.

A public hearing on the proposed ordinance was scheduled for May 15, 1995.

### **REPORT ON THE OLD ETNA FIRE STATION**

Mr. John Hochreiter updated the public and Select Board on the old Etna Fire Station. The previous request to take care of the deteriorating foundation was for \$4,000. The amount of work involved was underestimated and they are requesting additional funds in the amount of \$3,500 to fortify the road. It is believed the requested amount could come from the 1994-1995 budget. The state highway is eight feet from the front of the building and has to be excavated and fortified to a depth of ten feet. The back wall is the one good wall. The current proposal is for \$7,500. An antique fire truck, cable reel in the event they lose their communication reel in an emergency, an old boat, and fire alarm cable will be stored there. There will be three

levels of storage, the basement, main floor, and second level. The floor isn't a problem but the walls are deteriorating. Mr. John Hochreiter assured the Select Board the project would be completed in May, 1995.

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the extra \$3,500 funds to complete the Old Etna Fire Station reinforcement project. Mrs. Black seconded it and all were in favor. Mrs. Black said the Select Board would come out June 1st to view it.

### **TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE 2,001 PROJECT COMMITTEE**

Mr. John Schiffman, with the League of Women Voters Committee, asked for \$300 to help fund the weekend to work on their project, their subject being the Town of Hanover. Mrs. Connolly proposed the Select Board approve the \$300. It was asked if there are any funds in the Planning Board under consultants for the \$300. Mr. Vermilya said the Planning Board funds are all committed for the completion of the Master Plan and suggested the funds come from the Selectmen's miscellaneous line item. Mrs. Connolly moved to approve the \$300 be taken from the Selectmen's miscellaneous line item for the League of Women Voters Committee to help fund the weekend project. Mr. Nelson seconded it and all were in favor.

### **POLLING HOURS FOR TOWN MEETING**

Mrs. Heinrichs - 8:00 am - 10:30 am  
Mrs. King - 10:30 am - 1:30 pm  
Mrs. Black - 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm  
Mrs. Connolly - 4:30 pm - 7:00 pm  
Everyone - 7:00 pm

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Hanover has been awarded a Tree City Designation Award for the sixteenth year in a row. Mrs. Black read the annual resolution about tree city. This is a proclamation to provide for celebrating the tree as a living symbol of our heritage, to protect, replace, and encourage the growth of trees along our streets and roadways and on our public and private properties to teach children to be friends with trees. Arbor Day will be held Friday, May 5, 1995, at Ray School.

Mrs. Black moved to approve the proclamation for Arbor Day. Mrs. King seconded it. There was no discussion and all were in favor. All signed the proclamation and made it official.

Mr. Bill Desch does all the work and application every year for Arbor Day and lays out a program for planting each year.

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The specs for the sewer bid are being prepared for the Lyme Road area with final engineering being worked out.

A survey plan for the trail to replace Highway 38 is at the Town Office for anyone wanting to view it prior to the Town Meeting.

## **SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

### **Mrs. Dorothy King's Report:**

The Japanese who visited Hanover last year from Yoshinodani are asking to return this year. There will be ten Junior High and High School students with two chaperons. They will be here for three days and two nights and would like to stay in homes rather than at Dartmouth. When asked who is responsible for obtaining the homes, Mrs. King stated it hasn't been determined yet. They will come some time between July 29th and August 20th. If anyone is interested in hosting, please call the Municipal Office and leave names.

### **Mr. Nelson's Report:**

Mr. Nelson has returned from a trip to Hawaii which he much enjoyed.

Mr. Nelson will be calling Bob Greer of New Hampshire Department of Transportation to set up a schedule to get Hanover's Aesthetic Committee moving again on West Wheelock Street now that the Bridge is planned.

### **Mrs. Connolly's Report:**

The Tax Board will be meeting on tax abatements. Mrs. Connolly asked the Select Board to approve the results of two sets of tax abatements from the April 11th and April 18th meetings. Mrs. Connolly moved the Select Board accept their findings and approve the two sets of abatements. Mr. Nelson seconded it. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

The Master Plan is on going.

The committees on open space are working on Natural Resources and Open Space chapters.

The committee on Economical Development has been postponed temporarily until they get into land use, but it is essentially on going.

A major sub-division, Mr. Shepard's and Mr. Kimball's was approved which includes Highway 38. When asked if this is contingent on the Town Meeting vote, Mrs. Connolly said his ability to complete the plan is, but the approval is not.

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One minor sub-division on Two Mile Road, Etna Road was approved. There is another minor sub-division on the Old Dana Road still pending.

**Mrs. Black's Report:**

The Select Board for the new year will be the same as the current year. The board assignments and appointments were discussed and approved for the new year the same as they were for the current year.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**March 20, 1995**

Mrs. Connolly moved to approve the minutes of March 20, 1995 as amended. Mr. Nelson seconded it. There was no discussion and all were in favor.

**April 3, 1995**

Mrs. Connolly moved to approve the minutes of April 3rd as amended. Mr. Nelson seconded it and all were in favor.

Channel 5 Boston will be here on Tuesday, May 23rd to do some filming of back roads.

The flags will be put out June 11th for commencement day.

The Presidents address at commencement will be carried live on CATV6 from Memorial Field.

Mrs. Black moved to adjourn. Mr. Nelson seconded it. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dorothy C. King*  
Mrs. Dorothy C. King  
Clerk

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## SUMMARY

1. Mr. Nelson MOVED to APPROVE \$3,500 additional funds to complete the Old Etna Fire Station reinforcement project. Mrs. Black SECONDED it and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
2. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to APPROVE \$300 to be taken from the Selectmen's miscellaneous line item for the League of Women Voters 2,001 Committee to help fund the weekend project. Mr. Nelson SECONDED it and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
3. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to APPROVE the proclamation for Arbor Day. Mrs. King SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and ALL WERE IN FAVOR. ALL SIGNED the proclamation and made it official.
4. Mrs. Connolly MOVED the Select Board accept the findings of the Advisory Board of Assessors and approve the two sets of abatements from the April 11th and April 15th meetings. Mr. Nelson SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
5. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to APPROVE the minutes of March 20, 1995 AS AMENDED. Mr. Nelson SECONDED it. There was NO DISCUSSION and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
6. Mrs. Connolly MOVED to APPROVE the minutes of April 3rd AS AMENDED. Mr. Nelson SECONDED it and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
7. Mrs. Black MOVED to ADJOURN. Mr. Nelson SECONDED it. ALL WERE IN FAVOR and the meeting ADJOURNED at 8:31 pm.

