

Official

TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, June 24, 2009

PRESENT

Council: Chairman David Dickson, William "Bill" Gahara, James Gorton, Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, Michael Pischetola, David Ross, Patricia Rueppel, Nancy VanScoy, and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

Conservation Commission: Cindy Robertson, Jim Walters, and David Hess.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING re: Purchase of Clay Pond for conservation easement.
Chairman Dickson opened the public hearing at 6:02 pm.

The purpose of the hearing is to obtain public input regarding the purchase of the Clay Pond Project using the Conservation Current Use Fund and with the intent of putting the properties into a conservation easement (Map 4 Lots 3, 10, 12, 18, 22, 24, 27,33, 37; Map 15 Lots 10, 11, 93) called Clay Pond.

Dan Kern, Bear Paw Conservation: We are working with the Conservation Commission on the Bear Paw Project. The last time we were here, we went over the agreement for Clay Pond. A map of the property was distributed to the Council members. Since that time we drafted three (3) other Purchase and Sale Agreements that were signed by the Council and the landowners. Four (4) of the Purchase and Sale Agreements come to 4.1 million dollars and transaction costs of \$100,000. As of today, we've secured about \$750,000 for the project from outside the town. We have one more application for \$200,000 that we hope to hear from soon. The Conservation Commission commitment will be \$300,000. All of the P&S agreements are contingent on funding.

D. Hess: This purchase will fill in the northeast quadron, which has been in the master plan for a decade. We are getting over 700 acres. If you translate 700 acres into 4.1 million, it is reasonable. Only \$300,000 is taxable conservation funds. This is a great deal.

Chairman Dickson closed the public hearing at 6:07 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dickson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

PRESENT

Chairman David Dickson, William "Bill" Gahara, James Gorton, Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, Michael Pischetola, David Ross, Patricia Rueppel, Nancy VanScoy, and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

G. Longfellow recognized Councilor Rueppel for her years of service on the Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 10, 2009 – *P. Loiselle moved to approve the June 10, 2009 minutes as amended. Motion seconded by G. Longfellow. Motion carried unanimously*

Pat Rueppel Abstained

PUBLIC INPUT

J. Gorton motioned to move the Police Appointments Procedure on the Agenda until after discussion. Seconded by N. VanScoy.

D. Ross believes the discussion could influence the outcome of the appointment and therefore feels it should not be moved.

Roll Call:

P. Loiselle	No	G. Longfellow	No
J. Gorton	Yes	D. Ross	No
D. Dickson	No	P. Rueppel	No
W. Gahara	No	N. VanScoy	Yes
M. Pischetola	No		

Vote 2:7 motion fails

Chairman Dickson invoked the 3-minute rule on public input.

D. Pearl: Read written comments into the record. (See file #1)

R. Bairam: I would ask to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment as a full time member. I am currently an alternate on the ZBA.

M. Cannata: I want to introduce myself to the Council. I am a nominee for an appointment on the Planning Board. I have been on the Planning Board in the past and served for 11 years. I was asked by Michael Sorel to consider serving on the Planning Board again.

J. Pieroni: I'm responding to an article in the paper. There are obvious problems on Legends Drive with the Police Department. You have seen this with your own eyes. An example was the activity at the Deliberative Session with the budget and the extraordinary expenditures on legal fees as well as the letters from the Police Commission marked confidential. Why were they stamped confidential yet the Chief knew about it yet he isn't a part of the Police Commission? The contents of the document stated that the fact that Mr. LeHeureux had previous experience on a police force could be harmful to the organization. 26 years ago he was a part time police officer in Norwood. How is that is going to be harmful? Why wouldn't that be a benefit? They say you need business experience, why? They told the paper that it is a para-military organization. Why if they are good at HR do they have such a high expense? Clark Karolian has business experience. You have not seen a letter about another candidate that had an incident about loosing their license a year ago. Something that happened last year didn't disqualify someone but an experience 26 years ago disqualifies him? Something is wrong. If you choose the Commission's candidate for the position, you take ownership of the Commission. We need a breath of fresh air for the Commission.

