

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 27, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Sullivan called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

ROLL CALL – ATTENDANCE

Nancy Comai, Robert Duhaime (arrived 6:40pm), Donald Winterton, David Ross, James Levesque, Todd Lizotte, Chairman James Sullivan, Dr. Dean E. Shankle, Jr. (Town Administrator)
Missed: Susan Orr, Adam Jennings

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Moment of silence for Jack Murphy who passed away this week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Public: August 13, 2014

D. Ross motioned to accept the public minutes of August 13, 2014 with edits. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

Vote unanimously in favor.

b. Non-public: August 13, 2014

T. Lizotte motioned to accept the non-public minutes of August 13, 2014. Seconded by J. Levesque.

Vote unanimously in favor.

AGENDA OVERVIEW

Chair Sullivan provided an overview of tonight's agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

a. NHDHR grant for tin ceiling restoration at Old Town Hall (16 Main St.)

J. Sullivan: The purpose of this public hearing is to accept a New Hampshire Division of Historical Resources grant in the awarded amount of \$10,000 for the tin ceiling restoration at the Old Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Hooksett, NH per RSA 31:95-b, III (a). I now declare this public hearing open.

Dr. Shankle: The grant is for \$10,000 and the Town Hall Preservation Committee applied for it a while back. The total cost of the project is just under \$13,000. We are taking down the second floor to make it a hall again. Although there was minimal damage to the existing ceiling, they would still need to make repairs to add the second floor. This will allow us to restore it to its original condition.

Kathie Northrup, Chair of Town Hall Preservation Committee: I would urge you to accept the grant money. This is a huge boost to the project and would give us a good head start. We found a craftsman in Lebanon when we did work on the Head's School and we would ask him to come down again. I think getting a grant of this kind is getting a seal of approval from those who really know and think the project is worthwhile. The estimate was around \$12,700 but that is on the higher end and depends on our discussions with the architect. With this grant, we have 2 years to complete the work.

CONSENT AGENDA

a. Botsford Memorial: \$15.00 to Fire-Rescue

T. Lizotte motioned to accept the consent agenda as written. Seconded by D. Winterton.

Vote unanimously in favor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

- Started fire union negotiations and 2 other ones will start soon
- Spent considerable time talking about the Lilac Bridge – more to come
- Family Services – Joy put together a back to school program in the gym. There was a U-shaped table containing backpacks and supplies necessary. She talked to teachers in each grade level to see what was needed. Through donations and with the help from volunteers she was able to help over 40 parents representing over 70 kids.

- We received a letter from the Hooksett Youth Achiever recipient – Karina Ithier: *“Dear Town Council Members, Thank you so very much for selecting me as “The Hooksett Youth Achiever of the Month Award” for the month of August. This is a huge honor to me, and I would like to thank everyone on the Hooksett Council for making this possible. I was thrilled to learn about my selection for this honor. It definitely motivates me to be the best individual I can be. I will always remember Hooksett as the town I was raised from and got so many opportunities from. I hope to make Hooksett proud someday. Thank you again! Sincerely, Karina Ithier.”*
- Rev. Robie signed the agreement on the secretary he donated.
- NH Municipal Association Legislative Policy Conference – voting rights conference is being held on September 19 for those interested in attending
- Discontinuation of any road needs to be done by Council. JoAnne Duffy, myself and a representative from the state met with GE. They want to do a major expansion in Hooksett. They have 2 buildings, one on either side of Industrial Drive. They would like to connect those 2 buildings and will need to go over Industrial Drive. Hooksett Industrial Development Corp previously owned the land and turned it over to the town at some point. It will be coming up as a public hearing possibly as early as your next meeting.
- Old Home Day Committee wants to offer helicopter rides this year. Carrie Hyde is here tonight to discuss. I got a letter from the police chief today and after speaking to the helicopter company, he has no problems doing this at this point. My inclination, after to speaking to the fire and police chiefs is to let them do it.

Carrie Hyde (Old Home Days Chair) and Bob Cloutier (owner of CR Helicopters): We are going to have around 150 vendors this year. This is a free community event. I'm glad to hear that Dr. Shankle will approve of the helicopter rides. They did a test run on Monday and will land at the end of the parking area where the football field is. It is a smooth take-off and landing and it's not too loud and doesn't make a lot of wind.

Bob Cloutier: We've been doing this for 12-13 years. It's a state authorized temporary helipad so it's safe. Safety is most important so everyone has a good time.

