

## OFFICIAL

### TOWN COUNCIL Regular Meeting MINUTES Wednesday, July 28, 2010

#### CALL TO ORDER

B. Gahara called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

#### ROLL CALL

Chairman William Gahara, D. Boutin, James Gorton, Jim Levesque, Vincent Lembo, George Longfellow, Dan Paradis, Michael Pischetola, Nancy VanScoy, and Carol Granfield (Town Administrator)

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 14, 2010

***D. Boutin motioned to approve the minutes of July 14, 2010. Seconded by N. VanScoy***

***D. Boutin motioned to table. Seconded by G. Longfellow.***

***Vote unanimously in favor***

July 14, 2010 Non-public

***D. Boutin motioned to approve the non-public minutes of July 14, 2010. Seconded by N. VanScoy***

***Vote unanimously in favor***

July 19, 2010

***N. VanScoy motioned to approve the minutes of July 19, 2010. Seconded by V. Lembo.***

***Vote unanimously in favor. (D. Boutin abstained)***

#### Public Input

M. Sorel: Doris and I have studied the language in the deed for the Old Town Hall, which was received by the town in 1828 and should stay the way it is. We wish the Town Hall to remain a town hall. I have copies of the deeds for each member of the Council and the Administrator. (Copies were distributed) As you read, the original deed was signed in February of 1828 and not recorded for several years. The second document is a typed legal description for ease of reading and the condition is specific. (The deed was read into the record.)

Doris and I made a decision that we think it is in the best interest of the town for the hall to remain a meetinghouse because it is an old colonial building in the center of the town. It is a nice setting for the town center. I have some experience as a member of the renovations committee in 1995. It cost \$75,000 in 1996. I can't understand where a \$600,000 estimate came from. Hooksett has lost many opportunities. In 1970, we lost Head Pond for a cost of \$150,000. At town hall, we voted not to do that. The Lilac Bridge Grant went back to the State for failure to get a matching \$30,000 from the town. Lastly is Mt. St. Mary's where the town waived the taxes in exchange for the library and the Council declined the building and then it was sold to a developer and turned into apartments. We did waive \$1.2 million of current use taxes. We basically paid 1.2 million for our library and didn't get Mt. St. Mary's. It was brought to my attention that it is difficult to get a meeting scheduled at the Library. It is always booked. Allenstown was in the newspaper last week for their meetinghouse. We believe the old town hall would be a good place to vote and with time, effort and money from the citizens, it would be a good place that would compliment the citizens. The Head School was completed and compliments the community. We ask the Council to make an effort to keep 16 Main Street a meetinghouse.

As I went through my 2008 files, I came across a file that said Fire Department Land. I went to a meeting then about the Fire Department regarding Mr. Green who still has not met his obligation regarding the donation of land for a future Fire Station. I ask you to provide us with an update on where we stand with the negotiations with Mr. Green. Last year, the Council met with the Mr. Green and we still don't have what is due to the Town and a piece of land for a fire station. I argue that is due and it is past due.

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Kathy Northrup, Chair of the Heritage Commission: Last Friday night I went to the Lincoln Park Grammar School reunion. A month ago, the owner contacted me when he finished the renovations and asked for pictures. The school has been closed since 1958. He invited all the former students. The earliest graduate was from 1930, the farthest traveler was Wyoming, and the most heartwarming were 3 friends that still live in that neighborhood. I think we should thank the owner for his generosity and his hospitality.

Doris Tusin, 74 Cross Road: I came to request a street light be replaced on Cross Road in front of my home. The former Town Selectman put it there many years ago because it is a blind curve on Cross Road. In February of this year, there was a severe wind and rainstorm, which caused a lot of damage. I thank the police, fire and highway department for helping our neighborhood. (Pictures were provided of the road and the damage). We were without power for nine (9) days. Last week, the State diverted traffic from Route 3A up Cross Road, which is a hilly, one-mile stretch of road. This resulted in a number of large tractor-trailers on the street. The road is not wide enough to accommodate these vehicles. They ended up damaging some property. (Pictures of the blind property were provided.) They went across the curve and damaged the pole and the mailbox. We have repaired the damage, but the tractor-trailers should not be on that road. There is a 30-mile/hour limit on the road. They should have been diverted in another direction. The road can handle usual traffic and trucks, but these trucks were in unfamiliar territory and at the intersection of Hackett Hill and Cross Road they needed more than a 90-degree radius to make the turn. (Pictures were provided of that corner.) I don't know what the Council can do but we have emergency plans for floods, why can't we have a plan to not allow these trucks on Cross Road.