M. Ouellette read from a statement. (See file #2)

B. Sullivan: I am seeking an appointed to the Planning Board as a full member. I am an engineer by trade and have served on the Planning Board in the past for 6 years. I am concerned with the town's growth and would like to serve the town.

P. Loiselle: Have you ever served as chair?

B. Sullivan: I have not but I am good at going through an applicant's pitch. I am a believer in making sure an applicant can answer all the questions.

D. Ross: You were also nominated as an alternate, would you be opposed to serving as an alternate?

B. Sullivan: I would not like to be alternate because you don't have the control or influence that you have as a full member. I was involved in the rezoning, for example for the PZ, I left a lot of fingerprints on that and as a full member I was able to push that through. Hooksett Road is going back to what it was a few years ago and that is congested. It is a long-term corrective item but I want to continue to push for the bypass. I would turn down the position as an alternate.

P. Rueppel: I served with him on the Planning Board. He was up for appointment last year and didn't get appointed and I would urge the Council to appoint him this year.

Matt Comai: Regarding the appointment of the Police Commissioners, I have two (2) letters from the Commissioners and what bothers me is nowhere in the Police Commissioner's appointment procedure does it mention getting information or recommendations from the Commission. They seem to recommend against people rather than for people and I don't think the sitting Police Commissioner should be getting involved at all. It raises some biases. I find that disturbing and I'm not sure why that's being done. There is a long standing practice but not a policy to appointing someone with a police background but in light of the trouble at the Police Department, it seems someone with such a background and knowledge would be beneficial to the Council in knowing how the Chief and the command staff are operating. There are very qualified people that have been overlooked. Mrs. McHugh, given her longstanding reputation and contribution to the town, should be given consideration. The town should move forward with a level of integrity and unbiased, which hasn't been done in the past. There appears to be collusion between the Chief and the Commissioners.

P. Loiselle: In 2002, the Council requested the Police Department provide information relative to candidates as general input to the Council. A motion was made by the Council on that input.

M. Miville: I want to address the confidential letter that was raised at the last Council meeting. I wonder why the Commission is allowed input at all because it is going to affect the Commission. Can't the Council decide for themselves? I think you should rescind step 5 and the 2002 rule. The practice of not appointing police officers should be rescinded. Why are practices not reversed? Slavery was a practice. Prohibition was a practice. Internment of Japanese during WWII was a practice. Practices do make a tradition and wrong practices should not become rules. The only candidate that had a blemish was the only candidate that the Police Commission did not object to. Most of the Commission's actions are relative to non-public legal issues. They have little business with financing. For a brief period of time, during budget season, they spend a little time on finances. More time, based on research, is spent in non-public session than in public session. We need a wider selection than just business people on the Commission. Mr. Sullivan, at the Town Council meeting said "I believe that when there's controversy..." (See file #3)

Dick Sullivan: I thank Mr. Miville for the ringing endorsement. A previous gentleman mentioned I was recruited. I was, some private citizens asked me to apply. There is no DWI on my record. There is an ALS as a misdemeanor and it is the right of any citizen to choose to do that. There has been a lot of discussion about my relationship with the Chief and the other Commissioners. Before I inquired about this job, I spoke to the Chief once at the polling site about the job well done by the force. There seems to be something wrong with talking to the Chief. You should be able to talk to the Chief comfortably. With regard to the Chief revealing something mysterious; I asked him something when we were in this room and the Chief, having already appeared before the county commission couldn't answer my question and that's how I knew he had appeared. The other two (2) Commissioners, who I have seen serve the community, are not evil and are pretty decent guys serving the community. When I sent my letter, I said I had no specific agenda and I will do the best job for the town and the Police Department.

NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS

Board Members Appointments

Conservation Commission

Full Member, exp. 6/2012

Cindy Robertson

Roll Call Vote Unanimously in favor. (N. VanScoy Abstained) 8:0

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2012

No nominee

Heritage Commission

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2012

Kathleen Northrup

Roll Call Vote Unanimously in favor. 9:0

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2012
No nominee

Parks & Recreation Advisory Board

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2012

Jim Moloney	Votes - P. Loiselle, G. Longfellow, M. Pischetola, D. Ross (4)
Corri Wilson	Votes - Unanimously in favor (9)
Marjorie Lennon	Votes - P. Rueppel, N. VanScoy, J. Gorton, B. Gahara, D. Dickson (5)

Alternate Member, exp 6/2010

Stuart Werksman Roll Call Vote Unanimously in favor. 9:0

Planning Board

(2) Full Members, exp. 6/2012

Robert Duhaime	Votes – M. Pischetola, D. Ross, P. Rueppel, N. VanScoy, J. Gorton (5)
Robert Sullivan	Votes – D. Dickson, P. Loiselle, G. Longfellow, M. Pischetola, P. Rueppel, J. Gorton, B. Gahara (7)
Richard Marshall	Votes – D. Dickson, P. Loiselle, G. Longfellow, D. Ross, N. VanScoy, B. Gahara (6)

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2011

Robert Sullivan (appointed as full member)

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2012

Martin Cannata	Votes – M. Pischetola, D. Ross, P. Loiselle, G. Longfellow, J. Gorton, D. Dickson, P. Rueppel, B. Gahara (8)
Robert Duhaime	Votes – N. VanScoy (1)

Police Commission

Full Member, exp. 6/2012

Clark Karolian	Votes – N. VanScoy (1)
Richard Sullivan	Votes – D. Dickson, J. Gorton (2)
Joanne McHugh	Votes – P. Loiselle, D. Ross, M. Pischetola, P. Rueppel, B. Gahara, N. VanScoy, (6)
Stephen L'Heureux	Votes - None

Recycling & Transfer Advisory Committee

Full Member, exp. 6/2012

Merrill E. Johnson Roll Call Vote Unanimously in favor. 9:0

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2012

Richard Bairam Roll Call Vote Unanimously in favor. 9:0

Zoning Board of Adjustment

Full Member, exp. 6/2012

Kevin VanHorn

Alternate Member, exp. 6/2012

Richard Bairam

***P. Loiselle motioned to table the nominations. Seconded by M. Pischetola.
Vote unanimously in favor.***

Town Hall Preservation Subcommittee Nominations

D. Ross nominated K. Northrup
N. VanScoy nominated Council Ross
B. Gahara nominated Russ Pelletier
P. Loiselle nominated Councilor VanScoy
N. VanScoy nominated Councilor Pischetola
D. Ross nominated Stuart Werksman
J. Gorton nominated Harold Murray (declined the nomination)

Facilities Advisor Committee

B. Gahara nominated Mike Reed
G. Longfellow nominated Russ Pelletier

The Facility Advisor Committee is a committee whose purpose will be to review all the town facilities and their uses and needs and will include all town buildings. They will work to evaluate the needs so we have a projected plan of any renovations or repairs. The need for expansion by any department will be reviewed as well. We are now dealing with the Safety Center. This group will bring a report to the Council with recommendation and the Town will have a plan in place. Once the report is turned in, the committee's work is complete.

N. VanScoy nominated Matt Comai.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Thom DeVos, Hooksett Hurricanes re: Football & Cheerleaders Jamboree

An informational packet was provided to all Council Members. This is the 5th Annual Jamboree, which will take place this year on August 22nd. Police and Fire permits were pulled for the event. Parking will be provided at the Cigna Parking Lot and buses will run from the site to the fields. This will prevent on street parking and traffic congestion on Main Street. Last year, 42 teams attended and this year they can accommodate up to 50 teams.

Chief Agrafiotis stated he has no concerns with the event.

Dale Hemeon stated that with the running of the buses, there were no problems last year.

B. Gahara stated that he attended last year and the event was well organized and ran smoothly.

This presentation was informational only and no action is required by the Council.

N. VanScoy stated that the traffic was a non-issue the past two years and it was fun event, even for those not directly involved in the games.

