

APPROVED

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 15, 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 Chairman, Marilyn W. Black. Present were: Marilyn W. Black, Chairman; Jack H. Nelson, Vice Chairman; Katherine S. Connolly; Dorothy King; Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs; Jean Ulman, Interim Town Manager; and members of the public.

Ms. Black announced that this meeting was being taped by CATV 6 and that assistive listening devices were available for anyone who wished to use them.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO CONSIDER AN INCREASE IN THE SEWER RATE

Ms. Ulman explained that the proposal is for an increase in the minimum charge from \$41.00 to \$45.00, and an increase in the rate per 1,000 cubic feet from \$27.50 to \$30.25. She indicated that consumption decreased in fiscal year 1995, thus decreasing the revenues and creating a smaller than anticipated surplus for the following year. Ms. Ulman further noted that overall revenues are decreasing due to less state aid and Hypertherm and Creare receivables being paid off. She stated that it has been four years since an increase in the sewer rate.

Mr. Nelson indicated that the sewer system in Hanover is supported solely by user fees, and there will not be any money taken from the tax revenues.

Mr. Michael Gilbar, Director of Finance, stated that the proposed rates should be able to stay in effect until 1999, providing consumption does not decrease to any great extent.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO CONSIDER A BOND ISSUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ADJACENT TO PRESENT FACILITY

Mr. Nelson presented a drawing of the proposed new public works facility. He stated that the amount proposed to be spent on this project is \$625,000, \$125,000 of which is in the budget now and \$500,000 is represented by the bond. Mr. Nelson indicated that the \$625,000 is comprised of the following: First, \$50,000 would go toward finishing the exterior of the existing building, including insulating the outside of the building and adding a public entrance vestibule. Site work is estimated to cost \$100,000 and would include grading, gravel, drainage line, oil water separator, moving the entrance driveway, developing a paved employee parking lot, and new plantings to shield the facility. Also included is \$75,000 for the mandated replacement of the underground tanks consisting of a 10,000 gal. diesel fuel oil tank, a 10,000 gal. gasoline tank, a 1,500 gal. oil water separator, and a 1,000 gal. waste oil tank. Mr. Nelson indicated that \$25,000 was included for architectural fees, engineering fees and permits, and an additional \$25,000 as a contingency fee. The largest portion consists of \$350,000 for the new metal building.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO CONSIDER A BOND ISSUE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500,000 TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ADJACENT TO PRESENT FACILITY
(Continued)

Mr. Nelson stated that the estimated cost of interest over the next five years is approximately \$71,000, which the Selectmen feel will be gained back through inflation as well as the added efficiencies of having the equipment under cover.

PUBLIC HEARING - TO CONSIDER THE OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM FORM OF TOWN MEETING

Ms. Black commented that the official ballot referendum form of Town Meeting would change the form of government that we now have. Presently at town meeting, the legislative body is made up of those individuals in attendance at town meeting. If the Town went to an official ballot vote, the legislative body changes in that those attending Town Meeting do not make the final decisions; rather, everyone voting by Australian ballot makes the final decision. At the present time, we have pre-Town Meeting and Town Meeting where all of the business of the Town is voted on and accomplished. Ms. Black explained that with an official Australian ballot, there would be a pre-Town Meeting, a Town Meeting when all the articles are read and can be amended, followed by a two week delay and a public hearing on the amended articles, another two week delay and then an Australian ballot to vote on the articles contained in the warrant. She commented that individuals who have not been active participants in the process could simply go to vote.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

2. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED SEWER RATE INCREASE

Ms. Connolly **MADE THE MOTION** that the sewer rate per 1,000 cubic feet be increased from \$27.50 to \$30.25, and the minimum rate be increased from \$41.00 to \$45.00, effective June 1, 1996. Ms. King **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE SEWER RATE PER 1,000 CUBIC FEET BE INCREASED FROM \$27.50 TO \$30.25, AND THE MINIMUM RATE BE INCREASED FROM \$41.00 TO \$45.00, EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 1996.**

3. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ADJACENT TO PRESENT FACILITY

Mr. Nelson **MADE THE MOTION** to approve the \$500,000 bond issue to construct a public works facility adjacent to the present facility. Ms. Heinrichs **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE \$500,000 BOND ISSUE TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ADJACENT TO THE PRESENT FACILITY.**

3. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED BOND ISSUE TO CONSTRUCT A PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ADJACENT TO PRESENT FACILITY (Continued)

Mr. Nelson noted that Ms. Connolly had suggested having an open house at the public works facility to be held on the Saturday before Town Meeting, May 11th, at which time the public would be able to see where the previous money has been spent, and also see the amount of equipment and vehicles that need storage and exactly where the funds would be spent if the bond issue is passed.

Mr. Nelson MADE THE MOTION that an open house be held at the Public Works Facility on May 11, 1996 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Ms. Heinrichs SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT AN OPEN HOUSE BE HELD AT THE PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY ON MAY 11, 1996 FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON.

4. TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ACTION ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM FORM OF TOWN MEETING

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen not recommend the official ballot referendum form of town meeting. Mr. Nelson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE BOARD NOT RECOMMEND THE OFFICIAL BALLOT REFERENDUM FORM OF TOWN MEETING.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Ms. Ulman stated that Clint Bean of the Hanover Chamber of Commerce had indicated that the Chamber is working on new signage on entrances into Hanover, and would like to meet with the Board of Selectmen at their next meeting on May 6, 1996.

6. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly had nothing to report.

Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson had nothing to report.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black indicated a note had been received from Dr. Boyle indicating that he will be unavailable for a month. Ms. Ulman stated that Gary Quackenbush was being contacted in Dr. Boyle's absence.

6. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS (Continued)

Ms. Black noted that the warrant includes an article for the election of various officers, and asked if any interest has been shown in these positions. Ms. Ulman indicated that the individuals who have served in these offices will be contacted to see if they are interested in being reappointed.

7. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 1, 1996

After a brief discussion, Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of April 1, 1996, as amended. Ms. Heinrichs SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF APRIL 1, 1996, AS AMENDED.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the Board.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Heinrichs MADE THE MOTION to adjourn. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN.

Ms. Heinrichs MADE THE MOTION to go to non-public session to discuss a matter which might affect the reputation of an individual. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO TO NONPUBLIC SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE REPUTATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

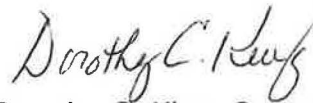
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Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. King, Secretary

These minutes were transcribed by Nancy A. Richards.