B. Gahara: We can have Dale look into this road and Carol can look into the light.

Doris Tusin: I belong to an association that meets from September through May and often we can't reserve space at the library because there is no room available. There should be another place in town to meet. There are rooms in the old town hall that should be utilized.

### **NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Conservation Commission Town Council Rep**

At the last Council meeting, N. VanScoy was appointed to Planning and Heritage. Per Section 11.5 Board Membership Restriction of the Town Charter, Councilor VanScoy cannot serve on both the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.

M. Pischetola will be the Council Representative for the Conservation Commission.

N. VanScoy volunteered to replace M. Pischetola on the Preservation Committee.

#### **Tax Collector**

Carol Granfield: We had a deputy who did not want to serve in that capacity so we have changed how that department operates. The Town Clerk is an elected position and the Tax Collector is appointed and the department head. The majority of work in that department is the tax collector with less time as town clerk. Town Clerks in many places do motor vehicles. It is done in many ways. The town of Derry changed to this approach and had the municipal agent for town be the tax collector for the town. The Town is proceeding with an in-house recruitment and expects a permanent Tax Collector to be appointed by the Town Council at its August 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup> meeting. Until that time, the Town Council must appoint an Interim Tax Collector.

A reorganization of the department in accordance with Town Charter will be presented at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

Kim Blichmann and Kevin Foss as well as part time employee Irene Doyon have done a great job during this transition.

It is recommended that the Town Council appoint Kimberly A. Blichmann as the Interim Tax Collector effective July 29<sup>th</sup> for a period of up to 30 days or sooner when a permanent Tax Collector is appointed.

***N. VanScoy motioned to appoint Kimberly Blichmann as the Interim Tax Collector effective July 29, 2010 for a period of up to 30 days or sooner if a permanent Tax collector is appointed. Seconded by J. Levesque. Vote unanimously in favor***

C. Granfield: The net increase in personnel will be a part time clerk, which will be a stipend position.

#### **Town Clerk**

C. Granfield: An Interim Town clerk must be appointed to fill the vacant position until the next election in May of 2011. This position would be 2 – 4 hours per week. The position will be responsible for licenses, vital records, and municipal records. Four (4) candidates were interviewed. All were residents and registered voters. Each varied a little regarding background, experience and qualifications including computer skills, financial background, office experience, management experience, personality, and town meeting/election attendance. The candidate is recommended with a stipend of \$5000, which will be pro-rated to a weekly payment. Once elected, the annual stipend must be pro-rated to a monthly payment. Legal counsel was consulted regarding any conflict of interest. It is recommended that Linda Pischetola be appointed as Town Clerk until the next town election.

D. Sullivan stated that he consulted the LGC regarding compensation of the Town Clerk and was advised that the legislative body has the decision making power. As a town official, the town clerk is not an employee of the town and not subject to the personnel policy.

D. Boutin: Will this be a net increase in personnel in that department?

C. Granfield: It is an increase in personnel but not an increase in fiscal cost.

***J. Levesque motioned to appoint Linda Pischetola as acting Town Clerk. Seconded by D. Boutin.***

N. VanScoy: The position would be till July 1<sup>st</sup> of next year when the newly elected person takes office?

C. Granfield: Yes, the top two choices were similar and the deciding factor was that she would be the best fit for the department.

***Vote unanimously in favor (M. Pischetola abstained)***

#### **PRESENTATION**

Danielle Ithier – Recipient of Comcast Scholarship Award  
Chairman Gahara honored Danielle Ithier as the recipient of the Comcast Scholarship Award with the presentation of a plaque.

#### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

Public Hearing re: Proposed Hawkers & Peddlers Ordinance

C. Granfield gave a brief overview of how this Ordinance came to be written. The proposed ordinance is a blend of ordinances from other towns. Our legal counsel has reviewed this and made some changes and recommendations.

Barbara Stadtmiller: The only additional language that was added was vendor conduct. Counsel has not reviewed these language changes.

C. Granfield: The Farmer's Market falls under a different RSA and is not governed by this Ordinance.

#### **Open Public Hearing opened at 7:30 pm**

D. Sullivan: On section 8, I recommend that 8 am be changed to 10 am and Section 9 where it is \$100 fee and then it says the Administration can waive the fee. It should say application fee.