H. Murray: Is there a charge to use the Cigna parking lot?

Tom DeVos: We need an insurance policy, which is expensive.

Michael Williams, Fire Chief re: Fire Station Grant

Chief Williams requested Council's approval to apply for an Assistance to Firefighter Grant. This proposal was initiated by Manchester and offers an opportunity to write a joint grant to build a regional type facility. If the grant is awarded, it allows 3 years to build that facility. The awards will be released in November.

P. Loiselle motioned to pursue the grant in conjunction with Manchester. Seconded by N. VanScoy.

8:1 (D. Ross opposed)

Council Rueppel left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Police Commission Appointment Procedure

This was requested as an agenda item at the last meeting.

J. Gorton: Under P. 7 it states a candidate should be given a copy of the law. My question is what law? Hooksett doesn't fall under RSA 105, they follow Chapter 72 and it should be clarified what law they will abide by.

D. Ross: That was my point. Part of that Chapter and a copy of the law and any correspondence or recommendations pro or con for appointment should be public documents and the people nominated should be provided a copy as well.

M. Pischetola: Number 5 says the Council checks with the Police Commissioner on any conflicts. Is that a formal request or is it automatic?

P. Loiselle: We made a motion in 2002 that the Commission provide input to the Council.

Chief Agrafiotis: What if there is information that the person nominated is under some type of investigation or there is some other issue. How will we provide that information to the Council? The Commission isn't going to write a letter saying we don't think this person should be appointed because they are under investigation by the DEA. We are not going to write such a letter. In the past, we have sent a letter after discussion in non-public. You can change or discontinue #5 but you will then never get that information because we will not make that information public.

M. Pischetola: Aren't you and the Commission supposed to be separate. If you tell the Commission about a DEA investigation and then tell the Council, it is no longer confidential.

Chief Agrafiotis: No, it is in non-public. Do you want that type of information or do you risk making an appointment and then the Commissioner gets arrested?

M. Pischetola: When you do the background test, why don't you have a non-public with us and eliminate the Police Commissioner's involvement?

Chief Agrafiotis: That is your choice. You could have me and the Commission meet with you in Non-public because they may have an opinion based on the issues and their experience on the Commission. A number of years ago, there were some people that put in for the Commission and no one knew who they were. Do you want to appoint someone blindly?

M. Pischetola: I don't want to see a letter saying a candidate is being looked at differently because he is a retired officer. That is not a criminal aspect; it is a person's opinion. That insults me to know that I have 25 years on the police force and say I have no value on the Police Commission.

Chief Agrafiotis: That is their opinion. If I retire tomorrow, you should never consider me as a person for the Commission. It is not a personal issue.

J. Gorton: The reason I asked about which law is referenced is because RSA105 C:5 reference Prohibition; Police in Office, it states no chief of police, police officers, constables or superior officers shall be appointed in any town adopting this chapter except as provided in this chapter. Any chief of police, police officer, constable, or superior officer in office on the date the commission has been duly established, shall be deemed to have been appointed by the commission, subject to the terms and conditions of his original appointment.

M. Pischetola: That is only for active officers.

Chief Agrafiotis: Article 105 does not apply to the Town of Hooksett.

J. Gorton: It should be used in conjunction with the law that governs for guidance.

P. Loiselle motioned to change Article 5 to read that the Council checks with the Police Commission. Seconded by M. Pischetola.

N. VanScoy: It says the Council checks with the current Police Commission for issues and problems. It does not say opinions. It was also stated tonight that it was the opinion. I don't think we should be asking for their opinion. This is like picking the people you want in your club. They should have no input. There was a statement about an investigation and we should not make decisions based on investigations since everyone is innocent until proven guilty. If someone is under investigation, then the police tell the Commission. Is it their right to know that? I have a lot of issue going to the Police Commission and saying here is who applied, do you have any concerns. It is only a two-person board, so I have a problem with #5 and do not support it unless it is to remove it all together.

