

APPROVED

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 11, 1995

The meeting of the Hanover Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center, 10 School Street. 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 and was a taped meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SKATEBOARD ORDINANCE

Since school started, eight complaints to the Police Department have been received from Hanover citizens and merchants addressing damage to public and City property. Safety concerns have been addressed as well as skateboarders being disrespectful and argumentative.

Mr. Wade was concerned skateboarders are being blamed for damage to public and private property they have not caused.

Mr. Buskey feels the skateboarders are getting out of hand and is concerned someone will get hurt or run over.

Rabbi. Siegle feels the bigger picture of "where can they go" should be addressed.

Mr. Oxman brought up the possibility of an auction to raise money for a skateboard park suggested by one of the merchants.

Mr. Solomon from Norwich asked to have a representative from Dartmouth attend the Selectmen's meeting. He was told Dartmouth officials are aware of the skateboard issues and they would need to be contacted directly by individuals wanting to discuss skateboarding issues with them. Dartmouth is private property and the Town has no control over their decisions.

A skateboard park had been discussed with the Recreation Department Committee but died down over the summer. They will pursue it further but need more involvement from the

students and parents wanting the park.

It was reported that skateboards were allowed on the Norwich School playground.

The transportation problem for younger skateboarders going to Norwich was brought up. Different possibilities mentioned were:

1. parents transporting them
2. mass transportation
3. being transported to Norwich after school by the school bus

One of the young people present mentioned they could have a skate day and have everyone bring their equipment to Norwich.

Mr. Nelson said he would donate his son's (2) quarter pipes. The Town is willing to move it if they could find a place where more than one family could use it.

One person mentioned Norwich has been there all summer and the students are not going there.

It was mentioned rather than looking at the negative, to check out all avenues and see what can be done. When asked the cost to resurface the area behind Hanover High School, it was thought to be about \$3.00 to \$4.00 per square foot contingent on the surface already there.

Insurance is another issue. Injury claims for skateboarding are high.

When asked how a school sport is developed, the response was, they would have to talk to Mike Jackson, the Athletic Director, and then the School Board. The National High School and Athletic Association runs all the high schools in the State of New Hampshire and the school principal coordinates it for the school. Intramural activities are through the individual schools and not through the State. To make a Skateboarding Sports a Varsity Club students would have to go through the School Board and school administration. It was mentioned they tried to do this with snowboarding and were told they couldn't because of the insurance issues. The school will not sponsor any sports not sponsored by the NHIA.

Jack Stinson reported the committee formed in June, 1995, by the Recreation Department is looking to Norwich who has welcomed out of town students to put up ramps, etc. at the Norwich School. Hanover High School is willing to discuss a place behind the school for skateboard use.

It was decided to look at locations both in Norwich and Hanover.

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Some of the equipment for skateboarding has already been made and money donated towards some construction.

The proposed ordinance is to outlaw skateboarding in the Business District where there are more pedestrians.

The sidewalks and business district are there primarily for pedestrians to shop and not be endangered.

The decision was made for the Recreation Board to pursue any options they can.

Mrs. Connolly said she would not be willing to pass the skateboard ordinance as it now reads including in-line skating. The ordinance as tabled speaks to the two parking districts which cover the area from Crosby Street to School Street and the parking lot, from Wheelock to past the Grand Union. It would cover Main Street, Lebanon Street, Allen Street, Crosby Street, and the areas of sidewalk from East Wheelock to Dorrance Place.

It was suggested to have an ordinance made for in-line skates to travel at the same speed as pedestrians.

Mr. Nelson moved to table the proposed skateboard ordinance until the next Select Board Meeting. Mrs. Black seconded the motion and all were in favor. The skateboard ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.

Private property is not to be used. Police Chief Giaccone said when on private property and asked to leave, they need to do so. If they come back they are taking a chance on being arrested.

Mr. Tenney will set up a meeting within the next two weeks. An announcement was made that if anyone wants to receive a notice of the Recreation Committee meeting they need to leave their name and address before leaving tonight.

