

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 August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the minutes of August 14<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- a. Oaths of Office
- b. NHDOT Driveway Permit
- c. CDBG Manifest
- d. Abatements - (stephen woods \$5,844.99)
- e. Bids - Police Cruiser

The Board opened and reviewed the bids for the 1993 Crown Victoria police cruiser, which are listed below.

Company	Bid Amount
Fleet Master	\$1,956.00
Tri-State Auto Brokers	\$1,383.00
Jersey One	\$1,875.75
Bay Ridge Motors	\$1,334.00
Police Cars Unlimited	\$ 777.00
Grace Quality Used Cars	\$1,400.00

Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the bid from Fleet Master in the amount of \$1,956 for the 1993 Crown Victoria police cruiser. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

**f. Appraisal Report of the Hampton Water Works**

Mr. Lagassa provided a brief synopsis of the Appraisal Report of the Hampton Water Works (HWW). The appraisal report summarized the value of the company in three ways; its value as a business entity, value of pumps, mains, hydrants, meters and wells, and value of land and improvements. The TA noted that the present assessed value of the HWW was \$3,718,000 and that the appraisal work prepared by Brooks Valuation Associates determined a final value estimate of the pumps, mains, hydrants, meters and wells located in North Hampton of \$7,123,500. The Gowdy and Farrell appraisal report concluded that the appraised value of land and improvements owned by the HWW is between \$813,000 and \$818,000. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to accept the appraisal reports of Brooks Valuation Associates and Gowdy & Farrell. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The Board directed the TA to have the Town's Assessor, Howard Promer, review the data and make the necessary changes.

## **Telecommunications**

### *Verizon Representative Lisa Thorne discusses opportunities*

Ms. Thorne provided an overview of the products that were available through Verizon. Ms. Thorne suggested that one approach to use in determining telecommunication infrastructure needs within North Hampton was to conduct a needs survey of businesses located in the community. The survey could be used to determine what business telecommunications needs are and what price businesses were willing to pay. This would make it possible for companies like Verizon to bid on and provision a known capacity and service. Much discussion followed regarding the technical aspects of DSL, ADSL & IDSL.

### *MediaOne Representatives Tim Gage & Jennifer Farrell discuss high-speed availability*

Mr. Gage began by noting that he lived in North Hampton and that even he does not have high-speed access and that he is also frustrated by the lack of such access. Mr. Gage explained that the delay of providing high-speed cable access was two-fold. First, North Hampton was one of the first Towns to be updated from 350MHz to 500MHz. High-speed cable access required 750MHz-line speed. Second, as part of their social contract, the Cable Company was obliged to provide 500MHz service to those Towns who currently do not have it by year's end. He predicted that within the first six months of 2001 high-speed cable access will be available in North Hampton. He stressed that the product offered by ATT Broadband Services was a residential product and not a business product. In response to a question regarding the transfer of the franchise agreement from Media One to ATT, Mr. Gage explained that only the ownership of Media One had changed and not the franchise agreement between the cable company and the Town.

### *Vitts Networks Data Systems Representatives Heather LeDue and Rod Nizer discuss Product offerings*

Ms. LeDue explained that Vitts is a relatively new company founded during the 1990's and that the company provides various data services for businesses, including network design, web hosting, frame relay dial-up and VPN services. The TA asked the telecom representatives if it were a fair characterization to describe Verizon as the plain old telephone service (POTS), Vitts as the competitive local exchange carrier (CLEC), and ATT Broadband as the new media. They agreed such a characterization was appropriate and that the present state of affairs was a direct result of the Telecommunications Reform Act of 1996, which was legislation enacted to deregulate the telecommunications industry.

## **Joyce Daly**

### *Reimbursement request for new well / water line installation*

Ms. Daly explained that she was representing her mother and that her mother was having problems with her well. The well is located near the street (the corner of Birch and Woodknoll) and is a 40-foot dug well. Ms. Daly claimed that a recent water test revealed that there was too much salt in her water. Ms. Daly alleged that the elevated salt levels were a consequence of the Highway department salting the roads during the winter. Mr. Steiner asked Mr. Strout (Highway Agent) what sort of mix he uses on winter roads. Mr. Strout indicated that he uses three parts sand to one part salt. Mr. Strout noted that he could use only sand along that section of Birch Road. Mr. Harned asked if Ms. Daly's mother used a water softener. Ms. Daly replied that she did. It was noted that water softeners use salt as a means of water treatment. It was also noted that the water sample that was tested was taken from the kitchen sink and therefore the water sample had passed through the water softener. Mr. Lagassa explained that the Town needed to be at fault before the Town initiated any remedial action. Mr. Lagassa added that water rights in New England in general and in New Hampshire in particular are a civil matter. Ms. Daly also suggested that Beauty Salon activity across the street on 3 Woodknoll might also be impacting her mother's water quality. She indicated that strong odor of shampoos and crème rinses emanated from her tap water. Mr. Ted Turchan noted that he was at the meeting to represent the interests of the Beauty Salon operated by the Spooner's on 3 Woodknoll. The Beauty Salon had the necessary variances to operate that particular business. Paul Charron (Code Enforcement) noted that the State DES does not test water for Beauty Salon activity. Ms. Daly suggested

that a dye test be performed to determine whether the septic system across the street was not infiltrating her mother's well. Mr. Charron noted that the test is not applicable in this instance and questioned the legality of forcing a homeowner to submit to a dye test when their septic system was not in failure. Ms. Daly said that Mr. Charron had told her that repairs had been performed on the septic system in question. Mr. Charron replied that Alden Philbrick had inspected the septic system, but that no repairs had been performed. Mr. Steiner noted that the issues were getting mixed in the discussion. The discussion of the Beauty Salon was a code enforcement / ZBA issue. Ms. Daly's issue presently before the Board was the high level of salt in her mother's drinking water. Mr. Steiner suggested that the Town pay for a water test and that the water sample be taken in front of the water softener.

### **Selectmen's Issues**

#### *Mosquito Update*

Mr. Sullivan noted that he had asked Dr. Menehgin to sit on the committee. Bob Landman mentioned that he had information. There was a State hot line number 1-866-273-6453 where people could call for further information. Mr. Sullivan reminded Mr. Landman that the committee need only provide information updates.

#### *Records Update*

Mr. Steiner noted that he had met with volunteers and department heads regarding the layout of record space. Shelving was being assembled and was ready to use. The Historical Society had also inquired about space. The TA noted that there may be some insurance complications as items from the Historical Society may not be covered under the Town's Insurance policy. The TA was directed to research the issue. Mr. Lagassa was asked if he could coordinate with the school to have the old school desks removed from the space.

#### *Conservation Commission / Land Acquisition Committee*

Mr. Neves briefed the Board on the status of the Conservation Commission's initiative regarding targeted land acquisition that compliments land currently owned by the Town and land under conservation easement. A newsletter was being prepared highlighting the tax benefits of estate planning and conservation easements.

### **Questions & Comments**

Mr. Landman briefed those present on the Portsmouth park and ride issue as well as an update on the SEDS process.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 9:25pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator