

**TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2001**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

**PRESENT:** Chairman R. Dion, S. Sheidow, T. Young, D. Pichette-Volk, R. Holley, M. Jolin, D. Duford, M. Farrell-Town Administrator. P. Rueppel and P. Ganley – excused.

**MINUTES:** May 9, 2001: M. Jolin moved to approve as amended. Motion seconded by R. Holley. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** M. Farrell reported on the following:

1. Quarry Road update - There has been no response to B. Mayer's inquiry.
2. Two court cases we are still waiting for decisions. Sid Baines v. Town of Hooksett and Conservation Commission v. Town of Hooksett.
3. Chief Howard is back from Anaheim, California where he voted on the proposed NFPA 1710 Fire Standards. The vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed National standards. There were three Fire Chiefs and 62 firefighters representing N.H.
4. Tri-town target date is May 29 to place an ambulance at the safety center.
5. I participated in an ICMA Study Tour of Local Government in Ireland on how they are handling rapid growth and economic changes. When the report is finalized, the Council will receive a copy.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** David Gagnon, 1638 Hooksett Rd., is interested in being a member of the Police Commission Board.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE:** Tom Young reported that the committee has completed all present positions and they are preparing to make recommendations for future positions.

**AMBULANCE:** D. Pichette-Volk reported on the response of the Ambulance Survey, which is 705 responses out of 3996, mailed out, yielding at 17.5% return. On June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting informing the public on the results and the final report will be at the last meeting in June.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** Sandy Sheidow requested that her name be removed and suggested Mike DiBitetto be taken into consideration for the position.

R. Dion stated the request has been noted.

**ROAD CONNECTOR:** M. Farrell reported that he received a letter from D.O.T.'S Assistant Commissioner C. Murray. The estimates were passed on to Division 5 and he will be dealing directly with Division 5. Next step is to have a traffic study done as a joint effort with Manchester Sand and Gravel and the North Campus landowners.

**SOLID WASTE:** D. Duford reported that they will be coming in for the hearing next week.

SOUTHERN NH PLANNING: M. Jolin reported that the Commission approved the budget for fiscal year 2002 and for the 9<sup>th</sup> year in a row the per capita fee has not increased. A copy of solicitation for transportation enhancement funds and forms went to M. Farrell last week.

UNION NEGOTIATIONS: M. Farrell reported that a meeting has not been rescheduled yet.

TRI-TOWN AMBULANCE COMMITTEE: S. Sheidow asked to remove her name.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:**

**Fire Department's Thermal Imaging Camera and Demonstration**

Chief Howard reviewed the Wal-Mart and volunteer fund raising efforts that have been successful and on May 4 Hooksett Fire Department proudly accepted the new camera that has a value of \$15,000. Once the training has been completed, it is expected that the camera will be in service by July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Howard introduced Firefighter Steve Davis who proceeded to demonstrate and explain the functions of the camera. He explained how the camera picks up heat from burning structures, people lost in the woods, follow tracks out of the woods, and follow vapors. There are approximately 13 Thermal Imaging Cameras in the state and in the general area Auburn, Raymond, Concord each have a camera. With an outside monitor one can see what the user is viewing. This aids the user as s/he can be instructed where to go or not to go. With an antenna on the camera one can be guided up to 300 yards and it sends out a signal to guide the user via a person at a command post. The cost of the antenna is \$3,000. There have been over 500 hours of fund raising time by Wal-Mart and Fire people so far. The camera has been in existence for around 8 – 10 years, has a low maintenance record and is very rugged.

R. Dion suggested that letters should be written to the Wal-Mart staff and the volunteers. Chief Howard will submit a list of those involved on the project.

Chief Howard stated there are plans for a press release in a couple of weeks.

**NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

R. Dion inquired on the status of appointed positions.

T. Paquette reported that R. Lucci, Conservation Commission, T. Roche, Heritage Commission and J. Pieroni Heritage Commission have not responded. All other incumbents are interested in a second term. M. Cannata, Planning Board had said that he is interested in the full term (he is alternate now). M. Ruel is interested in Solid Waste Management for a full term (she is alternate now).

R. Dion asked for nominations on appointed positions.

D. Duford nominated Dave Gagnon for the Police Commission and Mary Ruel to be moved up as a full member of the Solid Waste Management Committee.

T. Young nominated Douglas St. Pierre, Sr. for Building Board of Appeals full term, Kim Sopol for Conservation Commission full term, Jim Graham for Planning Board full term, Martin Cannata for Planning Board full term, Lawrence Abruzzesa for Zoning Board of Adjustments full term and Mary Ruel for Zoning Board of Adjustments full term.

M. Ruel stated that she would rather be on the Planning Board than on the Zoning Board, as she acknowledged that one is not permitted to be on both boards at the same time.

S. Sheidow nominated Mary Ruel for Planning Board full term.

R. Dion requested that for the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the Council be given an updated Appointment list.