M. Sorel: Section 3 refers to an RSA and there is no RSA attachment. Is there any reason why the RSA's were not attached? I also request the Council not vote until we have those RSA's available.

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C. Granfield: They were available when the Ordinance was posted.

**Public Hearing closed at 7:46**

V. Lembo: How would a distributor like Poland Springs be affected by this Ordinance?

B. Stadtmiller: The definition of Hawkers and Peddlers states, *if you don't have a permanent place of business*, and they have a place of business.

D. Boutin: Why would we pass an ordinance that would involve the Administrator, Police Chief, and the Code Enforcement. I don't think the Town Administrator should be involved. Applicants must contact the Administrator 5 days prior to a meeting. Is the Council going to get involved as well?

C. Granfield: The Council will only be a Board of Appeal for applicants. This wasn't construed to take the time from anyone. This will be delegated and I don't see this as time consuming.

D. Boutin: I think the Town Administrator has more to do and it makes more sense for Code Enforcement or Planner to spear head this. I don't see the need to tie up our Administrator with this. Normally, when you set up an ordinance, there are sections and subsections. I find this hard to follow. There are several points made under a section. I think the ordinance needs some fine-tuning.

M. Pischetola: I think the process should start with the Code Enforcer. He should be in the process from beginning to end and then if there are violations, he can write them up. The police should also be involved and knows who's out there.

C. Granfield: I agree but the ordinances mirrored other towns, which had the Administrator or Police Chief approving. I agree this should be with the Code Enforcement Officer. I think this should be changed and then approved.

N. VanScoy: I agree with the suggested time change from 10 am to 8 am in Section 8. I also want to know if Hooksett Old Home Day is a Town event.

C. Granfield: Yes, like the Farmer's Market.

**Community Action Program (CAP) Waiver Request – Jack Shields**

Jack Shields, Cap Agency

C. Granfield: In the past, the Fire Department waived the fees for installations. The Council initiated this fee so they must authorize the waivers.

J. Shield: We are a non-profit social agency which serves the elderly and children 6 years or younger. We ask that you waive these fees.

***N. VanScoy motioned to waive the fees for permits to install heating in low-income housing.  
Seconded by J. Gorton.  
Roll call vote unanimously in favor***

**Facility Advisory Committee – Old Town Hall**

The Town Council requested that the Facility Advisory Committee look at the Old Town Hall building and provide some feedback.

N. VanScoy stated that she remembers that the Town Hall Preservation Committee asked R. Pelletier, Fire and Code Enforcement officers to look at the facility. I don't believe the Council voted to ask them for a report. This request came from the Town Hall Preservation Committee.

Mike Reed: We did evaluate all the facilities in the Town and we were asked to look at the Old Town Hall. We are not a stand-alone committee. We invite all to help in this effort. We want to make the Old Town Hall viable again. It will be a real challenge and we need all the help we can get.

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B. Gahara: I remember having that conversation with the committee even though it was not in the minutes.

N. VanScoy: I have the minutes of the Preservation Committee requesting Russ to do that.

Mike Reed: Peter Rowell, Mike Hoisington, D. Boutin, and Russ Pelletier worked on that review. After looking at the general findings, exterior, mechanical, structure, HVAC and costs such as legal and probate, architectural, appraisal, the cost will be upward of \$600,000 and we understand there are no funds available in the town to put to this effort. We then thought it would be best to solicit ideas from the public. We got limited feedback. Arnold Green offered to donate \$50,000 toward the effort. One idea was an extreme make over with services and materials donated. There would be some legal challenges. This could apply to a school, a meeting hall etc. There are some challenges and no one is going to spend \$600,000 and have no title to the property. A doctor or lawyer will not put those funds into the property. Another Ad Hoc Committee could be established.

N. VanScoy: You got limited feedback. I assume you heard from three (3) people?

C. Granfield: We heard from three (3) people directly from the article. We also heard from Preservation, and the Heritage Commission.

N. VanScoy: At my email address have received at least 8 recommendations or opinions. I would like the Council to know that I will bring that information forward.  
I don't see a breakdown of the \$600,000 cost. Donations can be received in money and services and we need to evaluate what those needs are. Would the \$600,000 bringing it to code? Does that include keeping the second floor?

Russ Pelletier: We would be keeping the second floor in tact and renovating the building as is.

Mike Reed: In construction, until you have a well-defined scope of work, you can't develop a definitive number. We are saying you are in the half million-dollar range to get through legal and structure up to code, i.e., fire etc. We can't provide the detail of those numbers tonight. If this Council wants a number, we need to know who the end user is. This is a baseline.

J. Gorton: Until we decide on what is to be done with the Old Town Hall, everything else is mute. Will it be a town hall, or will it be rented?

N. VanScoy: I'm concerned with the number \$600,000, which went to the press before it went to the Town Hall Preservation Committee. I want to comment on the input from the townspeople. The Councilors are elected to do what is best for the town. The citizens look to us to make the best decision for the town.

M. Pischetola: Can this be restored to its old use with one floor only and use the second floor for storage

Russ Pelletier: There are a number of issues to bring it back to a one room building including removing the 1930 addition, and it doesn't have bathrooms.

M. Pischetola: It cost us \$3000 a year to keep it. Maybe the ball should be past to the other two committees.

D. Boutin: We heard tonight that the Old Town Hall could be put back to use for \$75,000 and you said \$600,000. Can you explain?

Russ Pelletier: I don't know how they arrived at \$75,000 in 1995. Our number is based on square footage. The elevator is no good, the fire escape is no good, and the bathrooms are no good. That was based on a group decision by the Code Enforcement Officer, Fire, and the committee.

V. Lembo: Has anyone check if any of the descendents might challenge the use?

C. Granfield: That is why the EDC was going to do the legal work to investigate court action. With the amount of money being spent on this new building, the shift could be made to this building.

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We would do the research to determine that there were no descendents before we move forward with any renovation.

B. Gahara: I would like to turn the issue over to the Town Hall Preservation Committee and let them determine how to get the public input and they report back to Council.

***D. Boutin motioned to turn the issue over to the Town Hall Preservation Committee. Seconded by N. VanScoy.  
Vote unanimously in favor***

**OLD BUSINESS**

Joint Fire Station

C. Granfield: The Chief will review the material in the Staff Report. The Mayor of Manchester asked us for a joint fire station. More information is being provided and you may ask questions. This would be a 20-year lease agreement. This would also be a change in dispatch from Concord to Manchester. If we change and go with Manchester, we must provide Concord with an 18-month notice. If this is an idea you want to pursue, we shouldn't study this for 6 months because the money allocated to Concord would be used to make these payments. We would need a warrant article for additional firefighters. There is also discussion regarding closing a station. I recommend that the town decide to extend the decision to the first meeting in September.

The other question regarding a long-term lease requires a town vote based on DRA's requirements. If it is a several year lease, the voters must weigh in. If you enter into an inter-municipal agreement, you could do that annually. They felt that might be feasible and if we did that for a few years and the voters saw it working, the voters might agree to a long-term arrangement.

Chief Williams: Since the last meeting, we have worked with the Fire Department in Manchester and the Mayor. The Finance Director put together the financial cost over 20 years. Regardless of our decision, Manchester is going forward with this station. We are still working on the dispatch piece. For labor, we would need to hire 5 firefighters the first year to bring the shifts to 8. Because of the contracts, there is nothing projected out. These numbers include benefits.

D. Boutin: What would the equipment cost be?

Chief: We would probably redesignate equipment and any new equipment would be purchased through impact fees.

V. Lembo: This is a lease agreement and we will not own this station after 20 years.

C. Granfield: Once we sign a lease arrangement for the 20 years, we want to own it after making those payments.

V. Lembo: Is that Manchester's take or our take?

C. Granfield: We are discussing this with Manchester.

V. Lembo: On the MRI document, it says we need 12 firefighters, you are proposing 5?

Chief Williams: With a shared station, they would be supplementing our needs and we would then only need 5 firefighters.

V. Lembo: MRI reported the \$300,000 revenue will go to the Fire Station and I thought that revenue supported the ambulance.

Chief Williams: The revenue from the ambulance goes into the Town General Fund.

M. Pischetola: Where do we stand with Mr. Green?

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Chief Williams: The agreement was sent to us and we did not agree.

C. Granfield: That land was evaluated in the study and the land is not under agreement. There was discussion several months ago that if the study found that was a viable location, it would be pursued.