B. Gahara: I agree with Councilor VanScoy regarding the opinions. It is suppose to be to get information regarding conflict. We should say we don't want an opinion. It becomes a club when we say whom we want in and whom we don't want in. I want it factual and unbiased. I ask for an amendment to include a statement that says...do not include opinion pieces and keep to the facts. To put something in that is opinion in nature is unacceptable. I think if we add that, #5 can stand.

P. Loiselle amended his motion to say that personal opinions shall not be submitted.

N. VanScoy: I did not think we should go to the Chief unless it is for facts because the Police Commissioners are his bosses and you don't usually ask someone to recommend their own bosses.

D. Ross: I disagree because the Chief is our eyes and ears and they can do the record checks. I don't think the Commission should be involved in choosing the members. The Commission isn't a fact finding board so their information would be bias from the get go. It should be just the Chief. If the Commission wants to give input, they can as any other citizen. If you are using the time, money and letterhead of Town to promote a candidate, that is inappropriate.

D. Dickson: We are in no rush to get this done. The Councilors can take a few weeks to review the procedure and any changes should be given to the Town Administrator's office.

P. Losielle removed his motion and M. Pischetola removed his second and recommends it be placed on the next agenda.

N. VanScoy requested that a copy of the law that governs the police commission be given to all Councilors so they know the duties of the candidate they are appointing.

***M. Pischetola motioned to explore the expansion of the Police Commission from 3 members to 5 members. Seconded by D. Ross.
Vote unanimously in favor***

Doug Brisson Issue

Doug Brisson was a former firefighter that sustained injuries relative to a chimney fire. There was a small stipend provided to the individual. In the late 80's /90's the Council moved to increase the payment to \$4000 per year for as long as he lived. Mr. Brisson passed away this year and his widow has requested a continuation of this payment based on the fact that she cared for him and was unable to work.

***P. Loiselle motioned to continue payment to Matilda Dorothy Brisson for as long as she lives.
Seconded by D. Ross.***

Roll call vote unanimously in favor

B. Gahara motioned to increase the stipend to \$12,000 per year, which is \$1000/month for the spouse for as long as she lives. Seconded by P. Loiselle.

G. Longfellow stated that the budget is set for \$4000.00 for this item and there additional \$8,000 will need to come from another line.

C. Granfield stated she doesn't know what will be available based on the budget issue with the State.

D. Ross: We need to take into consideration the needs of the town. There has not been a request to increase the payment. I think we should increase to payment but not this much.

N. VanScoy: I agree with D. Ross. I think it is good to be generous but it is the town's money and there has been no request to increase the payment.

Roll Call:

P. Loiselle	YES	G. Longfellow	NO
J. Gorton	NO	D. Ross	NO
D. Dickson	NO	P. Rueppel	-
W. Gahara	YES	N. VanScoy	NO
M. Pischetola	YES		

Vote 3:5 motion fails

D. Ross motioned to increase to the payment to \$6000. Seconded J. Gorton.

Roll Call:

P. Loiselle	YES	G. Longfellow	YES
J. Gorton	YES	D. Ross	YES
D. Dickson	YES	P. Rueppel	-
W. Gahara	YES	N. VanScoy	NO
M. Pischetola	YES		

Vote 7:1 motion carries

NEW BUSINESS

Acceptance of Donation from Stantec per RSA 31:95-b.

C. Granfield presented a proposal to accept furnishing donated by Stantec as a result of reorganization at that company. File cabinets, desk, and tables were made available for a value of \$3090. I recommend that a motion be made to accept this. This will be a savings to the taxpayers.

B. Gahara motioned to accept the donation of furnishing from Stantec at a value of \$3090. Seconded by J. Gorton.

N. VanScoy stated you must acknowledge that Stantec is the Town's engineer and therefore this is a conflict. You must state in the motion that there is no favoritism expressed or implied with the motion to accept. Perception is important. I would like to state that nothing is implied by this donation.

Roll Call vote unanimously in favor.