S. Sheidow stated that encumbrances should be presented at the first meeting in June.

D. Duford stated that encumbrances are presented at last meeting in June.

R. Dion stated that 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in June encumbrances to be introduced and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in June encumbrance to be finalized.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Becky Berk, School Board Representative spoke in reference to the proposed use of Lot 2, Tax Map 26 for school usage. **(Attachment #1)** B. Berk presented charts and discussed the planned access route and the reason this land is essential to try to create a middle school plan that would allow the option, if needed, to pursue it to have a high school in the future and the best place to put that is on the larger piece.

B. Berk introduced Dan Bisson, Principal Architect of Team Design and Brad Mesquita, Project Manager for Apple Door Engineering.

B. Mezquita stated that Route 27 is the best location based on site distance. It was decided that Whitehall Terrace has a dip in the road and is not the best access for the entrance. There is the Tennessee Gas Pipeline Easement, which they are keeping as clear as possible.

Dan Bisson indicated where the community space would be and that could be accessed for a gym, dining area, and library area, which the building committee requested as well as some of the administrators.

B. Mezquita mentioned that the design is for a middle school with potential use for a high school in the future.

M. Jolin moved that Town Council set aside 6.5 acres for 1<sup>st</sup> priority use by the school district so that they can proceed with their planning of the middle school as based on the conceptual site layout of May 14, 2001 and for the School Board to come back to the Town Council once they finalize their plans. Motion seconded by Rick Holley.

D. Pichette-Volk asked what about the second part of the request.

M. Jolin said there're just asking for 2<sup>nd</sup> priority.

D. Pichette-Volk questioned the come back part of the motion and what are they coming back for.

M. Jolin explained to come back with more final plans such as the layout of the road and potential for retention pond. This is conceptual. They want to move around with their planning, the Council had discussed a potential easement for the road so the Council should see this plan when it's finalized with easements.

T. Young moved to amend to allow the school board to plan their projected development connected to Whitehall Road on the 12 acres west of the water tower until such time that the final plan has been detailed and then any excess land not utilized to be considered to be second priority for the school. Motion seconded by D. Pichette-Volk.

T. Young withdrew his amendment. D. Pichette-Volk withdrew her second.

D. Pichette-Volk moved to amend to give the School District first priority use of the designated 6.5 acres per charts and graphs and second priority use of the 5.5 acres as presented on same charts and graphs. Seconded by T. Young.

**Roll call vote on amendment:**

R. Dion	yes	D. Pichette-Volk	yes
D. Duford	no	S. Sheidow	no
R. Holley	yes	T. Young	yes
M. Jolin	no		

**Motion Carried 4-3.**

**Roll call vote on main motion as amended carried Unanimously:**

B. Berk asked if the Council would be interested to seeing the site plan on Memorial School though it is not on the schedule for tonight.

The Council agreed.

Dan Bisson presented the site plan on the memorial school renovation, which will be presented on June 14.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS:**

**Guy Chabot – Manchester Waterworks Franchise Extension.**

G. Chabot gave details on the extension plans for the franchise. The property is described as Beacon Hill Subdivision, Hooksett Tax Map 43: Lots 46 and 46-1 thru 46-12. G. Chabot is asking the Council to approve the proposed franchise extension outside of the existing franchise limits as determined by the Public Utilities Commission. **(Attachment #2)**

T. Young motioned to waive the Public Hearing and approve the proposed franchise extension outside of the existing franchise limits, as determined by the Public Utilities Commission, on Tax Map 43: Lots 46 and 46-1 thru 46-12, per letter dated April 30, 2001. Motion seconded by S. Sheidow.

**Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

M. Jolin asked what the status of the electronic kiosk is.

M. Farrell stated that he spoke with C. Watson, Town Planner, who will get back to Moni Sharma at Southern N.H. Planning Commission.

D. Duford mentioned Lambert Park Issues on the State maintained area at the boat launch.

M. Farrell stated he would ask D. Hemeon to contact the State on maintaining the Park.

D. Duford stated that the back parking lot at Town Hall has 15 minute parking signs that need repair as they are rusted and bent.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS:**

M. Farrell reported that the bill on the TIF amendment was re-referred to the Committee waiting for additional help from the DRA. Most likely the amendment will not come back in this legislative session.

M. Farrell reported that HB 429 is to require mandatory arbitration with police and firemen. Hooksett still has budgetary town meeting so at this point it doesn't involve us though it did pass the House overwhelmingly.

**ROUTE 3A ATHLETIC FIELDS:**

M. Jolin received a letter from J. Jarnutowski, dated May 10, 2001, who will pay taxes on Map 17 Lot 13.

M. Farrell stated that Legal Counsel advised to leave the lease the way it is and that everything we did at the last Council meeting was a wash.

R. Dion stated that J. Jarnutowski is trying to prove to us that he's not trying to make any money here.

M. Farrell stated that the whole lease was designed to keep the Town out of liability and J. Jarnutowski out of liability. The money issue is totally secondary because he said in the first meeting that he's not interested in the money, that he doesn't want it to be a deal breaker.

In light of Mr. Jarnutowski's letter of May 10, 2001, the Council felt that M. Farrell and J. Jarnutowski should meet to review the last vote of the Council and come to an agreement before the lease is signed.

R. Dion adjourned the meeting at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tina M. Paquette  
Administrative Assistant

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Denise E. Pichette-Volk  
Town Council Secretary