

APPROVED

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1996**

**7:30 P.M. - MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING, HANOVER, NH**

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the acting Chairman, Jack Nelson. Present were: Jack Nelson, Acting Chairman; Katherine S. Connolly, Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs, Dorothy King, Clifford R. Vermilya, Town Manager and members of the public.

Mr. Nelson announced that this meeting was being taped by CATV6 and that assistive listening devices were available for anyone who wished to use them.

**1. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**2. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACES ON CURRIER PLACE**

Mr. Vermilya explained that this proposal was in response to a query from Mr. Nelson and the Howe Library Corporation regarding the feasibility of constructing regular parking spaces on Currier Place. This area on Currier Place has traditionally been used as overflow parking for Howe Library patrons attending meetings or classes at the library. Dick Hauger, Director of Public Works, has reviewed the request and concluded that there is sufficient width to construct as many as 16 metered parking spaces running from the entrance of the driveway into the existing Howe line south of the east side of Currier Place, at an estimated cost of \$5,000.

Mr. Vermilya stated that some of that area appears to be wetland, and whether fill would be required is not certain. Additionally, the project would require a right of way survey and engineering analysis in the spring, weather permitting.

Mr. Vermilya felt that although the request was made to provide more parking for Howe Library, it would actually reduce the amount of parking spaces for the library as more people would use the metered parking to shop or work downtown.

Mr. Heinrichs asked whether those people parking on Currier Place are ticketed when attending Howe Library events. Mr. Vermilya answered that they are not ticketed if they park on the east side of Currier Place.

**2. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACES ON CURRIER PLACE (Continued)**

James Barrett, a resident of Ledyard Lane, commented that he agreed the construction of parking spaces on Currier Place would be utilized by people going downtown, not provide additional parking for Howe Library. He further commented that he felt the parking spaces would create a hazardous situation.

George Hathorne, a resident of Currier Place, stated that allowing metered parking spaces in an SR district such as Currier Place would create the only metered spaces in an SR district, and would be a very bad precedent to set.

Winifred Stearns, a resident of Dorrance Place, asked whether the town is legally allowed to put parking spaces in an SR 2 zone. She also submitted to the Board of Selectmen the following letter from Joanna Jackson, a resident at 8 Dorrance Place:

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Mrs. Culpepper, a resident of 5 Currier Place, which is directly across the street from Howe Library, stated that although she could understand the library's position, she believed that if metered parking were made available at this location cars would park there all the time, and this would become a safety issue. Max Culpepper stated that he was also not in favor of the addition of metered parking spaces, noting that there are no sidewalks available, and it is necessary to walk in the street, which is quite narrow.

Bill Bashnagle of the Parking and Transportation Board indicated that he had received complaints from neighbors regarding parking on Currier Place as it currently exists. Mr. Baschnagle stated that the Parking and Transportation Board is in favor of the proposal to add the metered parking spaces, only as an alternative to the present situation.

Phil Odetts, a resident of Ledyard Lane, indicated that he was not in favor of the proposal for safety reasons, particularly with children crossing and walking down the street to the library, as well as the possibility of them not being seen as they come out from between parked cars. He also expressed concern that by establishing these parking spaces it would be creating a new way into town and would draw traffic into that area searching for a place to park, increasing the number of cars travelling up and down the street.

Bill Baschnagle indicated that Hanover currently has metered parking in residential areas in a number of places, and as long as the parking spaces could be built within the town's right of way, there would be no problem with zoning.

George Hathorne submitted a map to the Board indicating metered parking in residential zones in the Town, and questioned the work of the zoning board regarding residential areas (driveway widths, etc.) in contrast to allowing metered parking in residential areas.

Ms. Connolly submitted the following letter received by the Board of Selectmen:

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Dr. James Barrett questioned why there is no enforcement of the no parking ordinance in this area, which is a no parking zone.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the town does not usually allow parking in no parking areas. He stated that the Howe Library, a town facility, has become more popular than their current parking situation allows. He indicated that previously the police would allow parking in this area if they did not consider it dangerous, but that a decision now has to be made with regard to parking or no parking on Currier Place.

John Stearns, a resident of Currier Place, seconded the comments previously made regarding the danger of the situation. He indicated that if consistent, 24 hour parking spaces were allowed, the situation would occur all the time.

Marylou Hathorne, a resident of Currier Place, voiced opposition to the proposal. She questioned whether the Ufford property would be an alternative to creating more parking for the Library.

Mr. Vermilya stated that the Ufford property is owned by the Howe Library Corporation, with an agreement that the Uffords be allowed to occupy their home. At the expiration of the agreement the Library can either take the home down or the Uffords can move it. He also indicated, however, that the piece of property available raises some of the same questions with the old Nichols piece being located in a residential zone whereas the Library is not.

**2. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACES ON CURRIER PLACE (Continued)**

Ann Crowe commented that if the road could be widened and the overflow parking for meetings at the Library be allowed to park there, she felt it would be much safer than the present situation.

Paul Gross, owner of Designer Gold, indicated he is in favor of this proposal, commenting that the widening of the street would move the cars further out of the travelled portion of the road. He further stated his feeling was that the addition of the three hour meters would deter people from using the spaces for long-term parking, and thereby allow the spaces to be used by Howe Library patrons.

Steve Buskey, a business owner in Hanover, indicated that this problem is a good reason to pursue the building of a parking structure in the downtown area.

Mrs. Albert Lauziere stated that she was not in favor of the project and wished the Board to reconsider, noting also that it would create an even more hazardous situation on Currier Place.

Marlene McGonigle spoke on behalf of the Howe Library, indicating that the library was very aware of the parking problem. She stated that the problem had come before the long-term planning committee for the library, and the library would be very happy to assist in arriving and implementing an answer to the situation.

Winifred Stearns suggested that if the town would try enforcing the parking, it might encourage car pooling and the use of public transportation.

Ms. Heinrichs agreed that if metered parking were to take effect on Currier Place, the spaces would not be available to patrons of the library who might be quickly running into the library. She stated she also had a concern with metered parking being available with no sidewalks, similar to the dangerous situation which exists near Church's store.

Ms. Connolly suggested that the problem be dealt with in conjunction with Howe Library rather than creating metered parking spaces. She suggested that parking on Currier Place be used periodically for Howe Library functions, and that the police be made aware when those functions are occurring.

**2. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACES ON CURRIER PLACE (Continued)**

Mr. Bashnagle suggested that if the area is to be used for overflow parking for the library, the selectmen need to consider a way to formalize and enforce that parking.

Mrs. Culpepper questioned whether a permit could be issued for people attending functions at the Howe Library allowing them to park on Currier Place.

Mr. Vermilya stated that a permit would be impossible to enforce. He indicated that if it is a no parking area, it should be enforced, and that if it is unsafe parking, it is unsafe for any use.

Mr. Nelson agreed with the neighbors that the proposal could be considered an encroachment from the business district into a residential neighborhood; however, he stated that the Howe Library is a popular town facility. He indicated he is in favor of enforcing the no parking signs which exist on Currier Place and seeing what effect that will have on the Howe Library.

**Mr. Nelson MADE THE MOTION that no action be taken on the proposed construction of parking spaces on Currier Place and the police be advised to enforce the no parking signs. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT NO ACTION BE TAKEN ON THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF PARKING SPACES ON CURRIER PLACE AND THE POLICE BE ADVISED TO ENFORCE THE NO PARKING SIGNS.**

**3. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH FIREFIGHTERS UNION**

Mr. Vermilya indicated that negotiations with the firefighters union had been completed at the administrative level, with an agreement for a three year contract taking effect on July 1, 1996. This agreement would extend the present contract with the following four changes:

- (1) Currently, all modules are 1 1/2% in addition to base pay. The agreement would have the EMTI module go from 1 1/2% to 3%. Mr. Vermilya explained that this module requires more time than any other module, and also requires recertification. He is also recommending that a physical fitness module be added that would provide a 2% payment if the individual continues each year to meet the standards required as entry level firefighters.

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FIREFIGHTERS UNION (Continued)**

- (2) Secondly, the agreement calls for a change in drill pay which would permit members who attended a minimum of 15 drills the previous year to be paid on a basis of overtime pay or time and a half. Those members who do not meet the minimum attendance of 15 drills would be paid \$20.
- (3) The salary schedule would be adjusted on each July 1st of 1996, 1997 and 1998. For 1996 there would be an increase of 2 1/2%; 1997 and 1998 would be 3%.
- (4) Lastly, the present cost-sharing formula requires employees to participate in the cost of medical insurance, adjusted each July 1st. Currently, each person contributes 5% plus 5%, 10% or 15% of any increase based on their salary level.

Mr. Vermilya indicated that under State law, if the Board approves the contract, the parts of the contract that would have a financial impact (the salary schedule, drill pay and incentive pay) would have to be approved by town meeting before they could go into effect.

Ms. Heinrichs questioned whether the incentive pay for physical fitness allowed an employee to reach the maximum level and earn an additional 2%.

Mr. Vermilya stated that the maximum is presently 12%, and with the change before that for people qualified as EMTI it would be 13 1/2%. This proposal would allow another 2% incentive for physical fitness.

Ms. Connolly asked if the present cost-sharing formula for the firefighters is the same formula used for the rest of the town employees.

Mr. Vermilya indicated that the cost-sharing formula is the same for all town employees.

Ms. Connolly asked if projections from past performance would indicate what kind of financial impact the changes in the contract might have on the town.

Mr. Vermilya indicated that he could not judge the financial impact, but stated that the minimum standards had been insisted on to increase the attendance by regular firefighters at the drills.

**3. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CONTRACT WITH FIREFIGHTERS UNION (Continued)**

Ms. Heinrichs MADE THE MOTION to approve the firefighters contract with the changes as outlined in the Friday mailing. Ms. King SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE FIREFIGHTERS CONTRACT WITH THE CHANGES AS OUTLINED IN THE FRIDAY MAILING.

