

1996 TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, May 14, 1996
Hanover High School Gymnasium**

The annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire was convened on May 14, 1996 at 8:00 a.m. by Town Moderator, Harry Bird, at the Hanover High School Gymnasium. Moderator Bird explained that the polls would be open from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting for the candidates for Town Offices and for all other articles requiring vote by official ballot as set forth in Articles One through Eleven of the Town Meeting Warrant.

Moderator Bird requested residents of Hanover be seated in chairs on the main floor of the gymnasium. He explained that non-residents were welcome to stay, but requested that they be seated on the bleachers along the walls in order to separate the registered voters and guests. The Moderator noted that there were hearing assistive devices for those with hearing impairments.

After the polls were closed at 8:00 p.m., the following eleven articles which were voted on were tabulated.

ARTICLE ONE: To vote (by nonpartisan ballot) for the following Town Officers (ballot results shown):

Two Selectmen, to serve for a term of three years each:

Marilyn W. Black **390 (elected)**

Brian F. Walsh **344 (elected)**

One Treasurer to serve for a term of one year:

Michael J. Ahern **389 (elected)**

One Library Trustee to serve for a term of three years:

Nancy C. Collier **394 (elected)**

Two Trustees of Trust Funds - One to serve for a term of three years and one to serve for a term of one year:

Judson K. Pierson (three years) **389 (elected)**

One Supervisor of the Checklist to serve for a term of six years:

Evelyn Spiegel **379 (elected)**

One Moderator to serve for a term of two years:

Harry Bird **404 (elected)**

ARTICLE TWO: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 1 includes the following revisions to improve the readability and consistency of the Ordinance: (A) use the term "frontage" consistently instead of both "frontage" and "width", (B) use the term "principal" consistently instead of both "main" and "principal", (c) clarify that shared driveways do not require a Special Exception, (D) clarify that household gardens and pets do not require a Special Exception, (E) provide a definition for "non-transient" consistent with the rest of the Ordinance, (F) clarify wording of Section 210.1.H, (G) use the term "setback" consistently throughout the Ordinance rather than both "setback" and "yard", (H) redefine agriculture and move the provisions for storing manure and for keeping pigs and poultry to Article III. This amendment will have no effect on the application of the Ordinance.

RESULTS **YES 381** **NO 17** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE THREE: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 2 would allow flagpoles placed anywhere to exceed height limits by 20 feet and would exempt free-standing chimneys 15 feet and under and satellite dishes with a diameter of 24 inches or less from regulation.

RESULTS **YES 353** **NO 66** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE FOUR: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 3 would require lots on the turnaround portion of a cul-de-sac to have a minimum of 80 feet frontage.

RESULTS **YES 354** **NO 63** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE FIVE: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 4 would require a shared driveway to be a single roadbed through the required front setback.

RESULTS **YES 362** **NO 46** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE SIX: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 5 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 5 would limit the number of lots served by a single driveway to two, unless otherwise approved by the Planning Board.

RESULTS **YES 354** **NO 62** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE SEVEN: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 6 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 6 would treat clear-cutting the same as other forest management practices.

RESULTS **YES 320** **NO 78** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE EIGHT: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. 7 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Amendment No. 7 would add a definition for "gainful business".

RESULTS **YES 353** **NO 46** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE NINE: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Petitioners Amendment No. 1 as proposed by Petition for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" The petition proposes to amend the "1992 Hanover, NH Urban Area Zoning Map", as it currently exists as a part of the adopted "Zoning Ordinance of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire, 1976" to include the two (2) properties located at 62 Lyme Road (tax map 46, lot 6) and 64 Lyme Road (tax map 46, lot 7) within the Office and Laboratory "OL" zoning district. This proposed zoning change would relocate the existing zoning boundary line that separates the Office and Laboratory "OL" Zone and the Single Residence, Three "SR-3" Zone; moving it from the center of Lyme Road where it currently exists, to place it along the south property line of tax map 46, lot 6, and along the west property line of tax map 46, lot 6 and tax map 46, lot 7. The Planning Board OPPOSES this Petitioned Amendment by a Vote of 5-0.

RESULTS **YES 107** **NO 291** **ARTICLE DEFEATED**

ARTICLE TEN: "Are you in favor of the adoption of Petitioners Amendment No. 2 as proposed by Petition for the Hanover Zoning Ordinance?" Petitioners Amendment No. 2 proposed to amend Article III, Section 303 "Principal Buildings Including Dwellings on Lots" to allow more than one (1) principal building per lot in the "B" Business Zoning District (both B-1 and B-2). Presently this section reads: Except in the Institutional (I) district, there shall be only one principal building on a lot unless otherwise approved under the Planned Residential Development or Continuing Care Retirement Community provisions. The proposed change would read: Except in the Institutional (I) and Business (B) districts, there shall be only one principal building on a lot unless otherwise approved under the Planned Residential Development or Continuing Care Retirement Community provisions. The Planning Board SUPPORTS this Petitioned Amendment by a vote of 5-0.

