

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 5, 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; 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

Tom Linell discussed the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of April 14, 1996. He noted that the minutes indicate that the proposed bicycle/pedestrian path connects with the Indian Ridge easement, but failed to note that the Indian Ridge easements prohibit bicycle traffic. Mrs. Black stated that the proposed path is a bicycle and pedestrian path, so that someone walking or hiking could use the Indian Ridge trails.

Mr. Linell also noted that there is no proposed bicycle path from Wilder to Norwich through the Montshire property, and that the Montshire property is closed to bicycle traffic.

Mr. Linell stated that the Indian Ridge brochure does not provide any information to the public concerning the details of the easements on Indian Ridge. Ms. Black explained that the brochures were not published by the Town of Hanover, nor did the Town approve or see the brochures before they were printed.

2. REVIEW OF PROPOSED DESIGN FOR WELCOME SIGNAGE

Clint Bean introduced Douglas Hart, the graphic designer who is working on the design for the Town of Hanover welcome signs to replace the signs which currently exist at the four primary accesses to Hanover. Mr. Bean stated that he wished the Selectmen to review the designs and give their approval to go forward with the project.

Mr. Hart distributed two proposed designs for the welcome signs. He noted that this is an independent project, but is very much related to the Dartmouth College sign system. Mr. Hart stated that legibility is the single most important factor in the design of the signs, and that the information on the current welcome signs had been pared down to produce the current proposed designs.

Mr. Nelson suggested that as the community is most often referred to as "Town of Hanover" that the words "Welcome to" be replaced with "Town of".

Mr. Walsh asked if the signs would be the same on both sides. Mr. Hart answered that he would suggest leaving the sign blank on one side.

Ms. Black observed that it is traditional to include service clubs on welcome signs. Mr. Hart stated that he understood that some of the cost of the signs might be borne by the two service clubs represented on the sign. Mr. Bean added that the clubs are an integral part of the community.

Ms. Connolly indicated that she felt the green background with white letters is much more elegant and legible.

Mr. Hart stated that he will be working with Dartmouth College on the materials for the signs. He suggested that the Town signs as well as the College signs all be fabricated at the same place. Mr. Hart added that the signs will probably be produced from a 3M vinyl material.

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

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen accept the results of the April 30, 1997 hearings of the Advisory Board of Assessors. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ACCEPT THE RESULTS OF THE APRIL 30, 1996 HEARINGS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Griffin stated that she is working with the abutting property owners on the details of the municipal lot. She asked the Board for input as to the least disruptive time to close the lot in order to do the work this summer. Ms. Griffin stated that the work could take two or three weeks to complete. She added that there is also the ability to do some of the work at night.

Ms. Connolly stated that working at night would be very disruptive to the neighbors.

Mr. Walsh noted that a work day which encompassed 10 to 12 hours would be of high value.

Ms. Griffin stated that Granite State Electric would be starting their work around the first of June, and that the Town could not begin their work until Granite State's work was complete. Ms. Connolly suggested that the least disruptive time to close the lot might be during the last two weeks in August and the first week of September.

Ms. Griffin stated that she would be back to the Board for their input regarding the landscaping plan once discussions are completed with the abutters.

5. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Ms. King

Ms. King reported that she had recently attended the brown bag lunch which included discussion of telecommunication towers.

Ms. King also noted that this was her last Selectmen's meeting, and stated that she had enjoyed working with the Board very much.

Mr. Nelson

Mr. Nelson reported that he will be sitting on the Planning Board for the Fleet Bank building site plan to review modifications to the plan. He added that he will also be sitting on the Advisory Board of Assessors.

Mr. Nelson stated that the Water Company had recently signed a contract with Dufresne-Henry to complete a study, report and plan for a distribution system for the Town of Hanover, which plan should be completed by the first week of September.

Mr. Nelson noted that the wording on the recent sewer bill which he received was quite confusing. Ms. Griffin stated that a review of the sewer bill is on her list of priorities, noting that the sewer billing process is time consuming and cumbersome, taking the staff two to three weeks to complete.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported that the Planning Board considered the Paull subdivision on King Road, and upcoming issues include the Fleet Bank, some minor subdivisions and the Simpson development on Lyme Road. She stated that the first of three Board of Tax Assessors' meetings had been completed.

Ms. Black observed that Simpson had done some clearing and made a cul-de-sac, and asked if this could be done without permission. Ms. Connolly answered that it was done at their own risk, and that the cul-de-sac met regulations.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported that he had attended a breakfast meeting sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce relative to parking issues. He added that he is trying to put together a list of people to serve on a task force for this purpose, and asked for any nominations or suggestions.

Mr. Walsh stated that the Community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee met on May 5th. He requested Ms. Griffin to furnish him with the results of the community forum to keep the committee up-to-date.

Mr. Walsh also reported that the Howe Library trustees will meet on May 22nd at 3:30 p.m. to present the first draft of the long-range plan.

Mr. Walsh thanked Jean Ulman and Penny Hoisington for a superb job on the Town report.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black set the following schedule for polling hours for Town meeting on May 13th:

Mr. Walsh:	7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
Ms. King:	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Mr. Nelson:	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Ms. Black:	4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Black indicated a request had been received from the Prouty Bicycle Ride to hang a banner over Main Street. Mr. Walsh noted that the current guidelines regarding banners are that they must sponsor a community-wide, non-profit event for the community. The Board agreed that the request should not be granted.

Ms. Black stated that soon after Town Meeting the Board should consider appointments to boards and commissions. Ms. Griffin indicated that letters had been sent and responses received from incumbents; Jean Ulman will prepare an updated list of responses.

Mr. Nelson stated that he would like to advertise all vacancies on boards and commissions.

6. OTHER BUSINESS

After a brief discussion, Ms. Connolly **MADE THE MOTION** that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of April 7, 1997, as amended. Ms. King **SECONDED THE MOTION** and the Board of Selectmen **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 7, 1997, AS AMENDED.**

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7. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

SUMMARY

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Respectfully submitted,



Brian Walsh, Secretary

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