Encumbrances

Finance Director prepared an encumbrance prior year (7 items) report which include:

NPDES Permit Phase II	3886.00
Economic Development Plan	7850.00
Traffic Impact Study – Community Development	4509.00
Village Overlay District – Community Development	7000.00
Impact Fees for Solid Waste –Community Development	2100.00
Engineering Services – Community Development	1064.00
Water Resource Management and Protection Plan	1286.06

**J. Gorton motioned to approve encumbrances for the prior year as presented by the Finance Director (27,695.06). Seconded by B. Gahara
Vote unanimously in favor 8:0**

Current year encumbrances (5 items), which include:

Village Overlay District – Community Development	5000.00
Storm water Permit – Administration	80,000.00
Beauchesne Groundwater Study – Administration	18,938.09
General Engineering Services – Community Development	5991.00
Scan Plans – Community Development	1500.00

**N. VanScoy motioned to approve encumbrances for the current year as presented by the Finance Director (\$111,429.09). Seconded by D. Ross.
Vote unanimously in favor 8:0**

Additional encumbrances (items 12-14) for which there are no contract in place.

#12 F350 Truck - Highway	37,028.00
#13 Ton Van – Town Buildings	23,000.00
#14 Engineering & Archit. Services	92,500.00

J. Gorton motion to waive the three-bid rule on item #12(F350 truck). Seconded by B. Gahara.

N. VanScoy reminded the Board of the need for the three-bid rule.

D. Hemeon: Those are State bid prices but I did seek other prices but I couldn't beat the State's prices.

N. VanScoy: Was this what was discussed at the budget process?

D. Hemeon: This is for a truck for the mechanics and the van is for the maintenance person that has been using a fire vehicle that was taken off the road.

D. Ross: I think these are things we usually give to the voters. I'm not denying Dale needs trucks but we have put a lot of vehicles on the road in the last few years. If we don't encumber the funds, the money goes back into the General fund to offset taxes.

P. Loiselle: The money is in this year's budget.

G. Longfellow: Is this legal to encumber?

C. Granfield: Per the law, we can legally encumber this.

P. Loiselle: The Town Administrator will obtain an agreement before the end of the fiscal year.

Vote in favor.

P. Loiselle motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract to purchase a diesel truck for the Highway Department for \$37,028. Seconded by M. Pischetola.

Roll Call:

P. Loiselle	YES	G. Longfellow	YES
J. Gorton	YES	D. Ross	No
D. Dickson	YES	P. Rueppel	-
W. Gahara	YES	N. VanScoy	YES
M. Pischetola	YES		

Vote 7:1 Motion passes

**N. VanScoy motioned to encumber \$37,028 from FY 2008/09 under RSA 32:7(1). Seconded by P. Loiselle
Roll Call vote unanimously in favor**

**B. Gahara motioned to waive the three-bid rule for the town van #13 (van). Seconded by J. Gorton.
Vote 6:2 motion passes**

B. Gahara motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract to buy the van for \$23,000. Seconded by J. Gorton. #13

Roll Call vote unanimously in favor.

**B. Gahara motioned to encumber \$22751.00 from FY 2008/09 under RSA 32:7(1). Seconded by G. Longfellow.
Roll Call vote unanimously in favor.**

**B. Gahara motioned to waive the three-bid rule for #14 (architectural and engineering services)
Seconded by P. Loiselle.**

C. Granfield: HL Turner did the first phase of the Safety Center. This is to continue that service.

P. Loiselle: This is strictly the engineering phase. This is \$92,000 over and above what's been spent? Will this complete the engineering phase?

C. Granfield: This will complete the engineering and it is working with a construction manager. To date, we have spent \$7200 for the assessment.

P. Loiselle: Have we received an RFQ for \$92,000?

C. Granfield: This is for budgeting purposes and if it is not all needed (areas 1,2,3 remediation) it will move back to the General Fund.

D. Ross: This is a lot of money and we don't have an actual contract for the \$92,000.

C. Granfield: I don't know if the total cost will be \$92,000.

M. Pischetola: \$92,500 is only for an engineer's report?

C. Granfield: It is remediation work for those three. It's as a result of the assessment report, which sited various levels of work that needed to be done. This does not include any physical work that would go to the voters.

