

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

The Selectmen reviewed the meeting minutes of May 22nd. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the minutes of May 22nd. Mr. Steiner seconded the motion. Mr. Lagassa abstained due to his absence from the meeting. The vote was two yes, one abstention and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- a. Minutes - May 22nd, 2000
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. CDBG Manifest
- e. MS-2 Report of Appropriations Actually Approved
- f. Current Use - Peter & Kareen Worrell
- g. Intent to Cut - Peter Simmons
- h. Veteran's Exemption - Richard Stanton
- i. Abatement Applications
- j. Appointment Signatures
- k. Executive Council Newsletter
- l. Coakley Minutes
- m. Rockingham County Nursing Home Admissions Pending
- n. DES Permit - HWW Temporary Groundwater Discharge

Bank of New Hampshire - 7:20pm

A presentation of Bank service offerings by Mark Collins

Mr. Collins began his presentation by explaining that the Bank of New Hampshire was actively going after municipal business to build market share in that area of the bank's business. He briefly explained that Bank of New Hampshire had introduced a new product called Pool Plus Investment. The product guaranteed 30 basis points more interest than what the Town was currently making on its investments. Mr. Collins next introduced John Quartararo who headed up the municipal finance division. Mr. Quartararo explained that the Pooled Plus program was tied to the New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NHPDIP) interest rate. Bank of New Hampshire's plan matched the interest of NHPDIP plus 30 basis points. It was noted that the current interest rate was 6.10%. The Pooled plan was a Government Accounting Standards Board 3 (GASB) Category 1 investment that was fully protected and offered full liquidity. Bank NH offered a full range of services. Mr. Sullivan asked about credit card payments for tax bills. Mr. Quartararo explained that costs for the service was based on volume and Visa & Mastercard set that pricing. It was noted that Bank NH was the third largest bank in New England and it was also very much involved in the communities in which they were located and doing business in. The Board encouraged a future meeting of the Bank representatives and the Treasurer. The TA agreed to schedule the meeting.

RPC Commissioner Bob Landman - 7:45pm

Transportation Enhancement Application Status (Bicycle lanes)

Mr. Landman briefed the Board on the status of the shoulder lanes for bicycles that were slated to run along Route 111 and Route 1A. Mr. Landman noted that a Transportation Enhancement Grant for the construction of bicycle shoulders had been awarded to North Hampton. There was a match requirement of \$25,000 in direct dollars from the Town. The work associated with the grant was not scheduled to

commence until 2005. It was possible for the Town to assume management responsibility for the project but that there was not enough staff and there were also liability issues. Mr. Landman explained that there would be public hearings and public input concerning the project. Mr. Lagassa noted that the match requirement could be raised over a five-year period via a warrant article. The Board thanked Mr. Landman for his hard work. Mr. Gordon, a LBH precinct resident, noted that the project was likely to be controversial because of the velocity of traffic and number of hidden driveways made bicycle traffic dangerous along the proposed routes.

Denis Kokernak - 8:00pm

Conservation Land Proposal

Attorney Peter Loughlin provided a brief synopsis of Mr. Kokernak's proposal to exchange 5.7 acres of conservation land abutting his house for another 5.7 acres of land he owned on the corner of Woodland Road and Atlantic Avenue. Each parcel would retain its conservation restriction status, only the ownership would change. The Town via the Conservation Commission would own the new parcel on corner of Woodland Road and Atlantic Avenue, while Mr. Kokernak would own the parcel adjacent to his property. Such an exchange required Town approval and therefore Mr. Loughlin had drafted several warrant articles for that purpose to be presented before the voters at the next annual meeting. The proposal had been presented to the Conservation Commission and had their endorsement [on May 1st](#). [It was also presented to the Planning Board on May 2nd and approved at a subsequent meeting on May 23rd](#)[†]. Mr. Loughlin asked for the Boards support. Mr. Lagassa noted that it was really a no brainer and that there was a net increase in conservation land. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to support the proposal. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Selectmen's Issues

Space Needs Update

Mr. Steiner noted that during the Board's recent team building exercise there had been a general discussion about the lack of available workspace in the Town Office. Excluding fixtures, desks and the like there was only 800 square feet of workable space in the Town Office. The space crunch would only be exacerbated with the addition of the new Recreation Director. While batting around ideas the Board talked about the feasibility of temporarily moving the Town Offices into the North Hampton Factory Outlet Mall while renovations and expansion of the existing Town Office was underway. Expansion of the current Town Office might include connection to the Library with specific space committed for badly needed record storage. The Board was interested in maintaining the present Town Office and better designing the entire municipal complex while the offices were located in the Mall. The space above the Police Station could be developed more into a more generic space that provided overflow office space to the Highway and Fire Departments and possibly the Recreation Department and Building Inspector. Office dividers could be used to create temporary space as needed while the rest of the upstairs could be devoted to meeting space for the various Town Boards.

