

APPROVED

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 3, 1997

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; Brian Walsh; Julia Griffin, Town Manager; Michael Gilbar, Finance Director, 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. PRESENTATION BY NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REGARDING PROPOSED BICYCLE PATH

Don Lyford, project manager for the Department of Transportation, stated that the project for the proposed bicycle path was approved in 1993. He added that the project is a 20%-80% match, with 20% of the funds coming from the Town and 80% from the federal government. Mr. Lyford indicated that the original application was for \$260,000 which would have resulted in \$52,000 from the Town. Currently, the project is anticipated to be \$365,000, with \$73,000 coming from the Town. Mr. Lyford stated that the next step would be to put an alignment in the area of the proposed bicycle path so that work can begin on the placing of easements, obtaining a better understanding of the location of the wetlands, and developing a contract plan to receive bids.

Mike Fudala, representing the design bureau of the Department of Transportation, displayed a contour map of the area where the project is to be located. He noted that there is an existing foot path at this location, and that portions of the proposed bicycle path overlay on the existing foot path. Mr. Fudala stated that in some areas where the proposed path deviates from the existing footpath, it is an attempt to minimize grades and limit the amount of construction required to complete the project.

Mr. Fudala explained that the proposed path will be a 10 foot wide paved path which will require minimal tree cutting, with 2 foot gravel shoulders on either side. The path will consist of 8 inches of gravel, with 6 inches of crushed gravel and 3 inches of pavement. Mr. Fudala noted that several rest areas have been incorporated into the plan to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1991. The rest areas will be located approximately 8 feet back from the paved way, and will include benches. He noted that also included in the plan are three maintenance vehicle turnarounds.

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PROPOSED BICYCLE PATH (Continued)**

Mr. Fudala indicated that included in the proposed path are steeper grades of 7.7% and a very short section of a 12% grade. He noted that the length of the path is 6,600 feet with an elevation difference of approximately 260 feet. Mr. Fudala stated that the proposed path includes varied grades, and should be negotiable.

Mr. Walsh asked for a description of the crossing of Mink Brook. Mr. Fudala distributed copies of typical timber bridge configurations. Ms. Connolly reassured property owners that a timber bridge is what the Town desires.

Cam Rankin asked if Route 120 was ever suggested as an alternative location. Mr. Fudala stated he was not aware of that suggestion; he noted that this proposal was an effort by the Department of Transportation to design in more detail the application that was approved by the Transportation Enhancement Committee.

Mr. Rankin asked what the access is for bicyclers to get to Brook Road, and asked if the project's primary purpose is for commuting to and from the hospital. Mr. Fudala indicated that it was proposed as an alternative mode of transportation from the hospital to a generally more populated area. Ms. Connolly noted that Brook Road is accessible from Lebanon Street by Dayton Drive.

Mr. Rankin indicated that he had corresponded with the Department of Transportation in 1993 indicating that the paved way of accessing Brook Road was extremely dangerous, and that the possibility of using the funds for a more practical use by considering Route 120 had been discussed.

Mr. Lyford stated that the funds cannot be put towards a different location without the approval of the enhancement committee. He added that his understanding is that the project is part of a more regional bike path system.

Mr. Allen King asked who the path is designed for, would it be safe for use by children, and would older people be able to negotiate the steeper parts of the path. Mr. Lyford answered that it is intended to be a multi-use path, and that rest areas have been incorporated.

Ms. Black asked for the approximate distance of the section of the path that is a 12% grade. Mr. Fudala answered that it is approximately 200 ft. in length. He noted that there is another grade of about 7.7%, but that the remainder of the path would be more negotiable. Mr. Fudala added that the path falls within the range of what is acceptable for wheelchair use.

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Mrs. Nan King asked if the path will be for seasonal use, and wondered if motorcycles would be allowed on the path. Ms. Black answered that the path will not be plowed, but could be used for cross country skiing in the winter. She added that no motorized vehicles, other than maintenance trucks, will be allowed on the path.

Mr. Rankin asked how many trees were expected to be cut. Mr. Fudala answered that they would try to minimize the amount of clearing required, hopefully keeping clearing to 14 ft. at a minimum, but at more extreme cut and fill areas, which are very isolated, would limit clearing to immediately at the point where the grading matches the existing ground.

Mr. Rankin asked if a bulldozer would need extra footage on both sides of the path in order to do the clearing. Mr. Fudala indicated that it would be specified that as few trees as possible would be cut in an effort to save as much of the landscape as possible; and that after grading is completed, the slopes would be grassed and reseeded. He pointed out that it is important to not retain trees that are immediately off the pavement edge in order to maintain a safe distance. Mr. Fudala added that it will also be specified that the contractor may turn around only in the vehicle turnaround areas.

Mr. Lyford stated that a 25 foot to 30 foot area may be required to complete the clearing for the path.

Mr. Nelson asked what percent grade is considered appropriate for a recreational bike path. Mr. Fudala answered that the grades in this proposal are within the Americans with Disabilities guidelines. He stated that they tried to follow the topography and the existing path as much as possible.

Mr. Nelson asked if the 14 inches of gravel proposed for the path would hold up over time. Mr. Fudala answered that it should, and they have had no problems with other similar projects.

Mr. Nelson asked if the \$365,000 estimate assumes easement costs. Mr. Lyford answered that it does not assume easement costs.

Amy Peters asked if parking problems were anticipated at the entry to the path. Ms. Connolly stated that the project is regarded as one where people will start riding their bicycles some place other than the entry to the path. Mr. Walsh added that the logical place for parking might be the visitors' lot at the hospital or one of the lots in Town.

Mr. Rankin asked what justifications exist for spending the funds as far as a certain amount of people who may utilize the path, and what the guidelines are.

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Mr. Lyford answered that the enhancement committee approved the project based on its merits; they are the ones who justified it.

Mr. Rankin stated that representatives from the Department of Transportation had indicated to him that federal funding requires that the main purpose for a bike path such as the one proposed would be to replace a motor vehicle trip with a bicycle trip. Mr. Lyford answered that the hope is to replace vehicle trips with some other mode of transportation. He added that the enhancement committee felt that this path, combined with a Lebanon bike path, would in the long-term provide a good chance for a regional bike path.

Mr. Rankin asked if there were any way to utilize an existing path that goes to the hospital without refining it or putting pavement down, and whether the funds could be accessed for that purpose. Mr. Lyford answered that any other location would have to be approved by the enhancement committee. He stated that more maintenance problems would be created by utilizing something other than blacktop.

Mr. Ron Bailey, a member of the Lebanon Conservation Commission, noted that the area of the proposed path is very unique. He stated that the engineering problems which may cause concern are in the areas where the wetlands are delineated. Mr. Bailey noted that once construction is commenced, changes may be necessary due to drainage issues.

Mr. Walsh noted that one-half of the project is in the City of Lebanon, and asked what the Conservation Commission and City of Lebanon's position is relative to the path. Mr. Bailey stated that the review process will need to go through the Lebanon boards as well as Hanover boards, and that contact may need to be made with the Lebanon city officials.

Mr. Fudala pointed out that when the path was originally walked by the department's environmentalists, wetlands were delineated based on a certain distance on either side of the existing path. He added that until there is an alignment placed on the ground and the environmentalists again walk the path, they will not know exactly what is in the area. Mr. Fudala noted, however, that they believe the wetlands may not present a problem.

Ms. Connolly asked how the area for the crossing was chosen. Mr. Fudala noted that the area chosen would have less of an impact on the flood plain and mean a much shorter bridge.

Ms. Connolly asked if the owner of the proposed easement in that area had been consulted. Mr. Fudala indicated that they had been consulted and there did not appear to be a problem.

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Mr. Tom Linnell asked what the Department of Transportation's understanding is of the Americans with Disabilities Act maximum allowable grade for paths such as the one proposed. Mr. Fudala stated that a publication called the Design Guide for Accessible Outdoor Recreation, which meets the ADA criteria, states that a 12% grade for 200 feet is allowed. He added that, technically, the 12% grade continues at approximately 125 feet, flattening out at either end.

Ms. Connolly asked if there was any way that this grade could be alleviated. Mr. Fudala answered that this proposal represents the consultant's best attempt to try to minimize the grade.

Mr. Linnell asked if the enhancement committee was informed of the grade of the proposed path when they approved it. Mr. Lyford answered that at the time of the approval, there was just an application showing the location of the path from Mink Brook to the hospital. He added that several members of the enhancement committee have seen the proposal with its current specifications.

Mr. Fudala stated that the guide for bicycle facilities specifies a maximum sustained grade of 5% for a distance of 500 feet is allowed. In this case, he noted that there is a relatively short length at a 12% grade, which meets the ADA criteria. Mr. Fudala referred to the map, noting that the path starts with a 6 1/2% grade in the first section, continues through areas of flatter terrain to an area of 7.7% grade for 150 feet, flattening and then continuing to a segment which is the steepest at 12.0% grade for approximately 125 feet.

Nan King asked if some of the funds will be used to maintain the path. Ms. Black answered that the Town will be responsible for the maintenance of the path.

Mr. Nelson asked what the status is of the bike path from the medical center to Lebanon. Mr. Bailey answered that it is still in the planning stages.

Mr. Nelson asked Mr. Bailey if he feels the proposed path is an asset. Mr. Bailey answered that he believes it is an asset.

Mr. Nelson asked how wide of a right of way is required for the path. Mr. Lyford answered that they would like to have the ability to put the path within a 50 foot swath, indicating that once the path was in place he felt a 20 ft. to 25 ft. easement would be adequate.

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Mr. Fudala noted that in an effort to save engineering dollars, they were not planning on incorporating any greater detail beyond what he has presented for a plan. He added that they would like to include a conceptual horizontal alignment and a conceptual profile, and would prefer to include a concept for a comfortable width and allow the contractor and project engineer field fit the patch as best they can without encroaching more than is necessary.

Peter Ivonivitch asked for an estimate of the maintenance cost and the life expectancy of the path. Mr. Fudala answered that the life expectancy depends on the subsurface drainage and how well draining the pavement structure is. He noted that it could last for 20 or more years with little additional maintenance, and that with occasional surface treatment, it could last longer.

Ms. Black stated that the town of Franconia could be contacted to determine what their maintenance costs are for a similar path.

Mr. Fudala indicated the next step is for the Town to approve the project, and indicate when funding would be available, as well as provide the DOT with easements from the three property owners.

3. APPROVAL OF PROPOSED FY 1997-98 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HANOVER

Ms. Black stated that the proposed budget reflects a 2.9% increase for the highest tax district, going down to a 2.5% increase in Fire District 1.

Ms. Griffin noted that although the budget is fairly tight, it provides a responsible level of service to the Town while still coming in under the rate of inflation.

Members of the Finance Committee present at the meeting indicated that they feel the proposed budget is very reasonable and are in favor of it.

Ms. Black suggested the Board write a letter to their legislators in favor of the 25 cent cigarette tax proposed in the Governor's budget. She noted that in the pool of money anticipated to be raised by this tax will be \$1,000 per capita kindergarten child, which would bring approximately \$75,000 to the Town of Hanover. Ms. Black indicated that full funding of revenue sharing for towns and communities is also included in the proposed budget, which would bring Hanover an additional \$92,000 in revenue if the package passes.

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to pass the proposed FY 1997-1998 budget for the Town of Hanover. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO PASS THE PROPOSED FY 1997-1998 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF HANOVER.

4. DISCUSSION OF REQUEST BY ANNE AND ROBERT MORRIS THAT SELECTBOARD INITIATE OVERALL PLANNING PROCESS REGARDING FUTURE DEVELOPMENT ON KING ROAD (TOGETHER WITH ACCOMPANYING COMMUNICATIONS FROM OTHER LOCAL RESIDENTS).

Mr. Robert Morris, a resident of King Road in Etna, distributed his comments to the Board. He stated that his prime concern was for public health, safety and welfare. Mr. Morris stated that there is a need for a detailed comprehensive master plan for Hanover that sets out the Town's plan for its future and creates a direction for the Town to move in as development comes along so that planning can be done in a focused, individual manner. He commented that he feels the existing master plan consists of too many generalities.

Ms. Connolly invited Mr. Morris, as well as anyone else who might be interested, to join the Planning Board in creating a new language chapter for the town's master plan.

Mr. Morris stated that there have been two fatal accidents on King Road in a decade, as well as a large number of accidents involving major physical damage. He indicated that King Road is becoming a favorite main route from Enfield and Canaan into Hanover, and is an extremely dangerous situation. He also noted that the location and number of driveways is a very important factor in traffic safety.

Mrs. Anne Morris spoke regarding the need for a localized plan for King Rd. and its environs that integrates a number of different factors. She stated that this need is being driven by the fact that there are an unusually large number of pieces of land for sale on King Road, and that development of these lots would more than double the number of houses on the steep and hazardous portion of King Rd. Ms. Morris discussed wetland and wildlife concerns as well, and stated that a plan is needed to insure the infrastructure will remain fully healthful and functional, and to integrate into that basic structure the amount of development which would be sustainable on the landscape. She indicated that a plan is needed that looks to the future and places all decisions into a whole and integrated framework.

Allen King indicted that increased development on King Rd. will increase the number of automobiles traversing the road, and will increase the number of accidents.

Fern Meyers stated that there are potential large properties also up for sale in the future on Ruddsboro Road in both directions from King Road, and that Ruddsboro Road is an equally dangerous road.

John Sibley agreed with the comments concerning conservation, scenery and safety, and stated that the solution to all three problems seems to be the same. He noted that the Town does a commendable job of maintaining King Rd. during a snow or ice storm, but that it is still impossible to keep it from being dangerous. Mr. Sibley suggested that the only way to keep King Rd. from being less safe is to limit traffic by considering decreasing the density of housing and increasing the size of lots required in that area.

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Ms. Connolly stated that she has been working on the transportation chapter of the master plan. She suggested that there are two separate problems on King Road, one being the problem with commuter traffic from Enfield and Canaan. Ms. Connolly noted that the decrease in density may have no effect on the traffic, and that the issues have to be dealt with separately.

Fern Meyers questioned the legal possibility of posting the road for residents' use only. She also suggested the possibility of a seasonal ban during mud season to help reduce traffic during that period of time.

Ms. Black answered that she was not sure of the legality of that type of restriction, but it could be looked into.

Jean Sibley noted that they would welcome having a good master plan in place so that guidelines are available to prevent the area from being spoiled piece by piece. Ms. Connolly stated that enforcement exists in the zoning ordinance and the subdivision and site plan documents, and that the master plan serves as a guide for those.

Mr. Sibley stated that zoning for the area in question states that the amount of terrain that can be disturbed within the 75 ft. setback from the wetlands is 5,000 s.f. He noted that the request for the land in question is for 32,000 s.f.

Mr. Walsh noted that there are a set of procedures that a land owner has to go through in order to develop their land, and the Board of Selectmen are not a part of that process. He suggested that the landowners, including the landowners who have their land currently on the market, get together to address the problems and come to the Town with a master plan.

Mr. Nelson stated that the only input the Selectmen have regarding issues that are the responsibility of the Planning Board, is to appoint the Planning Board members. He added that although many of the issues raised are for the Planning Board, the traffic issues need to be dealt with by the Selectmen. Mr. Nelson stated that the Selectmen can drop a note to the Planning Board reminding them that King Rd. is a 19% slope and, therefore, is a traffic hazard problem. He noted that he believes the traffic problem is not caused by the residents nor the houses that might be built, but rather as a result of the volume of traffic that considers King Rd. a through commuter road.

Mr. Sibley agreed that much of the problem stems from the traffic coming from elsewhere. He continued that if all of the lots on King Hill Rd. are filled with houses, it will create an additional problem. Mr. Sibley wondered if an expert police evaluation of the road could be made and published as to the hazards involved.

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Mr. Nelson indicated that the next step is for the landowners to bring all traffic ideas to the Board of Selectmen, and work together among themselves and with the Planning Board to give input into the land use chapter of the master plan.

Mr. Walsh recommended that the input of all competing interests be considered for input into the land use chapter of the master plan in order to be meaningful.

Mr. Sibley strongly urged the Board not to blacktop the eastern edge of King Road. Mr. Nelson agreed that it should not be blacktopped.

Mrs. Morris stated that she appreciates the wonderful work the highway department does on King Road.

5. REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TOWN OF HANOVER TO ACT AS OFFICIAL SPONSOR FOR PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION PREPARED BY UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

Ms. Griffin indicated that a request has been received to sponsor two activities which the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission has proposed. The programs came about as a result of interviews conducted with high tech employers in Hanover who are having trouble attracting and retaining engineers, software engineers, software designers, etc. She stated that a brochure is proposed to help sell the Upper Valley to a particular segment of the market, at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Ms. Griffin indicated that Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Council Regional Planning Commission is soliciting donated funds from the companies that will benefit from the recruitment of potential employees, matching those funds with state funds. The program requires a county sponsor, and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Commission has asked the Town of Hanover to be the receiver and disbursing of those funds.