J. Sullivan: What is the cost to ride?

B. Cloutier: \$30 for a 4 ½ - 5 minute ride. If people live nearby, we try to get them over their house.

J. Sullivan: What is the capacity?

B. Cloutier: One pilot and 3 passengers.

D. Ross: What about liability and insurance issues?

B. Cloutier: The insurance policy will get faxed to the town and the town is named as the insured.

Dr. Shankle: We ran it by the town's insurance company and they approved.

D. Winterton: What is the number of staff on the ground?

B. Cloutier: 7 or 8. We will rope off the area around the parking lot. We will have one entry point and one exit point.

- One last note to my report is we continue to do safety training with Primex.

PUBLIC INPUT: 15 Minutes

None

NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

None

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

- a. Crop Hunger Walk: Sam and Ruth Knowles

S. Knowles: For the last several years, many churches have sponsored a crop hunger walk. We have been using First Congregational church. This year, the Hooksett Church is the host church. As a result of that we'd like to have the walk in Hooksett. Due to the lack of sidewalks, we'd like to use the Head's Pond Trail. It's scheduled for October 26. Walkers get sponsors and as a result, \$7000 was raised last year. 25% of what is raised gets sent back to the host church. We are looking for approval to use the Head's Pond Trail for this.

D. Ross: Maybe we can put something on the website to give it more exposure?

***D. Ross motioned to allow the sponsors of the Crop Hunger Walk to place temporary signage to promote the event as deemed necessary. Seconded by R. Duhaime.
Vote unanimously in favor.***

b. Jeff Kevan from TF Moran re: updated FEMA flood maps

Dr. Shankle: This is regarding the water ponding near Kmart and we have done some drainage work. I thought you might want to know about what has been going on.

J. Kevan: We were contracted with Merchant's Realty and RK Hooksett (owner of the Kmart Plaza) to prepare an application for a letter of map revision. NH DOT put in drainage improvements and replaced culverts starting at 28 Bypass and across Rt 3 and Benton Rd. They installed a box culvert. The existing FEMA flood maps have a 100-year flood plain. With this box culvert in place, the 100-year eliminates all the excess flood plain which is a good thing as far as the usefulness of the property. Notifications have gone out to those who were directly affected; FEMA has received the application and are reviewing it. We expect them to amend the flood maps which will reduce the flood plain insurance costs they have incurred in the past.

Dr. Shankle: There was significant rain after this project was completed and the drainage system handled it like it should.

c. Leo Lessard re: Petersbrook Field

Dr. Shankle: He has a contractor doing some work for material. I thought we should be transparent about this because it could turn into an issue.

L. Lessard: The field went through the Planning process in 2011. We received money from Council for the design for soccer fields. We met with HYAA and found out we had 65,000 yards of material to move out of there. Manchester Sand & Gravel had done the first part of Petersbrook fields (sub-grading), so I talked to them about this since the land came from them. They agreed to do the work in return for the material. If we had to hire a subcontractor we would have paid over \$563,000. (This is an average of the high/low NH DOT numbers):

Cuts and fills: \$7.95 per cubic yard for a total of \$516,750

Cut stump and grub 1.5 acres at \$5300 per acre for a total of \$7950

Remove stumps at \$750 per load (4 loads per acre average) 4x1.5=6 loads at \$750 per load for a total of \$4500

Strip and stock pile top soil 4840 cubic yards at \$3.00 per cubic yard for a total of \$14,520

Over cut by 1 foot to mix properly and form a base for the re-spread of loam (estimated 5500 cubic yards) at \$3.00 per yard for a total of \$16,500

Engineering layout and grades at \$850 x 2 layouts minimum for a total of \$1700

Rock excavation at \$38.43 per cubic yard (estimated at this time 50 cubic yards) for a total of \$1921.50

Total cost is \$563,000 and still would have left us at a point where we would need to remove the material.

All we have spent so far is \$10,000 for the engineering firm to design the first building, \$6,490 on the first set of screening and I just put in another \$5,000 for the last screening. We've got \$20,000 into it as of today instead of \$563,000. It's been almost 2 years to get this done, but in the long run it's worth it. They still owned 1 ½ acres of the parcel they sold us. Instead of putting in drainage I want it to sheet flow over their land, so in reciprocity, they would deed the land to the town if we pay for the deeding and lot line adjustments.

Dr. Shankle: All you would need to do is agree to purchase the land for the cost of doing the deeding and the lot line adjustment.

J. Sullivan: We should get the details and get it on the agenda for our next meeting.

R. Duhaime: How much longer will they be before it's complete?

L. Lessard: They are almost done moving material and then I will go in and do underground electrical, light poles, etc. and they will come back and spread the loam. Then we do irrigation, etc. I'd say probably in the spring.

D. Winterton: Is this eligible for impact fees?

L. Lessard: Yes we have been using impact fees so far.

J. Levesque: Did you end up with a surplus of loam?

L. Lessard: There is just enough – I might have to buy 400-500 yards.

T. Lizotte: I'd like to get a verification of the amount of impact fees before the vote at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

a. 14 – 046 Edgewater Drive discontinuation discussion

Dr. Shankle: I drafted a motion based on the notes from the last meeting. The one thing that is different is you wanted conditions on the discontinuance. After consulting with legal, they said that once you discontinue a road, there isn't anything else you can really do. So they suggested finding other ways to do it and I came up with what is in the draft motion.

J. Sullivan: The draft motion reads as follows: *"I move that the Council support the discontinuance of the Class VI portion of Edgewater Drive if the following conditions are met: The plan as approved by the Planning Board generally conforms with the first plan that was presented to us by Mr. Scarpetti; Mr. Scarpetti continues as the developer; The plan as approved by the Planning Board is approved by the Conservation Commission; All approvals are received by September 1, 2015. It is understood that this discontinuance will need to come back to the Council for a vote."* We have information from Planning that on 5/22/1771 the road was laid out: *"Dunbarton Town Records, Vol. 1, Page 130. Dunbarton May 22nd, 1771. This day layed out by us a highway beginning at Bow line on the Westerly side of Merrimack River and running South as Sd. river runs two rods wide to the head of Ileahucket falls at present we allow said Highway upon the Intervals to have gates or what is called a bridel Rode. From thens South near as the Highway is at present used to Goffstown Line all to be as fare from the river as will make the Highway good from the falls to Goffstown Line an open Rode. Signed Jeremiah Page and William Stinson, Selectmen for Dunbarton."*

D. Ross motioned to support the discontinuance of the Class VI portion of Edgewater Dr if the following conditions are met: The plan as approved by the Planning Board generally conforms with the first plan that was presented to us by Mr. Scarpetti; Mr. Scarpetti continues as the developer; The plan as approved by the Planning Board is approved by the Conservation Commission; All approvals are received by September 1, 2015. It is understood that this discontinuance will need to come back to the Council for a vote. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

D. Ross: 2 items I find odd are that it appears we have to vote on this twice. My main concern is the town retains riverfront access except the frontage where the new houses are proposed. The egress across the property needs to remain for emergency public traffic.

T. Lizotte: Does Mr. Ross believe the Conservation easement of that section meet these requirements?

D. Ross: Perhaps. There are different kinds of easements. My concern is the public have access to that shorefront.

T. Lizotte: The Conservation Commission indicated the easement would allow that ability to go down there within the confines of anything that would interfere with the shoreline protection act per the state.

Dr. Shankle: The original intent of the first plan was to do that.

D. Winterton: This vote is to support the discontinuance and will come back to us for another vote potentially in another year?

Dr. Shankle: As soon as they meet the conditions, they will come back.

R. Duhaime: After he meets with the Planning Board, if they approve a plan, it's hard for us to go against them. I have faith in our boards to come to a solution that benefits anyone.

N. Comai: This Board sitting today is going to address the fate for a future Board so it's a moot point.

Dr. Shankle: You can discontinue and hope he does the right thing or you can try something like this draft motion. It addresses that we have faith that the other boards will do the right thing. Once that happens, he comes back to us to vote on the discontinuance.

T. Lizotte: To Mrs. Comai's point, by next September, there may be a new board in place.

J. Sullivan: So we can suggest having all decisions in to us by June 30, 2015 so it remains with this body.

D. Winterton motioned to amend the date for all approvals received from 9/1/15 to 6/15/15. Seconded by J. Levesque. Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Ross: I think we need to define the segment of the road to be discontinued. Is it the whole section or only the part traversing the properties?

J. Sullivan: My understanding is that it should start from the cul de sac.

Dr. Shankle: I believe what they have in mind is gating it so people can walk on it but they don't want people driving on it.

J. Sullivan: Is there a demarcation line to indicate where Class V ends and Class VI begins?

L. Lessard: There is a gate there right now.

Discussion on where the Class V ends and Class VI begins.