Review of Team Building Exercise

The Board segued into a review of the recent team building exercise. The Board had discussed various factual issues including current population numbers, traffic volume along Route 1 & 1A and Interstate 95, natural resources that added to the quality of life in Town, and infrastructure. It was noted that commercial development along Route 1 was uneven. Mr. Sullivan noted that that portion of the tax base had slipped from 17% to 15% of the tax base. Mr. Steiner noted that there were aquifers beneath Route 1 and that there had been a discussion of provisioning sewer services along Route 1. This type of infrastructure would lead to more even and higher value development along Route 1 while increasing that portion of the tax base.

[†] Additional language approved at the July 10th Board of Selectmen meeting.

Provisioning of sewer services would also protect the aquifer beneath Route 1. The Town was currently involved with the RPC in conducting a Town wide build out analysis to better understand future growth patterns and their impact on municipal services.

Police Department Employee Negotiations (Teamsters)

Mr. Sullivan asked about the history of employing Mr. Renny Perry of Sheen, Phinney, Bass & Greene. It was explained that the Town had been using Mr. Perry's services for a number of years and that Mr. Steiner viewed the hiring of Mr. Perry as an administrative function. Mr. Lagassa noted that he had just taken it for granted that Mr. Perry would be used again for contract negotiations. Mr. Steiner explained that the Town was now in contract negotiations with the Teamsters (Police and Highway employees) and that the Town was once again using Renny Perry as their negotiator and spokesperson. Mr. Lagassa noted that Mr. Perry had proven skilled and effective and that negotiations went smoothly and were less expensive and time consuming.

Temporary ZBA Appointment

Mr. Sullivan explained that there was a need for a temporary appointment to the ZBA for their upcoming hearing. Several members would be out of Town, and another member was an abutter to a case being heard. Therefore, it was necessary to make a temporary appointment for that single meeting. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to appoint Charles Gordon as a temporary Alternate (one meeting on 6/14) to the ZBA. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Conservation Commission Appointments

The Board reviewed two letters of interest from current Commission members expressing interest in continuing their service on the Conservation Commission. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to appoint Roland Neves and Chris Ganotis as full members to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The Board reviewed Janice Mellian's letter of resignation from the North Hampton Heritage Commission. The Board accepted Ms. Mellian's resignation.

Bandstand Appointments

It was noted that there were two expired terms on the Bandstand Committee. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to appoint Delores Chase and Lee Saunders as full members to the Bandstand Committee. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Roofing Bids for the Town Office

The TA related the difficulty of finding and one interested in bidding on the roof job for the Town Office. They had received one written bid from Nelson Remick for \$14,594 and a verbal bid from Delmont for \$13,275. Under the Remick bid work on the roof would not begin until October sometime. Under the Delmont bid work would commence earlier, but it was still necessary to get a written follow-up from Delmont. The Board agreed that it was necessary to do the work as soon as possible. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to award the bid to Delmont upon condition of receiving written confirmation of Delmont's bid. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Telecommunications Tower

Mr. Sullivan reported that Joanne Lamprey had stipulated a few conditions regarding the transfer of land to the Town. That the land be used for telecommunication purposes now and in the future. That the Town pay all costs related to transfer of the land. That Ms. Lamprey's satellite dish is allowed room on the tower. The TA agreed to pass the information along to Town Counsel and get things moving ahead. Mr. Lagassa complimented Mr. Sullivan's efforts.

Flag Pole

Mr. Sullivan brought the idea of moving the flag pole located in front of the Town Office to the side of and in front of the trees. Mr. Strout agreed to move the pole.

LAN Administrative Backup

Mr. Sullivan asked about the status of the back-up systems administrator. The TA explained that like the roof, it was difficult to get folks to return phone calls let alone bid on the job. The TA explained that the Network Operating System (NOS) was scheduled for an upgrade. Part of that upgrade involved testing the new configuration with existing software to determine compatibility before going live. The TA noted that the purchase of a PC for the Recreation Director would allow him to use an existing PC as a test server to determine compatibility of the new NOS with current software. Once the issue had been resolved outside contractors would perform the installation and configuration of the new NOS on the existing server. In performing the upgrade they would also be charged with providing documentation that would serve as the systems back-up and disaster recovery plan. The TA would provide status updates on the project. The TA also noted that several smaller software and hardware upgrades were in the works. The total cost was estimated to be 4k to 5k.

Questions & Comments

Mr. Landman noted that Al's Seafood was paving his parking lot without a permit and that Paul Charron should be notified. The TA agreed to check with the Building Inspector about Mr. Landman's concerns.

Mr. Strout noted that this year's paving schedule would finally commence the next day.

Mr. McAllister asked all present to observe a moment of reflection. He noted that Lucille Ellingwood was absent and that she had moved to Exeter. Ms. Ellingwood had attended every Selectmen's Meeting since he could remember and that she had always made a comment during this section of the meeting. Her absence would be missed.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25pm. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn Mr. Lagassa seconded. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator