

## Official

### **TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES Regular Meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chair Ross called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

**PRESENT:** David Boutin, David Dickson (arrived at 6:42 pm), James Gorton, Paul Loiselle, George Longfellow, David Ross, Nancy VanScoy

**EXCUSED:** Chairman William Gahara, Michael Pischetola, Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

October 28, 2009 - *N. VanScoy moved to remove from table. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. Motion carried. N. VanScoy moved to approve the minutes of October 28, 2009 as amended. Motion seconded by J. Gorton. Motion carried.*

November 4, 2009 – *N. VanScoy moved to approve the minutes of November 4, 2009 as presented. Motion seconded by J. Gorton. Motion carried.*

#### **NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS:**

##### Available Board Positions

Planning Board, alternate member, exp. 6/2012

Zoning Board of Adjustment, alternate member, exp. 6/2010

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##### Nominations

*N. VanScoy nominated Russell Young to the Town Hall Preservation Committee.*

##### Appointments

*N. VanScoy moved to appoint Martin Cannata from an alternate to a full member position on the Planning Board, exp. 6/2010. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. Motion carried unanimously.*

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### Street Signs / Speed Limits Report

At the last meeting, the Council had a discussion regarding posted speed limits below 25 mph, which are not enforceable by law. The Council requested a listing of all street and speed limit signs.

Dale Hemeon, Public Works Director and Steve Agrafiotis, Police Chief presented the list to the Council with a recommendation to change all speed limits below 25 mph to 25 mph, the lowest speed limit enforceable by law.

*N. VanScoy moved to remove all eight (8) signs that are unenforceable as recommended. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle.*

Discussion on the matter ensued.

Vice Chair Ross suggested posting speed limit signs at Town entrances.

#### **Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

*P. Loiselle moved to change the speed limit signs on Pinnacle Street, Donald Street, Morse Drive, Dale Road and Whitehall Road to 25 mph. Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Roll call vote carried unanimously.*

***N. VanScoy moved to accept the report. Motion seconded by D. Boutin. Motion carried.***

Some of the signs on the report were marked "Missing". The Council asked for recommendation on the missing signs. D. Hemeon stated Highway personnel surveyed street signs. "Missing" was noted on streets with no sign. He will verify and revise the report.

***D. Boutin moved to formally establish a traffic committee consisting of the Town Administrator, Public Works Director and Police Chief. Motion seconded by N. VanScoy.***

D. Dickson suggested holding off on the motion until the Town Administrator returns.

The motion was withdrawn.

This matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Bond Release - SNHU Academic Facility Bond for \$181,579.38

***D. Dickson moved to release the cash surety for SNHU in the amount of \$181,579.38. Motion seconded by P. Loiselle.***

Vice Chair Ross commented the need of two additional crosswalks on the road for the safety of pedestrians.

Discussion ensued on the matter.

D. Hemeon will call SNHU to suggest adding two crosswalks on the road.

**Roll call vote carried unanimously.**

#### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### Planning Board

- The Board discussed the matter of Bemis Road. Poultry Products would like to take ownership of Bemis Road. Drainage pipes need to be fixed. Manchester claims Hooksett owns the road. Hooksett claims the line is in the middle. The Board is asking the Council to investigate who owns the road. Perambulation is currently being done, which should resolve the issue.
- N. VanScoy, Town Council Planning Board Rep received a letter from a resident who has done a lot of research on NeighborWorks projects and has visited several housing sites. She is in favor of the project but is concerned about the number of residents in the housing projects.

##### ZBA

- The Board overturned a decision made by the building inspector in favor of the applicant. Plans were approved by the former building inspector with two sections. The applicant applied for a permit to finish off the second section. Zoning in the area cannot have two businesses in one building. The applicant was denied and appealed. The Board decided in favor of the applicant primarily due to history known to the members of the board of the lack of record keeping under the former building inspector.
- The Board denied the variance request for the cell tower on Whitehall Road. The applicant mumbled "We'll see you in court", as he left.

##### Police Commission

- They had a discussion regarding reinstatement of the K-9 patrol.
- They also discussed whether they should start a policy on vacation time, use it or lose it and reinstating exit interviews.
- Update on sex offender issues. They are looking to post the sex offender information on more locations.
- Other items discussed were website enhancement and crimeline. They are looking for a representative to the Manchester Regional Crimeline to attend a meeting once a month.