D. Ross motioned the discontinuation shall commence at the beginning of the first residential lot and terminate at the end of the last residential lot. Seconded by R. Duhaime.

T. Lizotte: if we have a Class VI road and their section is gated, I can take my ATV up there and destroy that property. I don't think we want that liability.

R. Duhaime: I think we trust the Planning Board and Conservation on this.

D. Winterton: I can't wrap my mind around how we may require a cul de sac and have a driveway and a Class VI road off that cul de sac. I don't think it can be done. I understand the concern but can't support the amendment.

J. Levesque: I'd like to see the right of way maintained for the town people. They can still use the walking right of way to Bow and we still maintain the riverfront property. It's a mess down there and I think as long as the right of way is available to everyone, that's what my concern is.

T. Lizotte: Conservation easement provides a continuous path to Bow.

J. Levesque: I'm saying we keep it as a right of way, but I don't see what use the Class VI road is.

Roll Call (amendment)

D. Winterton – No

J. Levesque – Yes
R. Duhaime – Yes
D. Ross – Yes
T. Lizotte – No
N. Comai – Yes
J. Sullivan – No
Vote in favor 4-3.

J. Sullivan: The motion is to discontinue a center chunk of the Class VI road.

Dr. Shankle: You have made that change to the draft motion and a change to the date. This isn't going to discontinue anything but go to Planning and Conservation then come back to you for a final vote.

Roll Call

J. Levesque – Yes
D. Ross – Yes
D. Winterton – No
T. Lizotte – No
N. Comai – No
R. Duhaime – Yes
J. Sullivan – No
Motion fails 4-3.

J. Sullivan motioned to discontinue the Class VI portion of Edgewater Dr. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

J. Sullivan: That is our only option as a Council I don't want to give direction to other boards; that is crossing a line.

T. Lizotte: I think we should just discontinue the road; giving a chunk of it is a bad idea.

J. Levesque: What does this do to the right of way?

Dr. Shankle: Nothing. It will eliminate the Class VI road. They can do whatever they want.

D. Ross: To give all that up is dereliction of duties to our constituents.

D. Winterton: I support the motion and leave the determination of what happens to that property to Planning and Conservation.

N. Comai: The clawbacks previously asked for are now off the table. Someone purchased some land and wants to develop it. I think we should leave it up to our boards to allow that to happen as is. We didn't take anything from this developer and we shouldn't give him anything.

R. Duhaime: I second what Ms. Comai said. Our agenda is for the town not the developer. What is the benefit to the town? Adding more homes adds more traffic on Edgewater Dr which already needs improvements. I just can't support this.

Roll Call

T. Lizotte – No
R. Duhaime – No
J. Levesque – No
D. Winterton – No
D. Ross – No
N. Comai – No
J. Sullivan – Yes
Motion fails 6-1.

b. 14 – 063 Town Engineer Job Description

Dr. Shankle: I previously mentioned on page 3 under Minimum Qualifications, I'd like to change the 5th line to read NH Professional Engineer License is required and delete the rest of the sentence.

R. Duhaime motioned to approve the Town Engineer job description as amended. Seconded by D. Ross.

Vote unanimously in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 14 – 065 Solid Waste Ordinance Proposed Amendment

D. Boyce: Instead of bringing it to full mandatory recycling, I thought we would start with cardboard. The town makes money on cardboard. We can see how it goes and maybe move forward after that.

J. Sullivan: The fee for electronics – why are you adding that now?

D. Boyce: It's been there since 2006 – we have been charging all along.

N. Comai motioned to move the Solid Waste Ordinance Proposed Amendment to public hearing. Seconded by R. Duhaime.

T. Lizotte: I believe we can make the changes on town property if it streamlines things and makes it easier for them to "police" their area of operation. I'm in support of this.

J. Levesque: As the Council rep for the Transfer Station it's terrible how the cardboard is not being recycled. We do need rules down there. It's our property, so if people want to use it, they need to use it properly.

Vote unanimously in favor.

J. Sullivan: Public hearing will be scheduled for September 24.

Dr. Shankle: The first thing we should do is what we were going to do before the emergency happened. We got bids to look at what we should do with the Lilac Bridge going forward. CMA Engineering was the lowest bid so we recommend we go with them.

D. Ross motioned to accept the bid for CMA Engineering to begin the work required for the Lilac Bridge. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

Roll Call

N. Comai – Yes

D. Ross – Yes

J. Levesque – Yes

T. Lizotte – Yes

D. Winterton – Yes

R. Duhaime – Yes

J. Sullivan – Yes

Vote unanimously in favor.

b. 14 – 066 Lilac Bridge issues

Dr. Shankle: The state periodically does inspections. Since we have the bridge gated on both ends, they come to make sure nobody is using it. The inspector was looking at the gates on the Robie's end and happened to notice one of the stringers was broken in half. They sent us a letter (Critical Deficiency Letter). We have a sewer on there that is why sewer commission is involved. We had an engineer already looking at it and we got him out there. While they were there inspecting, they found another fracture. The first span is on the Robie's end and has fractures on both sides; middle span has 80% fracture on upstream and 50% on downstream; third span was replaced and that is not fractured. They will expedite things for this if we are willing to move forward. The estimates are around \$500,000; the good news is that Nancy Mayville from the NH DOT Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance (because we were getting ready to study this already and we may have concluded to reopen it) can find

bridge money to offset the cost. The way it works is 80/20. She has \$400,000 she can give to this project. We need to come up with about \$100,000 which Leo has in emergency funds.

L. Lessard: The memo from CMA Engineers reads as follows: *CMA Engineers was able to thoroughly review the underside of the bridge on Tuesday 8/26/ 14. We physically probed areas of concern obtained and photo / video documentation of present conditions from the water. We are in process of compiling all of the findings to be shared with the Town. We note some initial findings that confirm the serious condition of the existing bridge: the bridge is heavily rusted throughout; the timber decking and supporting steel and timber stringers show varying degrees (20% to 80%) loss of material (section loss) from corrosion; most floor beams (transverse members that connect to trusses and support the deck) show at least 50% section loss; there are critical fractures in the north and middle 1909 spans; there we no fractures found in the south 1936 span; I've shown the fracture locations on the attached sketch for your reference. They occur symmetrically at the second floor beam at approx. 37 feet into each spam; generally, the upstream side (sewer utility side) is in worse condition than the downstream side. We think this may be attributed to the downstream sidewalk providing some level of protection from de-icing salts over the years. The following items are in progress in the wake of the 8/26 findings: CMA Engineers has shared findings with the Town and NHDOT staff. CMA Engineers has recommended that the Town take immediate action on providing a temporary pumping alternative to bypass the active sewer line on the bridge; CMA Engineers has made outreach to NH Fish and Game regarding closure of the north and middle spans to boat traffic. NH Fish and Game will make a posting on their website regarding boater access at the site as soon as details are confirmed; CMA Engineers is in process of contacting the NHDES Dam Bureau for assistance in procuring floats and lines to restrict boat access under the bridge; CMA Engineers is in process of developing construction details for emergency repairs; CMA Engineers is in process of developing a cost estimate for the proposed emergency repairs and anticipates delivering that to the Town no later than 8/29/14 such that project construction budgeting can be set for the emergency repair project; CMA Engineers has contacted the NHDOT Cultural Resources Division and scheduled a meeting to review the condition of the bridge and conceptual emergency repairs at 10 am on 9/5/14. On the bottom of bridge they will put beams every 10 or 20'. On top of the bridge off the floor a few inches will be auxiliary beams from one end to the other and tied from the bottom beam to the top. Then they can take off the floor and this will solve the problem of the historical issue (not dismantling), repair of the bridge and the sewer can either stay put or run down the middle and on top of the beams going on top of the old floor, we can put a deck on that to make it a walking bridge.*

S. Baines: Will this relieve the twist that DOT found?

L. Lessard: Yes.

N. Comai: With the adjustment of the twist will it interfere with the sewer line at all?

S. Baines: No, it's pretty solid and the line is in good shape.

L. Lessard: They will tweak it a little at a time.

N. Comai: Financially, the \$400,000 from state will be allocated to the emergency part?

Dr. Shankle: Yes, they will help us to stabilize the bridge.

N. Comai: Then we would have to come up with money for the floor of the bridge above the \$100,000.

J. Sullivan: When will this be complete?

Dr. Shankle: We hope in a month. We need to go to bid but whoever gets it needs to be willing to start immediately.

L. Lessard: The DOT engineer is providing engineering services on our behalf to make sure things are done the way we want them to be done.

D. Ross: Are we obligated to continue in the direction of opening the bridge to 15 ton traffic?

Dr. Shankle: She (Nancy Mayville from DOT) said no. We just need to consider it.

