

The Chair, Jack Steiner at 4:30pm 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 October 9th. Mr. Lagassa made the motion to accept the minutes of October 9th. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

The selectmen reviewed correspondence and/or signed:

- a. Administration/Business
- b. Payroll
- c. Manifest
- d. CDBG Manifest
- e. Abatement Request
- f. Bandstand Appointments (Delores Chase - Edgar N. Hobby, Jr.(2003))

Bernie Pelech

North Hampton Factory Outlet / Road Improvements

John Corbett, Bernie Pelech (Attorney) and Tom Gorrill (Traffic Engineer) representing W/S Developers addressed the Board concerning safety improvements to Cedar Road and the North Hampton Factory Outlet Mall Right of Way (ROW). The group explained that in conversations with the planning board and Cedar Road residents the issue most often raised was increased traffic and safety concerns. In regards to the ROW from Cedar Road into the Factory Outlet, the consensus among Board members was that the ROW should be closed to all traffic with the exception of emergency vehicles. The W/S group explained that there were lease agreements with tenants (Ben Franklin) in the mall that specifically included access to the ROW. Marty's Steak House and Safelite were properties that had access to the ROW written in their deeds. Therefore, closure of the ROW, was not legally possible without those owners permission. A discussion of road improvements ensued and included the placement of an actuated flashing yellow beacon on the East Side of the Cedar Road Bridge. The flashing beacon would serve to warn oncoming motorists of a traffic stop just beyond the bridge. Also included in the improvements would be the addition of a flashing red (3-way stop) beacon at the intersection of Cedar Road and the Factory Outlet ROW. W/S developers also proposed a modification of the ROW itself that would provide a turning lane onto the ROW from the West Side of the Cedar Road Bridge. Mr. Lagassa noted that his preference would be to have the ROW closed to all traffic, but as that option was not at this time feasible, then what was now on the table was acceptable. The Board agreed that regular review of the safety lights and traffic patterns were necessary. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to approve the W/S design for modification of entry to the Factory Outlet Mall ROW including the installation of an actuated flashing yellow beacon on the East Side of the Cedar Road Bridge, and the installation of a flashing red beacon (3-way stop) at the intersection of Cedar Road and the Factory Outlet Mall ROW, with consideration of possible installation of a stop sign on the East Side of the Cedar Road Bridge, and that these safety enhancements be revisited annually for two years upon implementation. Mr. Lagassa seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

Selectmen Issues

Police Department Budget Review

The Board reviewed the budget noting that there was an overall increase in the budget of 7.89% up from \$592,154 to \$638,870. Mr. Page noted that the majority of the increase came as the result of budgeting for a 10th officer. Mr. Lagassa recalled that the addition of the 10th officer was dependent upon a staffing report documenting increased service calls. It was noted that the average annual increase in the department for the last four years was 7.48%. Mr. Sullivan noted that other expenditure categories were flat and that growth

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was from wages (the addition of a 10th officer) and health benefits. It was suggested that Mr. Page rework the numbers to accommodate 9.5 FTE's (full time equivalents) which would bring the budget down to approximately \$618,870. Mr. Page agreed to rework the numbers and get back to the Board.

Mr. Lagassa addressed the issue of the conservation restriction agreement on 145 Mill Road and the progress of resolving that issue. Mr. Lagassa explained that Henry Mixter and Chuck Gordon (Conservation Commission members) had met with Mr. Garneau and that Mr. Garneau would replace the trees he had cut in the spring. Mr. Lagassa wanted to insure that the replanting occurred. The TA noted that the Building Inspector could make the issuance of a CO (certificate of Occupancy) dependent upon successful replanting. Some discussion ensued. The Board agreed that the replanting should be guaranteed for a period of one year.

There being no further business to come before the Board the public meeting adjourned at approximately 6:00pm.

Respectfully,

Russell McAllister
Town Administrator