J. Gorton: How can the town own town property in another city?

C. Granfield: That would be a legal question.

N. VanScoy: What if we approved an annual lease and the voters don't approve the additional staff?

Chief Williams: We wouldn't be able to staff that station. We are trying to fix a problem and it would remain unstaffed until the Town approves it. We could look at grants. We are currently staffing three (3) at each station.

N. VanScoy: All of the studies show a long response time to the Candia line. Obviously this won't solve that.

Chief Williams: That area was looked at and the closer you get to Candia the more undeveloped land you get.

G. Longfellow: You could have a station on every corner but how safe do you want to be and at what cost?

Chief Williams: I am relaying an offer from Manchester that would save the Town money and you must make those decisions.

C. Granfield: We need to know what additional information you need to make your decision so we can notify Manchester.

B. Gahara: Unless someone is prepared to make a motion, I would like to see a list of questions and information that you would like before the next meeting.

D. Boutin: Does the Council have the authority to close Station 1?

C. Granfield: The RSA attached in the packet states that the Council has authority to open and close stations.

D. Boutin: I thank the Chief for his input and I feel we have discussed this at length. I want the Council to consider establishing some policy guidelines. I suggest that the Council state that the Town cannot afford three (3) stations and the Fire Department can decide what is the best way to service the community.

***D. Boutin motioned that the policy guidance from the Council is the Town cannot afford three (3) fire stations. G Longfellow seconded.***

***Roll Call***

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| <b><i>N. VanScoy</i></b>    | <b><i>No</i></b>  |
| <b><i>D. Boutin</i></b>     | <b><i>Yes</i></b> |
| <b><i>J. Gorton</i></b>     | <b><i>Yes</i></b> |
| <b><i>V. Lembo</i></b>      | <b><i>No</i></b>  |
| <b><i>J. Levesque</i></b>   | <b><i>Yes</i></b> |
| <b><i>G. Longfellow</i></b> | <b><i>Yes</i></b> |
| <b><i>D. Paradis</i></b>    | <b><i>No</i></b>  |
| <b><i>M. Pischetola</i></b> | <b><i>Yes</i></b> |
| <b><i>W. Gahara</i></b>     | <b><i>No</i></b>  |

***Vote 5:4 motion carries***

D. Boutin: I believe that closing Station 1 and doing a joint station is probably the smartest way to go. We know that down the road, MS&G will be built out 300-400 homes. I'm assuming it is over a 15-year cycle. At that point, another Council will talk of building another station that will service the North part of

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Hooksett. I don't think that looking at the geography of the Town warrants a third fire station. I do recognize that Exit 10 is our growth area. I do believe we have a different form of government than Manchester. The Mayor and Alderman make spending decisions without going to the voters; we don't have that authority. I recognize Manchester has a timetable but we have responsibility to the Town to disclose something that will cost a significant amount. If we enter into a 1-year agreement and then put a warrant article in May and they say no, then what?

I recognize the cost savings and the enhancement of coverage, and if the voters say yes, then it makes sense. Maintaining station 1 is something that doesn't make sense.

V. Lembo: I agree with some of Mr. Boutin's statement but those in the North end of Hooksett would have an outcry if that Station were to close. I think we need to pursue Mr. Green and the impact fees with the development on Exit 11. If that proceeds as we believe, then we would have the funds.

G. Longfellow: I thought that Hooksett couldn't afford three (3) fire stations. I didn't agree to close Station 1. I agree we can't afford 3 stations but that has nothing to do with closing station 1.

J. Gorton: I didn't see anything in MRI study regarding the option to close the Safety Center, which needs many repairs.

Chief Williams: That wasn't considered but they could look into that.

J. Gorton: We are looking to repair a building and yet we haven't discussed closing that facility. I don't think this town can afford 3 fire stations. If we build new or go into a joint venture, we need to eliminate a station.

Chief Williams: The town needs to determine the level of service they want for the community.

J. Gorton: I would like to see a study done if we closed the Safety Center and went with a joint venture or where we could put a new facility.

C. Granfield: We need to consider that the Police co-locate at the Safety Center.

Chief Williams: If I could choose any locations, I would choose the south side (Coaker Ave) and Station 1 on the North side.

V. Lembo: Is mutual aid mandated? If there were an incident at Exit 10, would they have to respond?

Chief Williams: They don't have to but we have mutual aid agreements. They could respond there. Based on only having 2 stations, I would not recommend closing Station 1. It is in a highly populated area and services the community. The Chief's recommendation tonight is keep the current stations, without having the data on closing the Safety Center and the Police part.