Ms. Black MADE THE MOTION that the Town of Hanover act as official sponsor for the proposed economic development matching grants program application prepared by Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission. Mr. Nelson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE TOWN OF HANOVER ACT AS OFFICIAL SPONSOR FOR THE PROPOSED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM APPLICATION PREPARED BY UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION.

6. DISCUSSION OF ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS QUALIFYING INCOME AND ASSETS LEVELS

Ms. Black stated that by law the Board is required to determine if the Town's level for elderly exemptions by June, or it will lose the local ability to do so by the beginning of 1998.

Ms. Griffin stated that she has requested Don Munroe to do an update for the Board on the elderly exemption. She indicated that it was last adjusted at Town Meeting in 1994. Ms. Griffin noted that she will come back to the Board with a formal recommendation regarding the elderly exemption level at the next meeting.

Ms. Griffin stated that Hanover currently has 28 households which qualify for elderly exemption, not including an additional five or six households considered for tax abatements. Mr. Munroe indicated that when the Town changed the levels in 1994, it resulted in no increase in the number of households becoming eligible for exemption.

Mr. Nelson MADE THE MOTION to direct the Town Manager to bring a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen for adjusting the elderly exemption. Ms. King SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DIRECT THE TOWN MANAGER TO BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR ADJUSTING THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION.

7. REVIEW OF MUNICIPAL HEALTH TRUST RATES FOR 1997-1998

Review of Municipal Health Trust Rates for 1997-1998 was postponed to the Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 17, 1997.

8. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF REVISED JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY GRADE FOR REVENUE COLLECTION SUPERVISOR/DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR POSITION

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to approve the job description and salary grade for the revenue collection supervisor/deputy tax collector position. Ms. King SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE JOB DESCRIPTION AND SALARY GRADE FOR THE REVENUE COLLECTION SUPERVISOR/DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR POSITION.

Ms. Black suggested that the minimum education qualifications be increased to possibly an associates degree.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Griffin reported that she had received a request from students at Dartmouth College that the Town consider flying the Free Tibet flag on March 10, 1997. The students stated that they would supply the Town with the flag, which the Town could add to the flag pole.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS (Continued)

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen deny the request to fly the flag of Tibet on March 10, 1997. Mr. Nelson SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO DENY THE REQUEST TO FLY THE FLAG OF TIBET ON MARCH 10, 1997.

Mr. Walsh indicated that the reason for the denial is neither for nor against Tibet, but a statement that the Town of Hanover should not have its own foreign policy.

Ms. Griffin also reported that she is about to begin meetings with abutters relative to the managed parking lot, and asked the Board for any input they might provide regarding long standing agreements with the abutters.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Chamber of Commerce breakfast is scheduled for April 1, 1997 at 7:45 a.m. to discuss the proposal regarding the increase in parking taxes which would be required to finance the parking lot improvement.

Ms. Black stated that she had received a suggestion that the parking lot behind Hopkins Center be turned into leased parking spaces. Ms. Griffin noted that there had been numerous meetings regarding parking, and discussion has occurred relative to the merit of turning those spaces into leased parking spaces.

10. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Ms. King

Ms. King reported she had spent several hours in discussions with the Lebanon Regional Planning Commission.

Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson reported that he will be sitting on the Planning Board on March 4th regarding two Dartmouth College issues. One issue is the modification of the site plan review for the Jewish Community Center regarding moving the location of the air conditioner and the rubbish container; the other deals with the renovations at Webster Hall.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported that she will be hearing an appeal at the Planning Board by Granite State Electric to do trimming on Occum Ridge, as well as discussion of a subdivision on Lyme Road.

Ms. Connolly also reported that she is working on the transportation chapter of the master plan.

SELECTMEN'S REPORTS (Continued)

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported that he had attended a recent meeting of the Community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. He stated that a workshop is scheduled for March 31, 1997 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the white church for parents and concerned citizens regarding drug, alcohol and tobacco use among school age children. Mr. Walsh noted that the workshop is sponsored by many organizations, including parent groups from various schools, the Substance Abuse Advisory Committee and the Town of Hanover, and added that they will be inviting the Town of Norwich to be a sponsor as well.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black stated that discussion should occur at the next Selectmen's meeting regarding whether or not to go ahead with the bike path to allow it to get on the warrant. She noted that there is \$75,000 left from the Elm Street project which could be used as the Town's source of funding for the bike path project.

11. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to come before the meeting.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,



Brian Walsh, Secretary