RESULTS **YES 333** **NO 64** **ARTICLE PASSED**

ARTICLE ELEVEN: (By petition) To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of RSA 40:13 to allow Official Ballot voting on all issues before the Town. Approval requires that 3/5ths of those present and voting on the question vote yes. If this Article is approved, RSA 40:13 shall apply to the next special or annual Town Meeting.

RESULTS **YES 163** **NO 258** **ARTICLE DEFEATED**

The Business Session of the 1996 Town Meeting of the Town of Hanover, New Hampshire was called to order by Moderator Harry Bird at 7:00 p.m. Selectmen present included: Marilyn W. Black, Chair; Jack H. Nelson, Vice Chair; Katherine S. Connolly; and Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs. Interim Town Manager Jean Ulman was also in attendance. Community Access Television (Channel 6) televised the Town Meeting via a live remote feed.

ARTICLE TWELVE:

To see if the Town will vote to approve a bond issue in the amount of \$500,000 to construct a Public Works facility in the Town to store vehicles and equipment, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sum under the New Hampshire Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, by issuance of bonds or notes, and to take all action, including signing all documents, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote.

Selectman Nelson moved that the Town vote to approve a bond issue in the amount of \$500,000 to construct a Public Works facility in the Town to store vehicles and equipment, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sum under the New Hampshire Municipal Finance Act, Chapter 33, by issuance of bonds or notes, and to take all action, including signing all documents, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this vote. Ms. Connolly seconded the motion.

Mr. Nelson explained that this warrant item proposes a bond of \$500,000. It would be paid back over the next five years. The \$500,000 would be used for the following:

- o Completion of the renovation of the existing building (vestibule addition, exterior insulation, overhead and entrance doors) - \$50,000
- o Removal and replacement of underground tanks (1,000 gal. waste oil tank, 10,000 gal. diesel fuel tank, 10,000 gal. gasoline tank, 1,500 gal. oil/water separator, and diesel and gasoline pumps) - \$75,000
- o Completion of site work (relocation of driveway, drainage, gravel, paving, and landscaping) - \$100,000
- o Construction of a storage building (70' x 140') - \$350,000

- o Payment of architectural, engineering and permitting fees - \$25,000
- o Establishment of a contingency fund - \$25,000

Total of \$625,000

Mr. Nelson further explained that the total would be paid for with the \$500,000 bond plus \$125,000 that is in this year's budget. He noted that all the improvements are necessary. The total interest on the \$500,000 bond is estimated to be \$71,000. The Selectmen feel that the \$71,000 will be offset by inflation and increased efficiencies over the next five years.

There was no further discussion. Voting was done by paper ballot with the following results:

RESULTS	YES	125	NO	27	ARTICLE PASSED
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ARTICLE THIRTEEN:

To choose the following Town Officers to be elected by a majority vote: One member of the Advisory Board of Assessors for a term of three (3) years; three Fence Viewers each for a term of one (1) year; two Surveyors of Wood and Timber each for a term of one (1) year; one Park Commissioner for a term of one (1) year; and such other Officers as the Town may judge necessary for managing its affairs.

Selectman Heinrichs moved that the following persons are hereby nominated for the following offices:

Member of the Advisory Board of Assessors for a term of three years - Robert D. McLaughry

Fence viewers for a term of one year - Frederick E. Croy, Edward C. Lathem and Edward Lobacz

Surveyors of Wood and Timber for a term of one year - William Lange and John Richardson

Park Commissioner for a term of one year - Richard Nordgren

Ms. Connolly seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion or nominations from the floor. A voice vote was taken and found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Thirteen was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN:

To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports and to receive any special resolutions that may be appropriate and to vote thereon.

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Selectman Connolly moved that the reports of the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and other Town Officers as printed in the Town Report be accepted. Ms. Black seconded the motion.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Fourteen was ADOPTED.

The Moderator introduced J.B. Wilkins, the Vice-Chair of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Board for the reading of the following Resolution for Volunteer of the Year Award:

Resolution for Debra and Rob Grabill

"Of this couple, friends tell us: They are both very positive, active forces in all areas that they participate in. They do not complain, but seek ways to be helpful and supportive of changes and improvements. You couldn't find two more upbeat, energetic people who are willing to give everything they can for others.

We were hoping to have both of our recipients here tonight, but one of them couldn't be here - he's at a soccer game, volunteering! But I know she is here - We are presenting our award tonight to: Rob and Debra Grabill.

Rob has coached or assisted in numerous sports in the Upper Valley: baseball, recreation, soccer, basketball, and lightning soccer.

A quote from friends: "Rob is a role model for kids and parents in terms of good sportsmanship skills. He sets the tone and sets a strong message for both players and parents. He plays all of his players fairly, requires all players to be positive team members, and gets the total respect from the kids and their families."

As a member of both the Dresden and Hanover School Boards, Debra has served innumerable hours on committees and in meetings. She very ably served as the Dresden Board representative on the Board of Hanover Parks and Recreation. When Debra was praised by Peter Guillette at the close of her School Board tenure, he said, "She is a perfect example of excellent boardsmanship." We heartily agree.

Both Debra and Rob serve the community in many and various ways, and we thank them for it all. A final quote from an informative friend, "They truly care about others. They are there to help when there are illnesses or deaths in families, with meals, words of comfort, and any other support that may be needed."

Debra and Rob Grabill are wonderful examples of involved, caring members of our community and we thank them."

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The Moderator introduced Selectman Black for the reading of the following resolutions:

Resolution for Michel Whitcomb

"On June 1st of this year Captain Michel Whitcomb will retire from his position as Captain with the Hanover Fire Department. He arrived in Hanover in 1969 from Littleton, New Hampshire, and began his twenty-seven year tenure. During his years with the department, Mike has performed a variety of duties. He served as training officer for many years, and in the late eighties, he switched his area of concentration to become the department's Communication Officer. As such, he has had the responsibility of keeping the municipal fire alarm system, and the department's radios and pagers in excellent working order.

Captain Whitcomb's talents reached far beyond his firefighting duties, and by sharing these talents with us he has greatly benefitted the Town and the Department. Possessing superb mechanical abilities, Mike has created the trailer for the all-terrain vehicle (if you know welding, you should see the beautiful aluminum welds he has done), he has devised a system for hanging a banner across Main Street, he has rebuilt a dilapidated snowmobile trailer, and he has created a "smokehouse" for firefighting training.

Mike's leadership abilities led him to the position of Captain, and second in command, in charge of the department when the Chief is away. His leadership skills and teachings have extended to the next generation of Whitcombs, as daughter Lisa has just been elected a member of the Lyme School Board, following her father's model of contributing to the greater community.

Mike's dedication and talents will be missed, and we wish him well as he heads towards his new life without having to answer the call when the bell rings.

Thanks for twenty-seven years, Mike!"

Resolution for Dan Lahaye

"April first of this year ended a productive and happy era in the history of Hanover's Public Works Department with the retirement of Dan Lahaye, our Commissioner of Gravel Roads. Dan came to work for Hanover in 1960, and has performed just about every job that needed to be done since that time.

"Mr. Grader" has not only cared for all the gravel roads in town, but he has been an ambassador of good will while performing his duties. Generations of children have hopped aboard the big grader as he smoothed out the roads, and he was always available to help out in snowstorms.

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Not only did he serve our rural population well, Dan served as a volunteer fireman, played Santa at Fire Department parties, was a delegate from Hanover to the NH State Fireman's Association for over fifteen years, and was a most popular tour guide at the public works facility for school groups. Dan was at his best when placing a small child on a big seat of a huge piece of equipment. The town employee picnics were famous for his chicken barbecues, and no one could manage the 1926 steamer for thawing culverts the way Dan did.

With his pipe in his teeth, a twinkle in his eye, and a baseball cap pulled down on his head, Dan has become a fixture in town. He always gave 110%, never complained, and would happily announce to all that Hanover was a great town in which to work. Crammed full of Yankee know-how, Dan personified the Old Yankee Work Ethic, and never met a challenge he wouldn't accept, or a task too difficult. He was one of a breed of native originals, and Hanover is certainly a better town for having Dan Lahaye in its employ for thirty-six years. We shall miss his humor, his dedication to his job, and his presence. Thanks Dan for everything!"

The Moderator introduced Selectman Connolly for the reading of the following resolution:

Resolution for Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs

"Dorothy Behlen and her identical twin were born and brought up in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon graduating from Miami University of Ohio, she moved to Washington, DC to begin a career in Conservation. In the succeeding years she worked at the International Conservation Fund, the Nature Conservancy, the American Farmland Trust, and the American Forestry Association. As Director of Big Trees it was at the latter position that she encountered Jay Heinrichs and after four years of courtship became Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs.

After the birth of another Dorothy Heinrichs, Jay and Dorothy moved to Hanover in 1986, Jay as editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. After getting over the shock of her first view of Hanover through a November snowstorm Dorothy joined our community and commenced to work on the Vermont Nature Conservancy and Montshire Museum and added George Heinrichs to our population.

In 1992 the then Board of Selectmen decided to try to lower the average age of the Board by enticing a younger member to join us and give us a point of view more closely associated with the younger members of our Town. We are exceedingly fortunate that Dorothy answered that call. She has worked tirelessly since her election serving on the Conservation Commission, the Recycling Committee and the Howe Library Board of Trustees. In addition to serving on the established boards, Dorothy has done us a great service in helping to produce a comprehensive "After School" report detailing our needs and deficiencies and the resources available to help us to continue to address the problems created by more youngsters needing more resources outside of the home. Another achievement was the creation of the trail through the land of Dartmouth College and Berrill Farms replacing Town Highway #38, an effort which required coordination of many occasionally reluctant factions.

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Upon occasion we have been a seven person group, including young Dorothy and George, two very game youngsters, who put up with being dragooned into official duties with great good nature and we thank them. Our thanks also to Jay Heinrichs whose base-holding capacity allowed us to monopolize Dorothy's time and energies. We will miss the occasionally zany and unfailing good humor and energetic intelligence that has brightened our meetings and certainly lightened our burdens for the past four years. Thank you Dorothy, it has been a pleasure to have served with you even for so short a time."

The Moderator introduced Selectman Black for the reading of the following resolution:

Resolution for Clifford R. Vermilya

"When the New Hampshire legislators wrote the legislation creating the town manager form of government, they did so with Cliff Vermilya as the model. That RSA gave the manager the authority to supervise the property and business affairs of the town, as well as to perform the duties of Civil Defense Director, Director of the Housing Authority, Tax Collector and Overseer of the Poor.

Cliff has done all those things, and done them well. Many words have been written and spoken about him since he announced his retirement, and to do a repeat performance of those testimonials would take much too long for the time this meeting allows.

So I'm certain all of you join me in extending to him our thanks for his stewardship of our town for the past twelve years, and to ask him the one remaining question, "Why didn't we get a baker's dozen from you?" Thanks Cliff, for everything!"

ARTICLE FIFTEEN:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate such sums of money as the Town judges necessary to pay the expenses of the Town during the 1996-97 fiscal year for the purposes set forth in the Town Budget.

Selectman Heinrichs moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of ten million, three hundred eighty two thousand, seven hundred eleven (\$10,382,711) dollars to pay the expenses of the Town during the 1996-97 fiscal year for the purposes set forth in the Town Budget. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Ms. Heinrichs explained that the budget this year shows a small increase of money to be raised by taxes. If you eliminate the Capital Reserve expenditures from the grand total for all funds, the total increase for all funds would be 3.4%. The budget proposed would require an increase in the tax rates for all taxpayers of \$.15 or 2.21%. The Selectmen are unanimous in their support of this budget.

Ms. Nancy Bean, Chairman of the Hanover Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee voted unanimously to support the Town of Hanover budget for 1996-1997 as adopted by the Board of Selectmen.

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There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and the Budget was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN:

To see if the Town will vote to apply any unexpended balance of the 1995-96 appropriation, if any, of the Sidewalk Special Service area to reduce the appropriation for this service area in fiscal year 1996-97.

Selectman Heinrichs moved that the Town vote to apply any unexpended balance of the 1995-96 appropriation of the Sidewalk Special Service area to reduce the appropriation for this service area in fiscal year 1996-97. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion.

Ms. Heinrichs explained that the Selectmen unanimously support this Article regarding the Sidewalk Fund. In accordance with the provisions of Hanover's Town Charter, any surplus generated by a special service fund may be placed in a separate Capital Reserve Fund for such service, or it may be applied to reduce the appropriation for such service. The Selectmen recommend that if there are any surplus funds in this account that they be appropriated to this account in order to reduce property taxes.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Sixteen was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN:

To see if the Town will vote to apply any unexpended balance of the 1995-96 appropriation, if any, for the Fire Protection Special Service area to reduce the appropriation for this service area in fiscal year 1996-97.

Selectman Heinrichs moved that the Town vote to apply any unexpended balance of the 1995-96 appropriation for the Fire Protection Special Service area to reduce the appropriation for this service in the 1996-97 fiscal year. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Ms. Heinrichs stated that the Selectmen unanimously support this Article regarding the Fire Fund. In accordance with the provisions of Hanover's Town Charter, any surplus generated by a special service fund may be placed in a separate Capital Reserve Fund for such service, or it may be applied to reduce the appropriation for such service. The Selectmen recommend that if there are any surplus funds in this account that they be appropriated to this account in order to reduce property taxes.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Seventeen was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and authorize payment into the Capital Reserve Funds in the following amounts for the purpose for which such funds were established:

Public Works	\$130,000
Fire Fund	\$100,000
Sidewalk Fund	\$ 8,000
Sewer Fund	\$100,000
Ambulance Fund	\$ 20,000

Selectman Connolly moved that the Town vote to appropriate and authorize payment into the Capital Reserve Funds in the following amounts for the purposes for which such funds were established: Public Works - \$130,000; Fire Fund - \$100,000; Sidewalk Fund - \$8,000; Sewer Fund - \$100,000; and Ambulance Fund - \$20,000. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Ms. Connolly noted that the Selectmen have unanimously voted to appropriate and authorize the payment of this money into the Capital Reserve Funds for use by the funds for their specific purposes.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Eighteen was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE NINETEEN:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawals from such Capital Reserve Funds and designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the Town to expend such funds for the purposes for which such funds were established, in the following amounts as set forth in the Town Report:

Public Works - Various equipment	\$212,500
Fire Fund - Engine pumper	\$240,000
Sidewalk Fund - Sidewalk machine	\$ 45,000
Ambulance Fund - 25% of ambulance	\$ 30,000

Selectman Connolly moved that the Town vote to authorize withdrawals from such Capital Reserve Funds in the following amounts as set forth in the Town Report: Public Works - Various equipment - \$212,500; Fire Fund - Engine pumper - \$240,000; Sidewalk Fund - Sidewalk machine - \$45,000; and Ambulance Fund - 25% of ambulance - \$30,000. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Ms. Connolly explained that the Selectmen unanimously support the withdrawal of \$212,500 from the Public Works Capital Reserve Fund to replace a compressor - \$13,000; a hydro-seeder - \$6,000; two spreaders - \$9,000; a steamer - \$10,000; truck #3 - 19,500, truck #17 - \$45,000 and a vacuum/manhole cleaner - \$110,000; as well as the withdrawal of \$240,000 from the Fire Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of a pumper; the withdrawal of \$45,000 from the Sidewalk Capital Reserve Fund to purchase a sidewalk machine and the withdrawal of \$30,000 from the Ambulance Capital Reserve Fund, which when combined with \$90,000 from the Fund balance will purchase a \$120,000 ambulance.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Nineteen was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

Selectman Heinrichs moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept, on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Ms. Heinrichs stated that State law requires Town Meeting to authorize the Selectmen to accept such gifts during the year. The Selectmen unanimously support this article.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an unrestricted trust fund for the Town's Capital Improvement Plan and to appropriate the sum of \$225,000 received as a gift from Dartmouth College in connection with the 1992 discontinuance of Elm Street to be paid to the Trustees of Trust Funds.

Selectman Black moved that the Town vote to establish an unrestricted trust fund for the Town's Capital Improvement Plan and to appropriate the sum of \$225,000 received as a gift from Dartmouth College in connection with the 1992 discontinuance of Elm Street to be paid to the Trustees of Trust Funds. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion.

Ms. Black explained that when Elm Street was discontinued in 1992, Dartmouth College paid the Town the sum of \$225,000. It was the Town's intent to establish an unrestricted trust fund with this money. By an oversight, this fund was never officially established. This Article would allow for such a fund to be set up. The Selectmen unanimously support this Article.

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Mr. Frederick Crory asked what the term "unrestricted trust fund" implied.

Selectman Black stated that if this fund is established, Town Meeting is the only place that this money can be withdrawn. It does not say that it has to be for any specific purpose, but approval of the expenditure has to come from Town Meeting vote.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty-One was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the purchase of property located at 36 South Park Street belonging to Junior C. and Roxie Roberts, Map 34, Lot 86 for \$155,000 and further to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the unrestricted trust fund established with money from the discontinuance of Elm Street.

Selectman Black moved that the Town vote to authorize the purchase of property located at 36 South Park Street belonging to Junior C. and Roxie Roberts, Map 34, Lot 86 for \$155,000 and further to authorize the withdrawal of said funds from the unrestricted trust fund established with money from the discontinuance of Elm Street. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion.

Ms. Black explained that the building housing the Parks and Recreation Department at 10 School Street and the building housing the Senior Center and Community Counselor's offices at 42 Lebanon Street are both inadequate for the demands placed upon them. Both buildings are in need of major repairs. The Town owns no land where the construction of community Building to house these offices could take place. To that end, the Selectmen propose the buying of property owned by Junior and Roxie Roberts at 36 South Park Street for \$155,000 for the purpose of constructing a Community Building. The Selectmen unanimously support this Article.

Ms. Winifred Stearns noted that she is in favor of purchasing this property. Regarding 10 School Street, Ms. Stearns indicated she would like to see the string of four houses, which includes this property, remain intact, and would like to see the property offered for sale so that it could go into the tax rolls.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion was PASSED and Article Twenty-Two was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE:

The Moderator informed those in attendance at Town Meeting that he was informed by the Selectmen that Article Twenty-Three was not ready for presentation at this point, but asked for an explanation of this action.

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Selectman Black indicated that the Selectmen had submitted a bid on the property located at 48 Lebanon Street at a figure somewhat higher than the assessment of the property, but that the property owners had informed them they had received a bid in excess of \$50,000 over the Town's bid. The property owners informed the Town that they will not accept the Town's bid.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR:

To see if the Town wishes to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid for such service is less than \$1,000.

Selectman Connolly moved that the Town vote to amend the existing agreement under Section 218 of the Social Security Act by excluding the services performed by election workers for a calendar year in which the remuneration paid or such service is less than \$1,000. Selectman Nelson seconded the motion.

Ms. Connolly explained that with the passage of the Social Security Independence and Program Improvement Act of 1994 this article allows the exclusion of election workers who earn less than \$1,000 annually from mandatory contributions of FICA and Medicare.

The Moderator noted that all of the people who had been asked to serve by himself and Dianne Quill received no remuneration. He thanked all of the volunteers who worked on the elections.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty-Four was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE:

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$10,000 as the Town's share for the replacement of the play structure at the Ray School to be used in part by the Town Parks and Recreation Department for Town programs.

J.B. Wilkins, the Vice-Chair of the Hanover Parks and Recreation Board, moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 as the Town's share for the replacement of the play structure at the Ray School to be used in part by the Town Parks and Recreation Department for Town programs. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Ms. Wilkins explained that the Hanover Parks and Recreation Department supports the appropriation of \$10,000 towards the renovating/replacing of the Ray School Playspace. This is a portion of the required \$68,000. The remainder of this money will come from other sources.

