

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Allen Hines at 7 p.m. There were present Lloyd Sullivan and Jenifer Landman, Selectmen, Michael Pardue, Town Administrator and NormaJean Fowler, Recording Secretary.

II. Selectmen Items

A. Proposed Railroad Closing Discussion

Ms. Landman stated that the owner, Mr. Guilford, was polling area towns and regarding the possible closing of the railroad. She made a motion that the BoS write a letter to the Governor supporting the continuation of the railroad. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion. There was discussion from Mr. Hines regarding the poor condition of the tracks and that the owner may not be able to afford to keep it open. Ms. Landman stated that the Town was not responsible for the repair. Ms. Landman offered to draft a letter on behalf of the Board indicating the Board's desire to see the railway remain open.

Voted: That Ms. Landman, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen, draft a letter supporting the continuation of the railroad. 3-0

B. Anonymous Donation Approval- Decibel Meter

Chief Page discussed two donations. The first, given by an anonymous taxpayer, was a decibel meter, which would be used to monitor motorcycle noise, stereo noise and loud exhaust noise. He assured the BoS that the donor was someone of reputable character. He stated that the Planning Board could also utilize it. He stated that the cost was between \$900-\$1200 and that it would be used in our Town and other towns in the area. Ms. Landman made a motion to accept the anonymous donation. Mr. Sullivan seconded the motion for discussion. Ms. Landman asked Chief Page if we could be accepting the meter itself or if the donation was in the form of cash. Chief Page stated that he would order the meter and the donor would pay the vendor directly.

Voted: To accept the donation of the decibel meter. 3-0

Chief Page then discussed the offer of Crime Line For The Hamptons to donate up to \$1,000.00 for the purchase of digital cameras for the booking room and for the cruisers. This donation would be in cash and Chief Page would be purchasing the cameras. Mr. Sullivan questioned if Chief Page would be working out the finances to cover this. Chief Page stated that the Police Department budget would work it out. Ms. Landman questioned the purchase of an extra digital card. The Chief stated that they would use the card it comes with for the time being and would probably purchase a new card when

the next budget is prepared. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the donation with the stipulation that the funds were available in the current Police Department budget. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

Voted: To accept the donation of up to \$1,000.00 for the purchase of digital cameras.
3-0

C. Ridgemont Woods Homeowner's Association-Boutilier Lane Edge Markings

Mr. Strout stated that the posts were eliminated in the construction phase of this project. He stated that the option of having fog line tape would not be advisable because it would detract from the landscaping of the area. He stated that having posts would be a better plan. They would be 3 foot delineated posts. Mr. Arcidicono questioned if it would be advisable to use paint striping. He stated that when he sees a line on the road he follows the line. He felt that people respect edge marking and felt that posts would be a waste of money. Mr. Strout stated that motorists would just be driving over the paint striping and that it would have to be repainted every couple of years. Ms. Landman questioned the fog line tape and felt that more people would stay on the road at night if this was installed. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to table this discussion pending Mr. Strout obtaining cost estimates for both paint striping and posts. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

Voted: To table the discussion on the Boutilier Lane edge markings until the next meeting pending Mr. Strout's obtaining cost estimates. 3-0

D. Transfer of Land Parcels to Audubon Society.

Mr. Henry Mixter discussed the 14 lots in the Wildlife Preserve at Little River Marsh. He said the Town had acquired them in the 60's. He stated that since they were turned over to the Audubon Society they had failed to file their non-profit orders and that we were getting no support from them. A tax bill was issued and a lien was put on the property. In July 2002 the town took over the property. We worked with N. H. Audubon Society to have them take over part of the property to do a project. We have now lived out the terms of that agreement. The Conservation Commission will be holding a public hearing on June 10th on this matter. Ms. Landman questioned the effect this action would have on the Town's ability to enter the land to do mosquito larviciding etc. Mr. Mixter stated that the Audubon Society has agreed to grant the Town access for necessary larviciding etc. He stated that he would get this in writing from them. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the Conservation Commissions holding a public hearing on this matter. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

Voted: To allow the Conservation Commission to hold a public hearing on the transfer of the parcels to the N.H. Audubon Society. 3-0

E. Progress Report- Town Owned Conservation Land

Mr. Mixer presented a memorandum to the BoS regarding the progress of the Baseline Documentation Project. A synopsis of Mr. Rob Pruyne's update follows:

Approximately 90 parcels exist on the spreadsheet supplied by the subcommittee. Rob believes that some of those parcels may be duplicates or listed incorrectly as having conservation easements. 15-20 of the parcels are either Town owned or State owned. He is going to investigate if any of these have easements. Of the 90 parcels listed 56 have been investigated. He believes that he is 65-70% completed and will need an additional 20 hours to complete the project.

Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the funding for an additional 20 hours to Rob Pruyne in order for him to complete this project. Ms. Landman seconded.

Voted: To approve funding for an additional 20 hours for Rob Pruyne to complete the project. 3-0

F. Curbside Recycling- Fee Schedule

Mr. Sullivan expressed some confusion on this matter. He thought Waste Management was going to weekly pickup, he was unaware of the fee restructuring. Mr. Pardue explained that he had spoken to Jeff Pratt. Waste Management is eliminating the 5 tier fee structure and going to a 2 tier structure. Senior Citizens will be charged \$15.50 monthly and other customers will be charged \$18.00 monthly. He stated that the non-curbside fees had not changed.

G. Request from 8th grade- Town Hall Facility Usage- Fee Waiver

Mr. Pardue explained that this was requested as a "back up" plan for the graduation cookout planned in case of bad weather. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to approve the use and waive the usage fees. Ms. Landman seconded.

Voted: To approve the use of Town Hall facilities for the 8th grade graduation cook out and waive the usage fee. 3-0

H. Aquarion Water Company-Bandstand Water Service Billing

Mr. Pardue stated that the Town has \$20 remaining for water fees and was presented a bill for nearly \$800.00 in relation to water supplied to the Bandstand. He questioned if the Bandstand Committee or the Town should be paying this invoice. Mr. Sullivan said that the Town agreed to take this over last year and that the Town should budget for this expenditure in the future.

I. Photo Documentation- Municipal Renovations- Heritage Committee

Ms. Landman stated that the Heritage Commission has asked that photographs be taken prior to any renovations to buildings and property. The other Board members agreed with this approach.

J. NHMA Policy

Ms. Landman questioned the current procedure the Town has for access to the NHMA. She was out of town when the vote was taken. She feels that the current policy of every request having to be in writing and go through the Town Administrator is not time effective and feels that individuals should be able call the NHMA for time sensitive issues. Mr. Hines explained that it was the general feeling of the BoS that the NHMA was being used as the Town's "law firm" and that the policy was put into effect in an effort to control overusing the NHMA. He stated that the policy is not "limiting" and that questions submitted in writing could be compiled and used in the future thereby eliminating repeated requests on the same issues. He also said that there is a similar policy in effect for accessing legal advice from Town Counsel. He assured Ms. Landman that if it was a time urgent matter Mr. Pardue would call the NHMA and approve a direct request. Ms. Landman made a motion to revisit the policy regarding access to the NHMA. There being no second the motion failed.

K. Highway Garage Facility- Cherry Road Location Discussion

Mr. Sullivan discussed the need for the BoS to do something regarding the crisis with the Highway Department facility. There is a possibility of it being shut down and the EPA is looking into the salt shed. He discussed the Town's attempt to find a new location for the facility. Mr. Sullivan made a motion that the Town Administrator move forward on ascertaining the procedure to locate the facility on land owned by the Town on Cherry Road. Mr. Hines seconded the motion for discussion. He discussed the issue of abutters on Cherry Road and their feelings on the location. He stated that the Town had looked at alternative sites and all were found to be unfeasible for this project. He discussed the Town's offer to purchase a site from a seller and the seller's counteroffer. He feels that we should ascertain the procedure for moving ahead with this project, rather than committing the town to more money to purchase property. Ms. Landman stated that DES hasn't threatened to shut down the existing facility and that she felt it would be a good idea for the Town to seek alternative sites for the facility. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to ascertain the procedure for moving forward with this project. Mr. Hines seconded the motion.

Voted: To authorize and direct Michael Pardue, Town Administrator, to ascertain the procedures needed to be followed in moving ahead with the building of the Highway Garage Facility on Cherry Road. 2-1 Ms. Landman against

L. Funding Request- Multimedia Projector- Planning Board Chairman Phil Wilson

Mr. Wilson asked that the BoS approve funding of between \$1,500-\$2,000 for the purchase of a multimedia projector. Ms. Landman requested that this be moved to the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Sullivan felt that this was too much money at this time. Mr. Hines suggested that Mr. Wilson wait until the next fiscal year's budget as the current budget did not have provisions for this request. Mr. Sullivan agreed with Mr. Hines.

