

Selectmen's Minutes  
1 July 2002  
11:00am

The Chair, Jenifer Landman, called the scheduled public session to order at 11:00am. Those present included Lloyd Sullivan, Allen Hines (selectmen) and Russell McAllister, (Town Administrator).

### **Questions & Comments**

Ms. Landman solicited comments from the audience. There being none the Board moved on to the next order of business.

### **Selectmen Issues**

#### *Discussion of possible temporary closure of Cedar Road Bridge*

Mr. Sullivan noted that this morning meeting was for the purpose of deciding on whether or not the Cedar Road Bridge should be closed for reasons of safety. Mr. Sullivan explained that he and Ms. Landman had looked at the Bridge and observed traffic traveling over the Bridge. He noted that many of the deck planks lacked spike fasteners and were in poor condition. Mr. Sullivan made the following motion, "The Board of Selectmen find that there are health, safety and welfare concerns with the condition of the Cedar Road Bridge. Until further notice Cedar Road shall not be a through way and barriers and signage shall be installed and posted at either end of the bridge effective Wednesday (July 3<sup>rd</sup>) afternoon." Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The Chair asked for discussion and a great deal of it ensued. Members of the audience offered their views. It was noted that school buses could not pass each other while traversing the bridge because of the bridge's narrowness. Concerns were raised about loaded school buses using the bridge. Several affected residents asked if school bus service would still be available for their children. Mr. Sullivan noted that he had scheduled a meeting with school officials about the busing issue. Many of the Cedar Road residents expressed their satisfaction with the Board's decision. Ms. Landman explained that the bridge closure was temporary and the reason for the closure was due to safety and not traffic volume on Cedar Road. Ms. Landman noted that a structural engineer from the DOT was scheduled to inspect the bridge and that a work order for the repair of the bridge had been issued by Bob Barry. Mr. Hines called the question. The vote to close the Cedar Road Bridge was unanimous and so moved. The Board agreed to draft a letter to Bob Barry of the DOT concerning the Board's decision.

#### *Other transportation safety issues*

Mr. Bob Landman (RPC Commissioner) addressed other transportation issues confronting the Town

#### **No Passing anywhere in North Hampton**

Mr. Landman noted that Police Chief Page and former Chief Maloney had both endorsed no passing zones on Routes 111 & 151. While each was a State Road, the volume of traffic in Mr. Page's opinion created a traffic safety issue that the State DOT could alleviate with simply applying double yellow striping on the roadway. Mr. Landman suggested that another letter be drafted and sent to DOT Commissioner Murray.

#### **The Bike Path on Route 111 are still striped incorrectly**

Mr. Landman noted that the DOT again this year failed to properly stripe the side of the road for the bicycle lane. Mr. Landman suggested that the Board write a letter to Commissioner Murray outlining the problem.

#### **Condition of road surface on Route 151 (Post Road)**

Mr. Landman noted that the surface was delaminating and needed resurfacing. The DOT had planned on scheduling the repaving in 2003 or 2004, but Mr. Landman believed that the road surface might not hold up that long. Mr. Landman noted that he would contact DOT to get the maintenance schedule moved up.

#### **Crosswalk between United Church of Christ and Centennial Hall**

Mr. Landman noted the vehicle/pedestrian traffic and parking problem between the two sites. Mr. Landman suggested that closing the road between Centennial Hall and the Bandstand would go a long way towards

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alleviating the potentially dangerous situation. Mr. Landman suggested that the Bandstand could be moved to a new Town Commons green area where sufficient parking and better safety conditions existed.

#### [The deadly Rt. 111-151 interchange at Centennial Hall/Bandstand Area](#)

Mr. Landman wondered how best to significantly improve the deadly intersection. He had discussed the problem with Mike Burlage of the DOT. The determined that Mr. Landman should develop a TIP project to hire an engineering firm to look at the alternatives. Mr. Sullivan made the motion to authorize Mr. Landman to develop a TIP on behalf of the Town. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved.

#### [North Road Route 1 Intersections](#)

Mr. Landman noted his concerns with the proposed mini-golf project, particularly the location of the new driveway and additional parking spaces that would be created. Mr. Landman expressed his concern with the proximity of the new driveway to Route 1. Mr. Landman urged the Board to express their concern to the planning board. Mr. Hines noted that in his capacity as selectmen's representative to the planning board he would voice the Board's concerns if they so wished. The Board members asked that he do so.

#### [Town Office email](#)

Mr. Bob Landman, CBT Chair, reported that AT&T was hooking-up residences in North Hampton and knew that the BoS was wanting to get email for the administrative assistant, planning board secretary, and recreation department. Mr. Landman called Jerry Reese and confirmed that the town qualified for a municipal account and can have a hook-up now. Mr. Reese said that he would have John Papalardos at AT&T call the TA and make the arrangements and that towns and town officials could get in the front of the queue. Mr. Sullivan suggested that Bob be kept in the loop on all decisions and said to have Bob just handle it. The BoS agreed.

There being no further business to come before the Board Mr. Sullivan made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. The public meeting adjourned at approximately 11:55am.  
Respectfully,

Russell McAllister  
Town Administrator