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Ms. Heidi Eldred stated that she has been a part of the committee that has been evaluating the existing Play Space structure over the past year. She indicated that the present structure has many safety deficiencies. Ms. Eldred noted that the committee was looking at various long-term solutions which include rebuilding the play structure from scratch, a new structure, or a combination of both. She commented that the Play Space has been a wonderful asset not only to the Ray School children but to the community at large.

Elizabeth Torrey spoke on behalf of the Hanover School Board, indicating the Board is in support of this project.

Ann James voiced her concerns that the present Play Space had only lasted for a period of ten years, and wondered if an agreement could be made that the contractor building the new playground could be held responsible for the construction of the playground.

Ms. Black stated that the problem lies with the playground being an old wooden structure, and noted that the new proposed structure is not wooden, requiring only minimal maintenance throughout the year, with the parts being guaranteed.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty-Five was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX:

To see if the Town will approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 22, 1996, between the Town of Hanover and the Professional Fire Fighters of Hanover, Local 3288 I.A.F.F. covering three fiscal years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998 - 1999. This contract involves an estimated increase in cost items of \$6,920 in fiscal year 1996-97 over 1995-96 for employees included, with a wage increase of 2.5% for all employees with a contribution to the cost of medical insurance coverage. The contract involves an estimated cost increase of \$9,128 in fiscal year 1997-98 over 1996-97 for all employees included, with a wage increase of 3% and a contribution toward the cost of medical insurance coverage. The contract involves an estimated cost increase of \$8,770 in fiscal year 1998-1999 over 1997-1998 for all employees included with a wage increase of 3% and a contribution towards the cost of medical insurance coverage. (The purpose of this Article is to obligate the Town for the costs specified for three fiscal years.)

Selectman Connolly moved that the Town vote to approve the cost items contained in the collective bargaining agreement approved by the Board of Selectmen on February 22, 1996, between the Town of Hanover and the Professional Fire Fighters of Hanover, Local 3288 I.A.F.F. covering three fiscal years 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998 - 1999. This contract involves an estimated increase in cost items of \$6,920 in fiscal year 1996-97 over 1995-96

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Ms. Connolly explained that on February 22, 1996 the Selectmen unanimously approved the agreement between the Town of Hanover and the Professional Fire Fighters of Hanover, Local 3288 providing for wage increases of 2.5%, 3% and 3% for the next three years. The agreement also provides for additional contribution to medical insurance coverage. The Selectmen believe this to be a fair agreement in line with the remainder of the Town employee remuneration and ask the voters to approve the funding of this agreement.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty-Six was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN:

To see if the Town will vote to sell to Bradford Oil Company for \$12,500 the triangular parcel of land, being approximately 2,500 square feet, lying southerly of Bradford Oil Company's Go-Go Mart on Medical Center Drive and northerly of Medical Center Drive itself, subject to all current easements. The southerly bond of the triangular portion would abut the northerly bound of the portion of Medical Center Drive .

Selectman Nelson moved that the Town vote to sell to Bradford Oil Company for \$12,500 the triangular parcel of land, being approximately 2,500 square feet, lying southerly of Bradford Oil Company's Go-Go Mart on Medical Center Drive and northerly of Medical Center Drive itself, subject to all current easements. Selectman Black seconded the motion.

Mr. Nelson explained that when the Medical Center Drive was constructed in 1991 as the access road to DHMC, a small triangle of land was left between the road and the Go Go Mart owned by Bradford Oil Company. This article would allow Bradford Oil Company to purchase the small sliver of land for \$12,500. The Selectmen unanimously approve this article.

Senator Reubens asked how the valuation of the property was determined. Mr. Nelson stated that the selectmen had negotiated what they felt was a reasonable figure and had arrived at \$12,500.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and was found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty-Seven was ADOPTED.

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ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT:

To see if the Town will vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means.

Elizabeth Crory moved that the Town vote to urge our representatives to the General Court of New Hampshire and the United States Congress to pass laws reforming electoral campaign financing, thus returning the political process to the will of the people and encouraging the participation of candidates with great ability and limited means. Selectman Connolly seconded the motion.

Ms. Crory explained that if the Town votes to adopt Article Twenty-Eight it would be joining towns all over the State. We are urging the New Hampshire legislature and National Congress to pay attention to the fact that we are concerned about the influence of money in politics. We would urge limitation on all forms of contributions to candidates with maximum spending limits per election.

Dan Nelson suggested that Town Meeting should be careful regarding issues about which we would vote to advise the State legislature or National legislature.

There was no further discussion. A voice vote was taken and found to be in the affirmative. The motion PASSED and Article Twenty-Eight was ADOPTED.

ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE:

OTHER BUSINESS

Regarding position papers, Selectman Black asked the Town Meeting attendees whether they would like this tradition to continue.

Bob Norman indicated there should be a means by which those opposed to the Board's position can express themselves.

York Brown congratulated the Board of Selectmen for offering their positions on the issues, stating that he felt it was an important function. He noted that it was important for the public to know the Selectmen's positions and that the position papers are a way of presenting information for the public's consideration.