#### **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Harold Murray: The last perambulation was done seven years ago and done by GPS. Everything is done but the Hackett Hill Road. If you go back to the perambulation that exists, a Manchester housing will end up in Hooksett, meaning additional trash to pick and kids to go to school. You can move a town line. It would take 2/3 of the towns' voters. Regarding the suggestion to post the signs at Hooksett entrance, there are no town roads coming into Hooksett, they are all State roads.

### **WORKSHOP:**

#### Single Stream Recycling and Automated Collection

Diane Boyce, Recycling & Transfer Superintendent made a presentation on the Automated Collection.

#### Automated Collection Goals

- Reduce trash disposal.
- Increase recycling.
- Address Town growth.
- Minimize the hiring of new employees.
- Decrease workers compensation.

The Town will need two (2) automated trucks. Lease will cost \$96,000 per year for 5 years for a total of \$480,000. Each household will have to purchase two barrels (one for trash and one for recycling) estimated at \$120 per household. Currently, there are 4,000 households. Total estimated cost of the program is \$960,000.

D. Boyce explained there will be no need to layoff any personnel. Current personnel would be moved from trash collection to solid waste collection operators. The Department could use additional personnel right now but held off in anticipation of the automated collection system. The Town will have to replace the trucks in a couple of years and with the Town's growth, an additional truck and 3-person crew will have to be added at some point. Automated collection could collect more trash than the men. She added that the future of solid waste is the automated collection system. The biggest advantage is reduced risks to injuries and workers compensation.

G. Longfellow questioned the projected 3% growth rate and the need for additional truck and personnel. 3% growth rate comes out to 120 new households per year. He stated this estimate is high considering the actual growth of the Town in the last couple of years.

Discussion ensued.

P. Loiselle: One of the major goals is to reduce injuries. Do you have any data on injuries?

D. Boyce: We have been very fortunate. We've had just one back injury and some minor injuries, slips, falls and bangs.

J. Gorton: Can you obtain costs comparison with manual and automated collection system from other communities? Would you be willing to provide these information. It will make decision making easier.

Christine Soucie, Finance Director: Councilor Longfellow requested to review the numbers. I went through the analysis. If the Town would keep the current manual collection system and the same number of personnel, compared to automated collection system, the automated system would be costly. But if you consider the added truck and personnel in a few years, you would see the savings right away and it will pay for the system and the barrels. It's hard to come up with the numbers. These are all estimates. We don't know the price of gas, the price of recycling etc.

D. Boyce: I can get the data from other communities. I am looking for support to move forward on this.

D. Dickson: What do we ask the taxpayers for in a warrant article?

C. Soucie: We have about \$500,000 in reserves. We are looking at asking the taxpayers to pay through taxes for half of the costs and the barrels. I don't want to speak for the Town Administrator but when this was discussed she recommended presenting the project to the taxpayers on a warrant article with all the information including cost and ask them if they would like to move forward. There are several ways to fund this project. \$500,000 would be an additional \$0.33 cents tax per thousand assessed value. A

home assessed at \$100,000 will have \$33 tax increase for one year. It will be a one-time warrant article item.

D. Boyce made a presentation on single stream recycling.

The single stream recycling system uses one container for all recyclables. There is no need to sort. This would encourage more recycling.

The coop is still trying to get the guaranteed tonnage from communities to keep the rates down. The price of recycling is going down. The rate is now \$10 per ton. A couple more communities signed up with the coop. Everything is ready to go, as soon as they get the guaranteed tonnage. The Town has been approached by Cassela Waste so the Town could use them until the coop is ready to start.

The Solid Waste Superintendent as well as the majority of the Solid Waste Advisory Board members are in favor of the automated collection system and single stream recycling. CIP has not voted on these items. Automated collection system is not a part of the master plan.

These items will be further discussed.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSION:**

***N. VanScoy moved at 9:05 pm to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3 II. (d)***

*“Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.”*

***Motion seconded by P. Loiselle. Roll call vote carried unanimously.***

***P. Loiselle moved at 9:25 pm to exit the non-public session. Motion seconded by N. VanScoy. Roll call vote carried unanimously.***

The Council made a statement that they voted not to divulge the minutes of the non-public session.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Nancy VanScoy  
Town Council Secretary