D. Ross: How are these beams changing the look of the bridge for historical purposes?

L. Lessard: That will be taken into consideration.

D. Winterton: On the memo, it says the town takes immediate action on providing a temporary pumping alternative to bypass the active sewer line on the bridge; any comment?

S. Baines: We have people ready to go should an emergency arise.

B. Kudrick: I have a company that if the bridge section did fall into the river, they have septic trucks on call. You will have some sewer go into it. I have another company on call to put in a temporary pumping section on the southern side to go back to the pump station.

R. Duhaime: If this bridge happens to fall in to the river, sewer is an issue but also boaters under the bridge and if the current did take it down it could possibly damage the railroad bridge and the state bridge. You can see where it's in the state's interest to stabilize this bridge as soon as possible.

Dr. Shankle: We are blocking off the boating traffic under the 2 spans that are not stable.

L. Lessard: Fish and Game has posted it on their website. The area will be secured and safe for boat traffic.

J. Sullivan: Around 8:42 pm the video feed was lost as well as audio. Our secretary will take copious notes at this point.

c. 14 – 067 NHDHR grant for tin ceiling restoration

J. Sullivan: If we are going to consider waiving the rules, I'm going to close the public hearing on the Moose Plate Grant for the tin ceiling restoration as of 8:50pm.

T. Lizotte: You didn't reflect if there were any more public comments.

J. Sullivan: Does anyone have anything else to comment? Seeing nothing, the hearing is officially closed. Our process is that we usually wait until the following meeting to vote but to get to the Executive Council and the Governor's meeting earlier than later, we would need to waive that rule.

D. Ross motioned to waive the rules on the public hearing. Seconded by D. Winterton. Vote unanimously in favor.

Dr. Shankle: I would suggest having the Chair sign as he is very close to this project.

D. Ross motioned to accept the Conservation License Plate Grant for \$10,000 and to have the Chair sign on Council's behalf. Seconded by N. Comai. Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Ross: A discussion item on this – I understand the contractor was selected for their expertise, etc. The amount of money being spent is effectively town money until the grant goes through, would there be any bid requirements?

Dr. Shankle: I understand the Town Hall Preservation Committee chair thought it was a good idea to use that contractor, but as she was speaking I was thinking we probably should get a couple more bids anyway. It doesn't have to be a formal bid process since it's under \$15,000 so it would just need to be 3 phone calls.

K. Northrup: I would just offer when we did Head's School, we can't find anyone else to do it.

J. Sullivan: We will do a cursory check to see if we can get additional bids based on the information we have, and when we do we can waive the requirements of rules based on certain circumstances according to the Charter. With that, the motion has been carried.

SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

T. Lizotte: Conservation did not meet. The next meeting is on 9/8.

R. Duhaime: I had my chance to make it to the Planning Board and I blew it. I didn't make it.

N. Comai: The Town Administrator covered the union negotiation piece so otherwise nothing to report.

J. Sullivan: Heritage Commission – I informed them of the Lilac Bridge situation and updated them. We are planning a historical marker program for Mt. St. Mary's on 10/19 as part of the Historical Marker program. We talked about other events regarding Historical Markers for 1, 2 or 3 possible additional markers. We will be sharing a booth with Old Town Hall and Town Council at Old Home Day. I did an ad for Town Hall and am creating another one for Mt. St. Mary's. We have a prototype of what it's going to look like which is being held up now. And the Robies' one is proceeding and will be a nice collection. Other than that we are continuing to do what the Heritage Commission needs to do.

Dr. Shankle: Can I make an amendment to your report? We've been working on the empty chair for the POW's. We have a final figure and we have a mockup of the chair in cardboard, so I haven't tried it out. Just an aside, when the contractors were there, some of us walked out on it and were looking and I didn't notice it which is a good thing. But I just wanted to let you know you will be getting something back on that soon.

J. Sullivan: We will be having some type of ceremony when that is ready - possibly a Veteran's Day program for the POW/MIA chair. The Old Town Hall got the tin ceiling approved; we have scheduled a meeting on Friday with the architect. Things are moving along there.

D. Winterton: I did not attend the Planning Board meeting Monday. I had an excused absence. We'll talk about fire negotiations in in non-public.

D. Ross: I have nothing to report.

J. Levesque: Transfer Committee didn't meet because some people wanted to go to Jack Murphy's wake and Diane was going to be here tonight anyway.