**D. Ross motioned to extend the meeting 15 minutes. Seconded by P. Loiselle
Vote unanimously in favor**

N. VanScoy: We did not get three bid and we went with this group because they did the assessment?

C. Granfield: Yes

Vote 7:1 (N. VanScoy) motion passes

B. Gahara motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to enter into a contract for architectural and engineering services for the Safety Center for \$92,500.00. Seconded by P. Loiselle

Roll Call:

P. Loiselle	YES	G. Longfellow	YES
J. Gorton	YES	D. Ross	NO
D. Dickson	YES	P. Rueppel	-
W. Gahara	YES	N. VanScoy	NO
M. Pischetola	NO		

Vote 5:3 motion passes

B. Gahara motioned to encumber \$92,500 from FY 2008/2009 under RSA 32:7 (1). Seconded by J. Gorton.

Roll Call:

P. Loiselle	YES	G. Longfellow	YES
J. Gorton	YES	D. Ross	NO
D. Dickson	YES	P. Rueppel	-
W. Gahara	YES	N. VanScoy	YES
M. Pischetola	YES		

Vote 7:1 motion passes

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

C. Granfield

- This year's Volunteer Recognition Dinner was a great success with over 100 attendees. It was suggest that next year we incorporate a slide show of the activities of the various groups.
- Joy Buzzell has returned to work part time.
- Monday, June 29, 2009 I will be starting full time.
- There are several employee meetings scheduled over the next two weeks.
- Upcoming CIP Roundtable meeting Tuesday, June 30th for the Council, Boards, and Departments.
- The Town is exploring the possibility of applying for Energy Grants based on the stimulus funds available in the fall.
- The Eagle Scout Food Pantry Project is moving along well.
- The courtyard is being renovated thanks to Dale and his crew.
- We are working with the EDC and Town Staff (D. Hemeon) to adopt a spot for the "Beautify Hooksett Project".
- We will be scheduling a forum for the public to give ideas to the Administrator sometime in July.
- Beachesne Development study is moving forward.
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The next Council meeting on July 8th will be an organization meeting and an orientation workshop during the last hour.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

G. Longfellow: Recycling and Transfer – Nothing to report.

D. Ross: Conservation Commission – Nothing to report (meeting tonight)

J. Gorton: ZBA – attendance by some members is sporadic. It is important that we make the appointments for next year prior to the next ZBA meeting on July 14th.

D. Dickson: The Council will meet on July 8th and make the appointments. The Zoning Board Chair should address the issue regarding attendance.

N. VanScoy: Planning Board - There has been a number of meetings where the need for hydrologist studies has been discussed. The water problems are not going away and this is not unique to any one area of town.

***D. Ross motioned to extend the meeting 10 minutes. Seconded by P. Loiselle
Vote unanimously in favor***

***D. Ross motioned to waive the rules for nominations. Seconded by G. Longfellow.
D. Ross withdrew his motion. G. Longfellow withdrew his second.***

Nominations

N. VanScoy nominated R. Duhaime as alternate to the Planning Board.

J. Gorton nominated R. Bairam as a full member to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

J. Gorton nominated K. VanHorn as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.

PUBLIC INPUT

H. Murray: Seeing you have extended the widows benefit to Mrs. Brisson, you have an in-the-line-of-duty death in Hooksett where that widow has never received a penny. I would like you to consider that. Dale Hemeon's father died and his mother never received anything.

D. Pearl: I want to volunteer my services to make a slide show for next year's Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. I'm glad you tabled #5 of the Police Commission Procedure and it also states, get input from prior Police Commissioners, not just Police commissioners. Personally, I think you should get rid of #5 because the language is vague. You must get the criminal record check anyway on all candidates.

M. Miville: I agree with Mr. Pearl. I don't think background checks should involve the police chief and a third party should be involved as an independent party to discount any impropriety. By taking them out of the picture, it would give some accountability and transparency.

ADJOURNMENT

The chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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