

Selectmen's Meeting  
27 April 1998  
7:00pm

The regularly scheduled Selectmen's meeting was called to order by the Chair, Allen Hines, at 7:00pm. Those present included Jack Steiner (Selectman), and Russell McAllister (Town Administrator). George Lagassa was absent

The Selectmen next reviewed the previous meeting minutes and Mr. Steiner voted to accept the minutes as published. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- Payroll
- Manifest
- Executive Council Newsletter
- Water Commissioner's Letter - Appointment of another member to replace John Larkin

### Topics of Discussion

The Board took up the issue of appointing members to the Planning & Zoning Boards and the Recreation Commission. Mr. Steiner made the motion to appoint the following individuals [listed below] to the Planning & Zoning Boards and Recreation Commission. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### 1. Planning Board

<u>Full Member</u>	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Alternate</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Ted Turchan	2001	David MacArthur	2001
Paul Cuetara	2001		

#### 2. Zoning Board of Adjustment

<u>Full Member</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Bob Field	2001

#### 3. Recreation Commission

<u>Member</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jill Brandt	2001

### Selectmen's Concerns

Mr. Hines reported on his Conservation Commission (CC) meeting as well as his meeting with the Audubon Society sponsored by the CC. The subject of the meeting concerned the recent submission by the CC of a grant to the NHOSP Estuaries Project. The Audubon Society's Sanctuary Committee was willing to help the CC in the Little River Salt Marsh Restoration Study. It was believed that funding in the neighborhood of one million with a 250k local match was possible. It was explained that the local match amount could include "in kind" contributions other than money. Mr. Steiner praised the efforts of the CC commenting that the project involved a lot of hard work.

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Mr. Steiner gave a brief report on the status of the Master Plan update. He explained that a subcommittee was being created to work on the update. Part of the update process involved working with the school to determine student capacity as well as an inventory of Town property and its conditions. It was explained the Regional Planning Commission would help out on the inventory and collect the factual material necessary for presentation to the public.

#### **Questions & Answers**

Lucille Ellingwood commented that a sign on her property was recently stolen. She was asked whether the theft had been reported to which she replied that it had not. She explained that the sign had been on the building for at least 40 or 50 years. She also commented that the State Police should have more of a presence on the Exeter Road because of the increases in traffic. Ms. Ellingwood further observed that a light in the Town Hall needed to be replaced.

Shirley Carter observed that it would be nice to repair or replace the door knob to the CC office in the Town Hall. The TA agreed to have Bob Strout (DPW) address the problem.

Robert O'Kane next inquired of the Board whether there was an ongoing group charged with monitoring the various governing boards and governing structure in Town. He was informed that there was no such group charged with that responsibility. Mr. O'Kane asked the Board what the optimum number of Selectmen should be and whether they had not given any consideration to expanding the number to five. Mr. Hines thought that the Town size was such that 3 members were sufficient. Mr. Steiner suggested that New Hampshire statutes and the nature of the task largely determined Board sizes. Mr. Steiner also suggested that there were difficulties involving participation such as finding people willing to serve on the Master Plan Subcommittee. Mr. Hines pointed out that of all the complaints surrounding the issue of lighting, only one individual volunteered to participate on a committee charged with researching the issue.

Kim Kisner, School Board member, next briefed the Board concerning activities on the School Board. She explained that the School Board had decided to hire two more teachers at the Elementary school. She further explained that a group of consisting of members of the community and administrators were looking at arranging future space needs within the newly expanded school to better address grade and activity separation. Ms. Kisner also briefed the Board on the status of the Governor's ABC plan.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the issue of the planned get together at the Town Hall for newly elected officials. It was in the works and would be scheduled after the next Board meeting when all appointments had been made.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister

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