V. Lembo: Will MRI cost us more money to expand the study?

C. Granfield: The core of the work has been done so it would be just an expansion and I will have to get those costs.

***V. Lembo motioned to decline Manchester's offer and keep Station 1 open. J. Gorton seconded.***

***V. Lembo withdraw the motion***

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Annual Town Report Cover Approval**

2 options – Heads School and Dog Park

***N. VanScoy motioned to approve the Heads School as the town Cover. Seconded by G. Longfellow.***

***Vote unanimously in favor***

### **Legislative Policy Review**

Each year, the Town participates in the Legislative Policy Review and Conference with the New Hampshire Municipal Association. (NHMA). The conference is scheduled for September 17<sup>th</sup>. This is informational only. It is recommended that the Town Council review the policies and be prepared to take action on them as well as appointing a delegate at the August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Acceptance of Grant Funds – Update Emergency Operation Plan**

***J. Gorton motioned to accept funds for the update of the Hooksett Emergency Operation Plan in the amount of \$3609.00. Seconded by N. VanScoy.  
Vote unanimously in favor.***

### **Release of Letter of Credit – 198 Londonderry Turnpike**

***M. Pischetola motioned to release the surety in the amount of \$18,940.50 for offsite improvements. Seconded by G. Longfellow.  
Roll call vote unanimously in favor***

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

#### **C. Granfield**

- Thanked the Heritage commission for pictures in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room.
- The gate on Nancy Lane is installed and the road is complete.
- Scott Brown has achieved Road Scholar I
- The clear cutting that was done on By-Pass 28 did receive a timber cut permit. Sate Forestry has imposed a fine for cutting within the 50-foot buffer.

### **SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **N. VanScoy- Parks and Rec**

They are going to review the 5-year plan and they are interested in being invited to any workshops to discuss sidewalks

The Town Hall Preservation is in need of volunteers. There are currently three (3) openings and if former Councilor Ross chooses not to continue, there will be four (4).

#### **G. Longfellow: Transfer and Recycling**

An independent company is doing a study on the building of single stream recycling. This 8-page report should be reviewed by the Councilors.

M. Pischetola requested a meeting calendar from Evelyn of those meeting he must attend.

#### **J. Gorton: Police**

Citizen at the Commission meeting were concerned about "The Code Red" that was issued that day. They requested it be placed on the website so people are aware of road closures?

B. Gahara asked the Council rep to sit at the table and move the commission meetings to town hall.

#### **V. Lembo – School Board**

Did not attend the last School Board Meeting.

Recently, the school dumped many computers that could have been recycled and now we have to pay to dispose of these.

#### **D. Paradis- Heritage Commission**

Steven Boyd resigned and Lee Belanger is newly appointed.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

M. Sorel, 16 Main Street, a great deal of time and money has been expended and no one has addressed the fundamental problems. You know what you can do with the building. You have a copy of the deed. A prior Council asked the EDC to look at how they can make it an income producing building. The EDC agreed to go to probate court to get the condition removed. One Councilor was not comfortable with that so they said let's not turn it into income producing so the EDC stepped away.

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Until you get an answer from a higher level, court, you don't know what you can do. It is in the deed what you can do. That is my opinion. I feel bad these people are working hard without that knowledge. With regard to the Fire Department, many years ago we had two (2) fire departments with two fire chiefs. We then decided that we would have one fire department. We have known that the most effectively way to serve the town was with a north station and a South station (Exit 9). There were those that wanted a Taj Mahal Hall in the center. Then they decided to close Coaker Ave. People weren't unhappy because it was in a residential area. They used a 1959 study to decide to put the Safety Center where it is. The Chief said we need a station at the Village and one at Exit 9. I did not hear anything that the Quality Drive location is not viable. The study said it is not the number 1 location. I do know that if the Hooksett Fire Department has walked that site and the engineers have done the study and Harold has that information but Mr. Green has not been forth coming. The Fire Department has approved the site and the Hooksett Engineers have approved the site, but you don't have the land. It is owned to the town and remains an unpaid debt.

**ADJOURNMENT**

J. Gorton motion to adjourn at 10:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lee Ann Moynihan

Vincent Lembo, Jr.  
Town Council Secretary