DESCRIPTION OF TEN YEAR HIGHWAY PLAN

A letter was received from Senator Rubens asking them to look over the 10 year Highway Plan. Everything is now regionalised. Mr. Nelson asked if there are any suggestions they wanted to add. There was a question for clarification on page 3. It was explained this is to reconstruct a steel pipe over Girl Brook to reduce the dip that runs under Route 10 by the Town's sewer pumping station is. When asked if that required tearing up the road above, the response was probably.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Approved agreements and the necessary variance on the R.O.T. (Resource Optimization Technology) compost project has been completed. The ROT proposal will go to the Planning Board for site plan approval a week from Tuesday, 9/19/95. Realistically, the Town is looking at being in process by spring 1996.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Mrs. Heinrichs Report:

The Hanover recycling committee has enacted new projects and is looking for more. Saturday, 9/23/95 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon metal recycling is scheduled for pickup at the old glossy paper site. There will be a \$5.00 charge for any items containing freon. The committee is checking into having containers on the street for glass bottle recycling. Recycling engine oil was mentioned. Mrs. Heinrichs said it can be done now at the Hanover Co-op gas station. She was asked if it could be mentioned in some of the recycling publicity. There is now a place designated for christmas tree recycling and the committee is looking into a place for collecting of yard waste. Batteries were mentioned and it was said that that is part of hazardous waste collection.

The Conservation Commission feels they are not getting things far enough in advance from the Planning and Zoning Board and would like better communication between them. The Conservation Commission wants to see all subdivisions, etc. Mrs. Connolly said this hasn't been done in the past because not all subdivisions include conservation issues. Mrs. Heinrichs mentioned some problems could have been caught earlier if they had received them.

Mrs. Heinrichs asked if the stakes in the St. Thomas yard close to the church are slope lines. Mr. Vermilya mentioned three different types of easements. 1. roving sidewalk, 2. constructions for disturbing the area 3. slope issues where they will have to change the slope. The one mentioned he thinks is the slope easement.

Mrs. Connolly's Report:

The Planning Board Master Plan is on going. The review of the site plans across from the Galleria is on going as well as one on Dorrance Place and East South Street with a building plan for the site itself. Mr. Shepherd has decided to alter his road, Cutting Corners Road, to save a large maple tree.

Mr. Nelson's Report:

Hanover and the State are in agreement on everything with Ledyard Bridge. The landscaping will be put out as a second bid. The State is proposing a bronze plaque be put up saying it is the New Hampshire/Vermont State line, but the committee thought it was ugly.

Mr. Nelson had a conversation with the Robes family who owns an undivided half interest in 130 acres of land which Mr. Dana donated his undivided half interest to the Town of Hanover. The Robes family is willing to subdivide the parcel so each will have 65 acres but there doesn't seem to be any natural place to divide. Mr. Nelson would like permission from the Select Board to go to the Conservation Commission before going back to the Robes family so the lines of communication can be kept open. The Robes family is interested in the highest portion of the land. A class six road used to be on this parcel of land. There is a pair of stone walls they think might be what was once the class six road. The stone walls need to be identified. Mr. Nelson said they might use the center line between the two stone walls as a dividing line.

Mrs. King's Report:

Mrs. King won't be at the next meeting, she will be out of the country.

Mrs. King attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting this afternoon.

Mrs. Black's Report:

Mrs. Black reminded the Select members of Wednesday night's dinner for volunteer board members.

**DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM AND
FUTURE PLANNING AND CAPITAL BUDGET PROGRAM TOUR**

Mr. Hank Tenney passed out an agenda and materials.

HISTORY

The Recreation Department was formed July 8, 1974. Their first office was at the Town Hall for a couple of years, the Senior Center for the next three years, and at 10 School Street since 1979. The original members were Bob Costello as chair, Ruth Britten, Rosey Cutter, Craig Sears, Dorothy Strong, Jim Hunt and Willy Black. The current members are; John Buck, chair, J. B. Wilkins, Sue Young, Jessie Shepherd, Jack Stinson, Dave Parker, Bill Young, and Assistant Director, Chris Vitale. They have been in existence for the past 21 years. Their

first Town report was in 1975.