J. Sullivan: Now we are at our second public input.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jason Hyde, 36 Edgewater Drive: I wanted to point out a couple things about the discussion about Edgewater Dr. With the exception of one person here (and maybe it's your brother, I'm not even sure) none of you own property on Edgewater Dr; I don't know how much time you have spent down there or if you've walked down that road or been on that property and looked at the condition of the "road" that doesn't exist anymore because it's in the river. You've told a property owner who owns 11 acres of property at the end of that road, "Sorry you can't put your houses there" because there's a road where he wants to put his houses. He can't put the houses there unless the town discontinues the road. You've put a hurting on the developer for nothing. You didn't gain anything by doing that. You were going to get a Conservation easement. That's more than I would have given you if I was the property owner. What really gets me is you've made the decision, and I'd ask you to go back and look at it at another meeting and maybe change your minds, but you had the property owner and three other property owners sitting in the back of the room and not one of you bothered to ask for our input. All you had to do was ask, and we would have told you what we thought. Then you could make a more informed decision since we live and play there and we know the situation down there. Making decisions without all the information, particularly when you have the information in the back of the room is not really the best way to do things. I would ask that you revisit that for Mr. Scarpetti's sake. Just so you know my wife and I have no problems with him building homes back there. It's going to be a gated community, 2-bedroom homes, very high end which means they are going to be empty nester type folks, which are half the people that

live down the street from me anyway. They are only here during the summer time then they go down to Florida. I'm not concerned about the traffic; I have little kids and I own waterfront property there. I would rather have high end homes in a nice cul de sac where emergency vehicles can turn around when they can't now with some off street parking so when people from town want to go down there, it would be more controlled than it is now. We wouldn't have to worry about a Class VI road and someone driving a four wheeler down there and dumping it in the river because they didn't scope it out before they did it. There are a hundred other things that could have been taken into account before you guys just said "No, sorry, you're done. You can't develop your land now because we won't discontinue this road" that nobody uses and hasn't used in a very long time. They use the driveway that already exists that Mr. Scarpetti put in. So I would ask that you go back and revisit that for the future.

J. Sullivan: Thank you, Mr. Hyde. Is there any other public input? Seeing none, we will go into nonpublic.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

NH RSA 91-A:3 II (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee or the disciplining of such employee, or the investigation of any charges against him or her.

NH RSA 91-A:3 II (c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself.

J. Sullivan motioned to enter non-public session at 9:00pm. Seconded by T. Lizotte.

Roll Call

J. Levesque - yes
R. Duhaime - yes
T. Lizotte - yes
N. Comai - yes
D. Winterton - yes
D. Ross - yes
J. Sullivan - yes

Vote unanimously in favor.

DISCUSSION #1 -Classification Pay Plan -Police Non-Union Civilian and Sworn

Positions Donna Fitzpatrick, Administrative Services Coordinator and Police Chief Bartlett: Presented and facilitated discussion on incorporating Police non-union civilian and sworn positions into the Town of Hooksett Classification Pay Plan and eliminating the wage matrix's previously established by the Hooksett Police Commission (commission was abolished). Additionally Chief Bartlett put forth a proposed Hooksett Police Dept. Administrative/Operations Directive "Administering of Overtime for Lieutenant and Dispatch Supervisor". The Classification Pay Plan will be scheduled for a future Town Council public session seeking the Council's approval.

D. Ross motioned to extend the meeting from 9:30pm to 9:50pm. Seconded by D. Winterton. Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Ross motioned to extend the meeting from 9:50pm to 10:10pm. Seconded by J. Levesque. Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Ross motioned to extend the meeting from 10:10pm to 10:20pm. Seconded by R. Duhaime. Vote unanimously in favor.

J. Sullivan motioned to exit non-public at 10:22pm. Seconded by R. Duhaime. Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Winterton motioned to seal the non-public minutes of 8127114 with the exception of Discussion item #1 Classification Pay Plan – Police Non-Union Civilian and Sworn Positions. Seconded by R. Duhaime. Vote unanimously in favor.

D. Winterton motioned to adjourn at 10:25pm. Seconded by R. Duhaime. Vote unanimously in favor.

NOTE

Attached is an overview sheet of the Town Council reading file material, documents referred to in tonight's meeting minutes, and ancillary documents that the Town Council Chair has signed as agent to expend as a result of the Council's prior approval of the documents.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tiffany Verney

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