Mr. Stanley Udy expressed surprise that this issue even came up, and that he had believed it was the selectmen's job to present position papers to supplement and explain their positions on the issues.

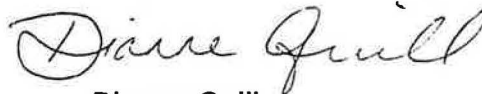
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Joanne Faulk commented that another option rather than position papers would be to have a meeting a week or two before voting so that many more people are informed about the issues.

Attorney Waugh indicated that he felt it would be very helpful to the voters if there were a way to inform them of opposing views.

The Moderator asked for any other business. Hearing none, he would entertain a motion to permanently dissolve this meeting. The motion was made by the Moderator and seconded by Selectman Nelson. The motion carried and the meeting was dissolved at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



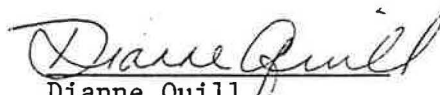
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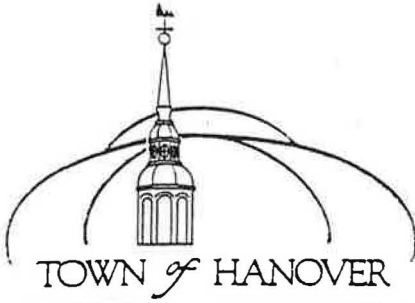
NOTE:

The hours of voting on Article Twelve (the bond issue) were:

7:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.



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RESOLUTION

DEBRA AND ROB GRABILL

Presented by J. B. Wilkins

Of this couple, friends tell us:

"They are both very positive, active forces in all areas that they participate in. They do not complain, but seek ways to be helpful and supportive of changes and improvements. You couldn't find two more upbeat, energetic people who are willing to give everything they can for others."

We were hoping to have both of our recipients here tonight, but one of them couldn't be here...he's at a soccer game, volunteering! But I know she is here... We are presenting our award tonight to:

Rob and Debra Grabill

Rob has coached or assisted in numerous sports in the Upper Valley: baseball, recreation soccer, basketball, and lightning soccer.

A quote from friends: "Rob is a role model for kids and parents in terms of good sportsmanship skills. He sets the tone and sets a strong message for both players and parents. He plays all of his players fairly, requires all players to be positive team members, and gets the total respect from the kids and their families."

As a member of both the Dresden and Hanover School Boards, Debra has served innumerable hours on committees and in meetings. She very ably served as the Dresden Board representative on the Board of Hanover Parks and Recreation. When Debra was praised by Peter Guillete at the close of her School Board tenure, he said, "She is a perfect example of excellent boardsmanship." We heartily agree.

Both Debra and Rob serve the community in many and various ways, and we thank them for it all. A final quote, from an informative friend, "They truly care about others. They are there to help when there are illnesses or deaths in families, with meals, words of comfort, and any other support that may be needed."

Debra and Rob Grabill are wonderful examples of involved, caring members of our community and we thank them.

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R E S O L U T I O N

MICHEL WHITCOMB

Presented by Marilyn W. Black

On June 1st of this year Captain Michel Whitcomb will retire from his position as Captain with the Hanover Fire Department. He arrived in Hanover in 1969 from Littleton, New Hampshire; and began his twenty-seven year tenure. During his years with the department, Mike has performed a variety of duties. He served as training officer for many years, and in the late eighties, he switched his area of concentration to become the department's Communication Officer. As such, he has had the responsibility of keeping the municipal fire alarm system, and the department's radios and pagers in excellent working order.

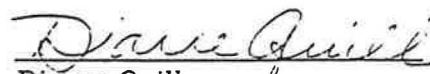
Captain Whitcomb's talents reached far beyond his firefighting duties, and by sharing these talents with us he has greatly benefitted the town and the department. Possessing superb mechanical abilities, Mike has created the trailer for the all-terrain vehicle (if you know welding, you should see the beautiful aluminum welds he has done), he has devised a system for hanging a banner across Main Street, he has rebuilt a dilapidated snow mobile trailer, and he has created a "smokehouse" for firefighting training.

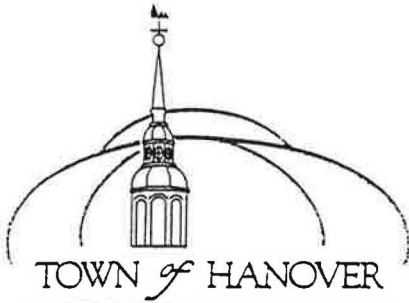
Mike's leadership abilities led him to the position of Captain, and second in command, in charge of the department when the Chief is away. His leadership skills and teachings have extended to the next generation of Whitcombs, as daughter Lisa has just been elected a member of the Lyme School Board, following her father's model of contributing to the greater community.

Mike's dedication and talents will be missed, and we wish him well as he heads towards his new life without having to answer the call when the bell rings.

Thanks for twenty-seven years, Mike!