PROGRAM

A list of the original programs and comparison list of the current programs was distributed. They include youth, adult, and Senior Citizen Programs.

The attendance over the last three years has greatly increased. Documentation was distributed showing a break down by seasons, years and athletics vs. non athletics. Thirty different recreational teams in athletics alone were offered this fall. Coordinating such a varied variety of programs is a difficult job.

Mr. Morin from Lebanon, has offered about 30 sets of football equipment to Hanover's 5th and 6th grade team this year since Lebanon's enrollment is down from last year. Mr. Morin raised the money for the equipment last year and is offering it to Hanover to use this year since the enrollment for Lebanon's 5th and 6th grader's was down. Frank Musiek has volunteered to be the 5th and 6th grade coach for Hanover. This is a self supporting program.

The Recreation Department instituted a \$5.00 deadline fee for late registrations. Over 50% of the school enrollment in grades 1-5 are participating in programs. The Recreation Department runs the intramural programs for the schools, all athletic programs grades 8 and below.

BUDGET

The budget in 1975 was \$35,031 with the net cost to the community of \$27,189. The budget for 1995 was set at \$156,000 with a net cost to the community of \$95,000. Over \$60,000 in revenue was brought in.

FACILITIES

When they started in 1974 there were no facilities. They built the area at Lyme Road on Dartmouth land. In 1976 they developed the area at the Fullington Farm and the Forward Farm. The Sachem and Reservoir Road fields have recently been developed. They no longer use Lyme Rd. fields, and the Forward and Fullington Farm. In 1990 they built the Bob Costello Field which is on the Etna Green. Donations were made by the people of the community. The back stop was dedicated to Dodie Rich, and the volunteer work was done by the Lions Club. Ten School Street was turned into a Community Center by volunteer labor and financial gifts. It was originally a garage.

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Hopefully, within the next five years a Community Center will be built to house the senior program, the recreation program and youth in action.

The problem in building a Community Center is finding the location and land because nothing is available. Since the old dump site is being used for the R.O.T. composting system, the Recreation Department might be able to do something for adult athletic fields. There is presently no facility for them.


When asked what the Recreation Department saw as facilities within a Community Center, Mr. Tenney said office spaces, a multipurpose room for dance classes, yoga and gymnastic programs and a crafts room, meeting rooms, a storage facility, and a kitchen for the Senior Citizens. Each group would have their own demands. Hank, Chris and the Board were instrumental in getting the Ray school to build a full sized gym which will help their program.

Mr. Vermilya reminded the Select Board that two years ago they appropriated \$20,000 out of the General Fund to go to outdoor athletic facilities based on an estimate of \$120,000 for tennis and basketball courts. Over the last two years they have designated \$20,000 from other than tax funds. No cash has been set aside. The Town has \$20,000 in cash and \$40,000 in pledges from the Select Board to use other money to meet it. It is stated in the Capital Budget after the next 3 years they would have the money to meet that goal. They also have an item in there to set aside money to start a Community Center, \$50,000 a year for 6 years to raise \$300,000.

The next meeting will be at the Police Station on September 25th.

A motion was to adjourn by Mrs. Connolly and go on the tour of the Recreation facility. Mr. Nelson seconded it and all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Mrs. Dorothy C. King
Clerk

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SUMMARY

1. Mr. Nelson MOVED to table the proposed skateboard ordinance until the next Select Board Meeting. Mrs. Black SECONDED the motion and ALL WERE IN FAVOR. The skateboard ordinance was tabled until the next meeting.
2. A MOTION was to ADJOURN by Mrs. Connolly and go on the tour of the Recreation facility. Mr. Nelson SECONDED it and ALL WERE IN FAVOR.

Approved at the Selectmen's meeting on October 16, 1995.