M. Lighting Proposal- Town Clerk/Tax Collector Offices

Mr. Sullivan stated that the Town had received two proposals. The one from Kohlhasse Electric was for \$5,240.00. Rockingham Electric was \$5,880.00. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to accept the bid from Kohlhasse Electric for \$5,240.00, which would be payable out of the next FY budget. Ms. Landman seconded the motion.

Voted: To accept the bid of Kohlhasse Electric for \$5,240.00. 3-0

N. Questions and Comments Related to the Above Topics

Arthur Brady questioned the offer of \$360,000.00 that the Town had made on an alternative site for the Highway Department facility and the seller's counteroffer. He questioned if a cost benefit analysis had been done on seeking alternative sites. He also questioned what effect the building of this facility would have on property values and environmental concerns. Mr. Sullivan told Mr. Brady that the counteroffer from the seller was \$514,000.00 and stated that the Town already owned an appropriate parcel of land on which to build this facility on Cherry Road. Ms. Landman felt that the BoS could explore alternative sites. Mr. Hines stated that the voters had approved this project and site and that should be the end of it.

Ms. Alison Robey also spoke regarding the Highway Department facility location. She felt that this was done incorrectly because of the lack of bond hearing. She questioned if the building inspector had researched all of the issues that Laurel Pohl had raised in her letter to the BoS and she asked what money had been spent on this project for drawings etc. She also suggested that the BoS offer the abutters the opportunity to purchase the Town owned land on Cherry Road and use those funds to find an alternative site. She felt that prior to the vote on this issue it should have been made clear that this project would impact a residential neighborhood. Mr. Hines stated that Laurel Pohl had met with Mr. Pardue and that the building inspector had indicated that the only issue raised by Ms. Pohl that was a problem was the lack of bond hearing. He went on to say that the wetlands would not be impacted and that the aquifer would not

be affected. He told Ms. Robey that there was nothing illegal or devious in the handling of this project and that the only defect was the lack of bond hearing and that the BoS was going to look into the proper procedures to be followed in order to carry out this project. Mr. Sullivan stated that the only money spent on this project was for test borings and that the only hearing that was not held on this project was a bond hearing. Ms. Landman stated that she felt that abutters' fears were realistic and that increased activity caused by this site will ruin the roads and be a noticeable distraction. She felt that the Town should help to minimize the visual and noise impact and should exhaust all other options before proceeding.

Mr. Stan Knowles discussed the Cherry Road project. He feels that the BoS owes residents who border the site more respect and consideration.

III. Administration/Business

A. Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Pardue discussed the progress of the interviews of the Recreation Supervisor position. He stated that the interviews had been completed and there would be more discussion on this issue in nonpublic session.

He discussed the tennis court renovations. He said that the work was on schedule with a target completion date on or about June 15th.

He discussed the ongoing problem that exists with various locks on Town Office doors. Seacoast Lock will be repairing the locks and door mechanisms over the next 7-10 days.

The Town Hall computer wiring will be installed sometime within the next week and the installation of the carpet will be June 19-20.

Regarding the RPC's request for an appointment of a Town representative to serve on the Route 1 Study Committee he stated that the BoS needed to discuss possible appointments. Mr. Sullivan made a motion to appoint Don Gould to this position. Mr. Hines seconded this motion. Ms. Landman made a motion to appoint Robert Landman to this position. There was no second to Ms. Landman's motion.

Voted: To appoint Don Gould as the Town representative to the Rt. 1 Study Committee.
2-1 Ms. Landman against.

B. Approval of Minutes

- i. May 27, 2003 Voted to approve minutes. 3-0
- ii. May 29, 2003 Voted to approve minutes. 3-0

C. Payroll was signed off on.

D. Manifest was signed off on.

IV. Adjournment of Public Session

There being no further business to come before the Board in open session, Mr. Sullivan made the motion to adjourn the open session and move into Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II for the purpose of discussing legal, personnel and real estate acquisition matters.. Ms. Landman seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and so moved. Open session adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

NormaJean Fowler
Recording Secretary