

APPROVED

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 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; Brian Walsh, Vice Chairman; Katherine S. Connolly; John Manchester; 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

Rick Dickinson discussed the site visit at his project in Etna regarding the proposed post office, and asked the Board of Selectmen if the Town of Hanover would be receptive to doing a portion of the work that needs to be done in order to satisfy complaints about the road and the bridge.

Mr. Dickinson indicated that he feels the bridge is safe as it exists, and does not care if the road gets paved. He noted that there was a traffic survey completed which states that the road is adequate to support a post office in the proposed location, and suggested that the road should be paved. Mr. Dickinson feels that if the Town requires paving of the road and bridge going to the property, that the Planning Board may require him to pave the remainder which is quite lengthy. He stressed that his project is quite small with a limited budget, and is already overbudget due to complying with the Town's requirements. Mr. Dickinson stated that he plans to try to waive the paving requirement when meeting with the Planning Board.

Mr. Dickinson noted that he knows of no instance in Hanover on a Class 5 road where a business was required to pay for improvements. He stated that in a November 19, 1987 Planning Board report, the Town agreed to move the guardrails on the bridge to the sidewalls, which would have allowed for another two feet of road space. When the work was done, the guardrails were placed on top of the headwall rather than the sidewall in error.

Ms. Connolly stressed that the only portion of the road that was discussed by the Planning Board in terms of paving is that portion belonging to the Town of Hanover. Mr. Dickinson indicated that the transcript of the last Planning Board meeting would show that Ms. Connolly stated that he would have to pave that road all the way in; Ms. Connolly said that she was referring to only the Town of Hanover portion of the road.

Ms. Black asked why it is preferable to leave the remainder of the roadway gravel. Ms. Connolly answered that it is near a water body, and gravel provides filtration.

Ms. Griffin stated that the estimate to pave the section of the Town road is \$2,000.

Richard Birnie stated that one reason to pave the road is the ability to put in a white or yellow line dividing the two sections to direct traffic in a safe way. He added that the Etna bridge is wider than the bridge on the Ruddsboro Road which is in a 35 mph zone and has many more vehicles travelling on it. He urged the Board of Selectmen to approach the project in a positive manner and as a community problem for Etna. Mr. Birnie stated that Etna is in danger of losing its post office, and that over the years there has been an increase in traffic in Etna with the moving of the hospital. Secondly, he stated that it is a public safety issue as Etna has now become the main commuting link between Lebanon and the hospital coming from the north, and from the east from Canaan and Enfield.

Mr. Dickinson stated that it is a Town road, and is a road that serves himself and Mrs. Chickering, primarily, but also the land behind the schoolhouse which is owned by Joe Willey.

Ms. Black asked if Mr. Dickinson planned to keep the store open after the post office is completed. Mr. Dickinson answered that the store will remain open, and noted that there is not adequate space in the proposed post office building to house the store.

Mr. Walsh summarized the issue by saying that he feels it is a determination of the Planning Board in the following matters:

- 1) The safety of the intersection;
- 2) Whether or not the guardrails should be moved;
- 3) Whether the road is one lane or two lanes;
- 4) Whether the Town road should be paved, and if so, whether the developer, the Town, or both should pay for the cost of paving; and
- 5) Whether the non-public section is paved.

Mr. Walsh stated that partially because the cost of paving is small and partially to support the community center in Etna and remove some of the public safety risk, he feels it is legitimate to consider that the developer and the Town split the cost of paving.

Mr. Dickinson stated that if it is to be a shared situation, he believes that other people using the road should share in the cost as well.

Mr. Walsh explained that in this instance, the moving of the post office and the additional 100 trips a day to the other side of the bridge is the factor that would require the paving of the bridge. He added that usually when an intersection or road needs to be improved, it is not because of one single thing that is identifiable, but rather due to general growth which is the Town's responsibility.

Mr. Dickinson noted that when the intersection near the Co-Op was re-done the store benefitted even though the work may have been done for the hospital in anticipation of the increased traffic. He stated that because of the hospital, an additional 3,000 cars a day are coming through Etna, and without the hospital's relocation the intersection problem in Etna would not be to the extent it is today.

Ms. Black suggested that the Planning Board make their decisions, after which the Board of Selection will decide on the issue at hand regarding paving of the Town road.