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R E S O L U T I O N

DAN LAHAYE

Presented by Marilyn W. Black

April first of this year ended a productive and happy era in the history of Hanover's Public Works Department with the retirement of Dan Lahaye, our Commissioner of Gravel Roads. Dan came to work for Hanover in 1960, and has performed just about every job that needed to be done since that time.

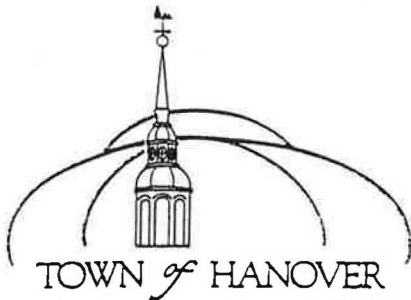
"Mr. Grader" has not only cared for all the gravel roads in town, but he has been an ambassador of good will while performing his duties. Generations of children have hopped aboard the big grader as he smoothed out the roads, and he was always available to help out in snowstorms.

Not only did he serve our rural population well, Dan served as a volunteer fireman, played Santa at Fire Department parties, was a delegate from Hanover to the NH State Fireman's Association for over fifteen years, and was a most popular tour guide at the public works facility for school groups. Dan was at his best when placing a small child on a big seat of a huge piece of equipment. The town employee picnics were famous for his chicken barbecues, and no one could manage the 1926 steamer for thawing culverts the way Dan did.

With his pipe in his teeth, a twinkle in his eye, and a baseball cap pulled down on his head, Dan has become a fixture in town. He always gave 110%, never complained, and would happily announce to all that Hanover was a great town in which to work. Crammed full of Yankee know how, Dan personified the Old Yankee Work Ethic, and never met a challenge he wouldn't accept, or a task too difficult. He was one of a breed of native originals, and Hanover is certainly a better town for having Dan Lahaye in its employ for thirty-six years. We shall miss his humor, his dedication to his job, and his presence. Thanks Dan for everything!

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DOROTHY BEHLEN HEINRICHS

Presented by Katherine S. Connolly

Dorothy Behlen and her identical twin were born and brought up in Cincinnati, Ohio. Upon graduating from Miami University of Ohio she moved to Washington, DC to begin a career in Conservation. In the succeeding years she worked at the International Conservation Fund, the Nature Conservancy, the American Farmland Trust, and the American Forestry Association. As Director of Big Trees it was at the latter position that she encountered Jay Heinrichs and after four years of courtship became Dorothy Behlen Heinrichs.

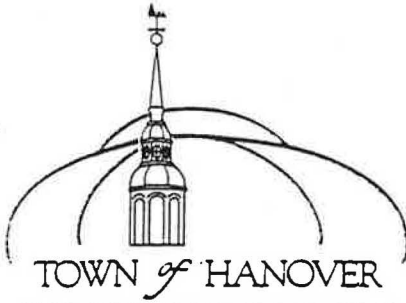
After the birth of another Dorothy Heinrichs, Jay and Dorothy moved to Hanover in 1986, Jay as editor of the Dartmouth Alumni Magazine. After getting over the shock of her first view of Hanover through a November snowstorm Dorothy joined our community and commenced to work on the Vermont Nature Conservancy and Montshire Museum and added George Heinrichs to our population.

In 1992 the then Board of Selectmen decided to try to lower the average age of the board by enticing a younger member to join us and give us a point of view more closely associated with the younger members of our Town. We are exceedingly fortunate that Dorothy answered that call. She has worked tirelessly since her election serving on the Conservation Commission, the Recycling Committee and the Howe Library Board of Trustees. In addition to serving on the established boards Dorothy has done us a great service in helping to produce a comprehensive "After School" report detailing our needs and deficiencies and the resources available to help us to continue to address the problems created by more youngsters needing more resources outside of the home. Another achievement was the creation of the trail through the land of Dartmouth College and Berrill Farms replacing Town Highway #38, an effort which required coordination of many occasionally reluctant factions.

Upon occasion we have been a seven person group, including young Dorothy and George, two very game youngsters, who put up with being dragooned into official duties with great good nature and we thank them. Our thanks also to Jay Heinrichs whose base-holding capacity allowed us to monopolize Dorothy's time and energies. We will miss the occasionally zany and unfailing good humor and energetic intelligence that has brightened our meetings and certainly lightened our burdens for the past four years. Thank You Dorothy, it has been a pleasure to have served with you even for so short a time.

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CLIFFORD R. VERMILYA


Presented by Marilyn W. Black

When the New Hampshire legislators wrote the legislation creating the town manager form of government, they did so with Cliff Vermilya as the model. That RSA gave the manager the authority to supervise the property and business affairs of the town, as well as to perform the duties of Civil Defense Director, Director of the Housing Authority, Tax Collector and Overseer of the Poor.

Cliff has done all those things, and done them well. Many words have been written and spoken about him since he announced his retirement, and to do a repeat performance of those testimonials would take much too long for the time this meeting allows.

So, I'm certain all of you join me in extending to him our thanks for his stewardship of our town for the past twelve years, and to ask him the one remaining question, "Why didn't we get a baker's dozen from you?" Thanks Cliff, for everything!

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