

APPROVED

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 6, 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.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

2. DISCUSSION RE: PUBLIC WORKS DEPT. - OPEN HOUSE - PREPARATION

Jean Ulman reported that Richard Hauger indicated there are a total of three staff members who will be present at the open house on Saturday, May 11. The Public Works Department will give tours as well as lining up the equipment as it will appear in the new building.

Mr. Nelson suggested the possibility of ribboning off the area around the equipment to better visualize the size of the new building.

Ms. Ulman noted that the open house had been advertised in the supplement, and Ms. Black suggested that it should also be advertised in transaction ads on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

3. DISCUSSION RE: POLLING HOURS

Representation by the selectmen during polling hours is as follows: Ms. Heinrichs - 8 - 10 A.M. and 12 - 2 P.M.; Mr. Nelson - 10 A.M. - 12 and 2 - 4 P.M.; and Ms. Connolly - 4 - 7 P.M.

Ms. Black noted that she would be meeting with Diane Quill and Harry Bird regarding the idea of having checklists at the entrance to a roped off area into the gym where everyone checks off in order to get in. This would make the process of a paper ballot much easier and more accurate.

Ms. Black suggested that the Board request a paper ballot on the bond issue.

Ms. Black stated that an agreement should be made to pass over Motion 23 since the property owners have received a higher bid.

4. DISCUSSION R: LEGISLATIVE CHANGES TO BALLOT LAW

Ms. Black noted that although the town report states that articles 1 through 10 are required to be voted on by ballot, article 11 also needs to be a ballot vote. She stated that the ballots have been printed correctly to reflect this. Ms. Black also reported that a legislative committee is working on changes to this law.

Ms. Ulman reported that Senate Bill 594 includes an amendment to address some of the problems with Senate Bill 2. A committee is meeting on Tuesday, May 7 to address these problems, but it is uncertain if the problems will be addressed by Town Meeting.

Ms. Connolly commented that time limitations should be set on possible second and third meetings for the year. According to Senate Bill 2, if a budget is defeated the new Town Meeting session required to attempt to pass the budget is completely open ended with no time limitations.

5. DISCUSSION WITH JOE WILLY RE: PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION OFF ETNA HIGHLANDS ROAD

Joe Willy distributed a map showing a proposed subdivision off the Etna Highlands Road.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that it is possible for the selectmen, either through town meeting or through the Board, to convert a class 6 road into a class 5 road. If it is converted to a class 5 road, all of that class 6 road would have to have the standard increase to a class 5 road.

Ms. Ulman stated that Larry Gardner, the town attorney, had outlined two different courses of action: (1) The Selectmen would place an article on the warrant, or it would appear on the warrant by petition. The Town Meeting would vote to reclassify a section of the road subject to a betterment assessment on all abutting properties; or (2) The Selectmen could petition to lay out a class 6 road as a class 5 highway, with a public hearing and notice being given to all abutters.

Mr. Nelson noted that when the Planning Board approves a subdivision, it is approved under the assumption that the road in the subdivision will be public, but it is at the discretion of the Selectmen whether to accept it or not. He commented that if the section of class 6 road were brought up to Town standards and the deed brought to the Selectmen for acceptance, he assumed that the Board would convert it into a class 5 road as outlined in (2) above.

5. DISCUSSION WITH JOE WILLY RE: PRELIMINARY SUBDIVISION OFF ETNA HIGHLANDS ROAD (Continued)

Ms. Black stated that although that action is legally acceptable, she was not sure that it was appropriate as the Town previously voted to close that road at Town Meeting. Mr. Nelson commented that there is an appeal process if the Board were to proceed in this manner and the citizens did not approve.

After much discussion, it was decided that the Selectmen should visit the property in question on Wednesday, May 8th at 4:30 p.m.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Ms. Ulman

Ms. Ulman reported that a public hearing date needs to be set to discuss changes to parking meters. The Parking and Transportation Board has recommended the parking meters on So. Main Street be changed from 1 hour to 2 hours, and from 25 cents to 50 cents.

Ms. Black suggested that all parking meter changes be dealt with at one time, and indicated she would like the input of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Parking and Transportation Board on these changes in preparation for a public hearing.

Ms. Ulman further reported that she and Ms. Black had attended ceremonies to welcome the new Hanover postmaster.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Ms. Heinrichs

Ms. Heinrichs reported that she had attended the Arbor Day celebration on Friday at the Ray School. She also stated that she and Ms. Ulman would be at Kendal to do a presentation on Town Meeting warrant articles.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly had nothing to report.

Ms. King

Ms. King reported that she had attended with Ms. Black a presentation by Advance Transit.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS (Continued)

Ms. Black

Ms. Black reported that she had spoken with Steve Wood regarding an interest on the part of some Lebanon councilors in signing on to CATV6. She also noted there is interest in forming a community access cooperative between all towns on cable.

Ms. Black commended Dave Luther for the attractive new shoulder patch for the police department.

Ms. Black also stated that she had spoken with the Women's Fellowship of the White Church regarding the warrant articles.

Ms. Black informed the Board that the new Town Manager, Julia Griffin, had purchased a home in Hanover on Carriage Lane, and that Ms. Griffin would be attending Town Meeting.

Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson reported that the Board had received a letter from Paul Fredyma taking exception to the Selectmen and the Planning Board having position papers. Mr. Nelson indicated that he would like to know the voters' opinion on position papers.

Ms. Black stated that the position papers cost more than the newspaper supplement. She suggested that in view of the fact that the votes of the Selectmen are indicated on the warrant, that perhaps the Board should not issue position papers in a future year.

Ms. Heinrichs noted that from her discussions with people who have questions about various issues, they have found the written discussion very helpful.

Ms. Black suggested that there be a discussion at Town Meeting on this matter.

**8. APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MINUTES: APRIL 8, 1996;
APRIL 15, 1996**

After a brief discussion, Ms. Heinrichs MADE THE MOTION to accept the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of April 8, 1996, as amended. Mr. Nelson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF APRIL 8, 1996, AS AMENDED.

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

Ms. Black 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 NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER WHICH MIGHT AFFECT THE REPUTATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SUMMARY

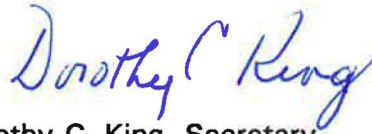
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Respectfully submitted,



Dorothy C. King, Secretary

These minutes were taken and transcribed by Nancy A. Richards.