2. **REQUEST TO TABLE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF ADOPTION OF UPDATED CODES, INCLUDING THE 1996 EDITION OF THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, THE 1992 EDITION OF NFPA 1 - FIRE PREVENTION CODE, THE 1994 EDITION OF NFPA 101 - LIFE SAFETY CODE, THE 1996 EDITION OF NFPA 70 - NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE AND THE 1992 EDITION OF NFPA 211 - CHIMNEYS, FIREPLACES, VENTS AND SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES, TO JANUARY 5, 1998.**

Ms. Griffin stated that the Building Code Advisory Board will meet to review the matter of updated codes and prepare a summary of changes, and suggested that this item be tabled until January 5, 1998.

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION that the public hearing be closed regarding adoption of updated codes, including the 1996 edition of the BOCA National Building Code, the 1992 edition of NFPA 1 - Fire Prevention Code, the 1994 edition of NFPA 101 - Life Safety Code, the 1996 edition of NFPA 70 - National Electric Code and the 1992 edition of NFPA 211 - Chimneys, Fireplaces, Vents and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ADOPTION OF UPDATED CODES, INCLUDING THE 1996 EDITION OF THE BOCA NATIONAL BUILDING CODE, THE 1992 EDITION OF NFPA 1 - FIRE PREVENTION CODE, THE 1994 EDITION OF NFPA 101 - LIFE SAFETY CODE, THE 1996 EDITION OF NFPA 70 - NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE AND THE 1992 EDITION OF NFPA 211 - CHIMNEYS, FIREPLACES, VENTS AND SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES.

3. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FROM WESTMARC DEVELOPMENT JOINT VENTURE TO FRONTIER VISION AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE ASSETS AND THE FRANCHISE AS COLLATERAL.

Ms. Griffin distributed copies of the resolution on which she highlighted minor changes. The original draft asked the Town to authorize certain financial arrangements, which the Town is not authorized to do. She stated that the limit of the Town's involvement is to acknowledge the transfer and acknowledge that the company is financially capable of managing its assets.

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION that the Board of Selectmen approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of cable television franchise from Westmarc Development Joint Venture to Frontier Vision and the assignment of the assets and the franchise as collateral, as corrected. Mr. Manchester SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FROM WESTMARC DEVELOPMENT JOINT VENTURE TO FRONTIER VISION AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE ASSETS AND THE FRANCHISE AS COLLATERAL, AS CORRECTED.

4. DISCUSSION OF 1997 TAX RATE AS SET BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION.

Ms. Black stated that the Town taxes are decreasing by 1 cent per thousand. Ms. Griffin noted that the decrease is due partially because of revenues over projection and expenditures under budget.

Mr. Walsh noted that the budget as passed at Town Meeting anticipated roughly a 15 cent per thousand increase in the tax rate of the Town.

Ms. Griffin stated that the tax rate as set by the Department of Revenue Administration matches what the Town set in each case. There was no reduction in fire district taxes, but a reduction in the Town portion. Ms. Griffin indicated that the Town portion will decrease 1 cent, from \$5.04 to \$5.03 per thousand; the school district is increased by 63 cents, from \$12.36 last year to \$12.99 this year; and the county portion is up 1 cent from \$1.59 last year to \$1.60 this year, for a total increase of 63 cents per thousand.

5. APPOINTMENTS: A. SCENIC LOCALES COMMITTEE

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that Beth Vesley be appointed to the Scenic Locales Committee. Mr. Walsh SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPOINT BETH VESLEY TO THE SCENIC LOCALES COMMITTEE.

6. BANNER REQUEST OF THE SKATING CLUB AT DARTMOUTH.

Ms. Connolly MADE THE MOTION that the Skating Club at Dartmouth not be allowed to hang a banner over Main Street advertising its yearly skating show. Mr. Manchester SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THAT THE SKATING CLUB AT DARTMOUTH NOT BE ALLOWED TO HANG A BANNER OVER MAIN STREET ADVERTISING ITS YEARLY SKATING SHOW.

7. DISCUSSION OF HB405 PREEMPTING LOCAL SEWAGE REGULATIONS.

Ms. Black explained that HB405 would take away local authority to regulate septage, sewage and compost. She noted that the Town Manager has written a letter for the Selectmen's endorsement regarding HB405.

Ms. Griffin explained that this is a political issue. The installers' lobby would prefer a statewide regulation rather than having to become familiar with regulations in each community.

8. DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTI-YEAR RATE GUARANTEE PROGRAM OF NHMA PLT.

Ms. Griffin stated that the total property and liability premiums for the Town including the general fund departments, fire fund, ambulance fund and parking fund total \$119,583 this current year. The Town's participation in this program would result in the Town getting a \$3,000 reduction this year, and presuming rates held for next year, a 5% reduction beginning July 1, 1998, resulting in a \$6,000 reduction. Assuming the same rates in 1999 and 2000, the maximum amount of savings under this plan would be approximately \$17,000 to \$18,000 over the 2 1/2 year period. She stated that this program would lend stability for budgeting purposes.

Ms. Griffin noted that the property and liability trust provides all legal defense coverage and safety training. Although their rates are higher than private insurance companies, Ms. Griffin feels this is a better value.

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION that the Board adopt the resolution for participation in the multi-year rate guarantee program of NHMA PLT. Mr. Manchester SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE MULTI-YEAR RATE GUARANTEE PROGRAM OF NHMA PLT.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin provided the Board with an update on the ROT project. She stated that they plan to be under construction in about 45 days, and should be finalizing their permit with DES soon. Ms. Griffin indicated that she had completed the final site visit with DES and has discussed details regarding quality compost to be generated by the facility. The State wanted to be sure that the Town was comfortable with the odor control options. Her understanding is that the permit should be in hand in a week to 10 days, and they will then begin to do the cement work on the site and order the building.

Ms. Griffin indicated that she is in the process of reviewing the draft of the lease with Walter Mitchell, but that all significant lease terms had been agreed on. The lease should be signed within a couple of weeks. She noted that the plan is to have operations underway in the spring.

10. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Mr. Walsh

Mr. Walsh reported that the Parking Facilities Task Force continues to meet bi-weekly.

Mr. Walsh also read a letter from the Community Substance Abuse Advisory Committee. The letter was sent to students and parents in the Hanover and Norwich schools, and students at Dartmouth College regarding Halloween and the Dartmouth bonfire. The letter stresses safety and responsible behavior on the part of those attending the bonfire.

Mr. Manchester

Mr Manchester reported that the Hanover Rec. Department met recently. The Junior High Athletic Committee is discouraged about the coaching situation, and they are in the process of trying to institute athletics in junior high school. The matter will be taken to the Dresden School Board.

Mr. Manchester also reported that the Boston Pops trip has been canceled due to lack of participation.

A Pond Party will be held at Occum Pond in February, possibly in conjunction with the Dartmouth Winter Carnival.

Mr. Manchester reported that the Howe Library's annual meeting was held last week, and Matthew Marshall was elected chairman, replacing Ann Crow.

Mr. Walsh stated that the Howe Library annual meeting was very constructive, and suggested that the Board of Selectmen include as an agenda item an opportunity for the Board to review the many things going on in Town that require financial backing. He added that he is pleased with the constructive position that the Trustees have taken with regard to working with the Town on their needs and the needs of the Community Center Advisory group.

Ms. Black stated that the Old Town Hall Committee has been discussing implementing a newsletter from the Town, and suggested that the time may have come for a regular quarterly newsletter.

Ms. Black suggested that the School Board be invited to a Selectmen's meeting, possibly in early November, to discuss the School's plans for the future.

Ms. Connolly

Ms. Connolly reported that the Planning Board is considering a site plan for the Rick Dickinson building which would house the Etna Post Office.

She also reported that the Planning Board recently heard a discussion from Dartmouth College's architect and planner regarding their master plan, and were provided with a full history of the architecture and planning at the College dating back to when Dartmouth Hall was on the Green.

Ms. Black

Ms. Black had nothing to report.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: OCTOBER 6, 1997

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of October 6, 1997. Ms. Connolly SECONDED THE MOTION and the Board of Selectmen VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING OF OCTOBER 6, 1997.

12. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no other business to come before the meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT.

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

Mr. Walsh MADE THE MOTION that the Board 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 VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO GO TO A NON-PUBLIC SESSION TO DISCUSS A MATTER WHICH MAY AFFECT THE REPUTATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

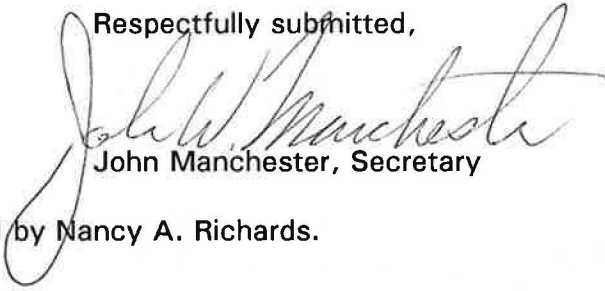
The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

SUMMARY

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Respectfully submitted,



John W. Manchester, Secretary

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