**4. ESTABLISH SELECTMEN COVERAGE HOURS FOR PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY**

The Board of Selectmen established the following hours of coverage for the Presidential primary:

Ms. Heinrichs -	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Ms. King -	10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Mr. Nelson -	1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Ms. Black -	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Ms. Connolly -	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**5. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

Mr. Nelson asked that Ms. Connolly inform the Board about the adjustments made at College Hill.

Ms. Connolly stated there were two interior condominium units which had asked for an adjustment, and after looking over the records and property values, the board of assessors decided the adjustments were justified. However, Ms. Connolly further indicated that there are 17 other units which are equally justified for adjustment.

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen accept the recommendations of the advisory board of assessors at the January 11, 1996 hearing. Ms. Heinrichs SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS AT THE JANUARY 11, 1996 HEARING.

**6. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE TOWN MANAGER JOB DESCRIPTION**

Ms. Heinrichs suggested that discussion on the town manager job description be postponed until Ms. Black could be present.



**7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Mr. Vermilya informed the Board that a public hearing sponsored by the Department of Transportation will be held Thursday, February 29, 1996 at 7:00 p.m. in the municipal building, at which time there will be a discussion of a proposal by the Department of Transportation for refurbishing and some construction at the culvert on Route 10 over Slade Brook. He stated that plans will be available for inspection and preview at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Vermilya also indicated that there is now a signed agreement with the Roberts for their piece of property on Park Street. This property borders property which the town owns. Under this agreement, the town agrees to purchase the property from the Roberts, assuming the purchase is approved by town meeting in May. The agreement would give the Roberts the option to live in the house for five years after the date of purchase at a rental of \$200 per month. When the Roberts wish to vacate the house, they would give the town six months notice, at which time the town would put them first on the waiting list for a vacancy at Summer Park housing. Mr. Vermilya asked the Board for permission to sign the agreement on behalf of the town, and the board of selectmen unanimously voted to give him permission.

Ms. Heinrichs commented on the poor condition of Maynard Street, and the absence of the stop sign at the intersection of Maynard Street and North Main.

Mr. Vermilya stated that Maynard Street is scheduled to be graded in the near future, and efforts would be made to try to keep it in better shape.

**8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS**

Ms. Heinrichs reported that the recycling effort is responsible for diverting many tons from the landfill. In 1991, 417 tons of recyclables were collected; this year, 635 tons were collected. Ms. Heinrichs stated she feels that the amounts collected will continue to increase, and commended the recycling committee for their hard work.

Mr. Vermilya also commented on the marvelous job the recycling committee is doing.

Ms. Heinrichs asked if the town has a policy with Dartmouth College concerning dogs.

**8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS (Continued)**

Mr. Vermilya stated that this issue has been discussed at the past few years' town meetings, but that Dartmouth College has not enforced its dog policy. He agreed that changes have to be made in this regard.

Steve Buskey reported that he had obtained a copy of the Lebanon City Ordinance concerning dogs, and suggested that the Town of Hanover adopt a similar policy.

Ms. Heinrichs asked Mr. Nelson to comment on the discussion of the Dana property at the conservation commission meeting as she had not been present at the meeting.

Mr. Nelson stated that the process had slowed down because of winter. He stated that there is a road that goes through that property, and the conservation commission feels it would be appropriate to discontinue the road and replace it with an agreed upon easement.

Ms. Connolly indicated that the planning board had approved a minor subdivision at the intersection of E. Wheelock Street and Grass Road, and had begun hearings on Hypertherm which should result in the project being passed in the near future.

Ms. King stated that she had attended a recent Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council meeting. She further indicated that the Parks and Recreation Committee had been busy finalizing their plans for the winter games. Additionally, Ms. King stated she had toured the Ray School recently and was extremely pleased with the school.

Mr. Nelson stated that he and Mr. Vermilya had met with the public works department on getting the public works project ready for town meeting. He indicated that at the meeting of February 5 he would be able to have the sketches ready for viewing. Mr. Nelson indicated that he and Ms. Black would be acting as directors of the Hanover Water Works Company at their annual stockholders and directors meeting.

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 1996**

**Ms. Heinrichs MADE THE MOTION to accept the minutes of January 8, 1996. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 1996.**

10. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Heinrichs MADE THE MOTION to adjourn and reconvene as the Hanover Housing Authority. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN AND RECONVENE AS THE HANOVER HOUSING AUTHORITY.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

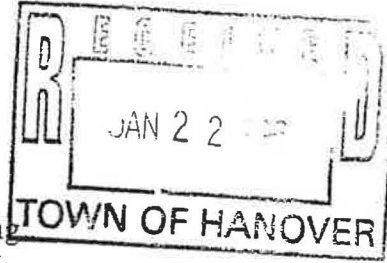
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Respectfully submitted,

  
Dorothy C. King, Secretary

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Nancy Richards.



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1/19/96

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# JOANNA R. JACKSON

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