

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

April 7, 2008

7:30 P.M. – MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING – HANOVER NH

The meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Brian Walsh. Present were: Brian Walsh, Chairman; Katherine Connolly, Vice Chairman; Bill Baschnagel, Selectman; Athos Rassias, Selectman and Julia Griffin, Town Manager. Absent: Peter Christie, Selectman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Walsh asked for any comments from the public. There were no comments offered from the public.

2. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER BORROWING \$6,000,000 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, STATE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM FOR NECESSARY IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY.

Chairman Walsh stated that this meeting provides a second time that discussions will take place regarding the proposed improvements and the option of borrowing \$6,000,000.

Ms. Griffin handed out the latest version of a four page document that she had prepared and one that Selectman Baschnagel had prepared for presentation to the residents. Ms. Griffin stated that they would send this out as a mailing to residents prior to Town Meeting. Ms. Griffin stated that they would also prepare a breakdown of what the wastewater rates would be if they did not serve locations in Lebanon.

Ms. Griffin stated that the final document would be mailed out to 2,001 residents which is also the number of Town Reports that will be going out. Chairman Walsh suggested integrating the document prepared by Ms. Griffin and the document prepared by Selectman Baschnagel and noted that he felt that narrowing the information down to two pages instead of four is unattainable.

Chairman Walsh summarized that the proposal is to borrow \$6,000,000 from the State Revolving Loan Fund and put that together with another \$1.2 million from the Capital Reserve Fund in the Sewer Fund and another \$242,000 from Undesignated Fund Balance for a total of \$7,442,000 which will complete a list of work at the facility that was put together by two different consultants since 2001. Chairman Walsh stated that the proposed work will replace obsolete and worn out equipment. There are some upgrades needed based on requirements from the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

Chairman Walsh stated that this proposal is not going to increase the capacity of the plant. The capacity was set by the DES permitting process in 1988-1989. The plant is not paid for by

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General Fund taxes in the Town but rather user fees and capital assessments to those who use the plant.

Chairman Walsh reported that there was a group that met comprising of the Select Board, Town staff and the Finance Committee to evaluate the best way to handle the funding of this project. Financing the bulk of the project through borrowing was deemed best. The estimate was that the interest rate on the borrowing would be 3.75% which may not be available to the Town next year.

Chairman Walsh stated that every year the Town sets their rates and fees and one year ago the sewer fees for the treatment plant went up significantly. The increases approved last June will be reflected on the bills sent to users in May. Chairman Walsh stated that there is no expectation that another increase in rates would be needed to pay off the proposed debt.

Chairman Walsh reported that the increase in the fees will take the annual cost of sewage treatment on the average from \$255 for 2007 to approximately \$410 in the year 2008, going forward. Chairman Walsh compared those rates with the average in Enfield which was \$785/year in 2006, City of Lebanon was \$530/year and New London charged \$1,067/year. The average statewide was \$469/year which shows that Hanover is slightly below average.

Chairman Walsh stated that the treatment plant serves the area that is drained by gravity down toward the Mink Brook. This includes a portion of the City of Lebanon which is north of the ridgeline by DHMC and Centerra Park. Chairman Walsh noted that they have had a number of conversations with Lebanon and they fund their full share of the operating costs and the capital costs of the Town's facility and in looking at this, it was clear that it was not in anyone's best interest to shift the users from Hanover to Lebanon. The Lebanon users make up 20-30% of the fees for the facility and if they were to leave, the additional cost would be spread among Hanover users.

Chairman Walsh reviewed with the Board the document prepared by Ms. Griffin. Vice Chairman Connolly suggested changing the wording for Phase I from "overhaul liquids train" to "disinfection treatment technology".

Vice Chairman Connolly felt that it was important to explain why the Town has DHMC in Lebanon as a user. Chairman Walsh wanted to be clear to the voters what is being put before them and not focus so much on the history. They should emphasize the cost amount, how it will be paid for, that the users are paying for this and it is not going to require an increase in rates.

Selectman Baschnagel felt that each phase could be summarized and he agreed that the first page should provide an overview of the entire project. Selectman Rassias felt that the graphics depicting the State average and the comparison with Lebanon were very powerful. Selectman Rassias felt that additional details could be posted on the website for those who want more information.

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Ms. Griffin suggested that they offer some tours of the facility to answer additional questions and recommended pictures for photo boards. Ms. Griffin wanted to point out why this should be done now versus later especially with the current economy.

Barbara McIlroy referred to the Dufresne-Henry report of 2002 and asked how close the facility is to full capacity and how long it will be before they have to do these improvements again. She also asked about the third secondary clarifier that was recommended by the engineers.

Chairman Walsh stated that they were permitted for 2.3 million gallons/day when they did the upgrade in 1988-1989. The number was primarily set by the technology at the time and the physical capacity at the site. The build-out analysis had information that was not available to Dufresne-Henry at the time. The term “gallons per day” refers to the liquids capacity. Chairman Walsh reported that on most days they are at 1.3 million gallons and there are days when it would go up to 1.7 million. The third secondary clarifier was approved at Town Meeting last year and it handles more than just capacity. The clarifier allows the facility to close portions of their operations down for maintenance.

Ms. McIlroy asked about the gap between the gallons per day. Mr. Kulbacki referred to a chart depicting that there could be ½ million gallons per day difference in capacity and this even changes from year to year which they are unable to predict. Mr. Kulbacki stated that in 2003 they were at their treatment capacity and could not remove enough solids to control their bacteria levels. Mr. Kulbacki stated that if they keep the programs in place (helping businesses reduce their solids), stay on top of their maintenance and making the proposed improvements, they will have 20 years before they have to do additional work. Selectman Baschnagel reiterated that this will buy 20 years of lifetime for the plant.

Ms. Griffin noted that there are factors that make the future more difficult to predict and at some point, it may make sense for Lebanon to direct some of the wastewater flows from the Gile watershed to their facility. Ms. Griffin stated that technological improvements may change dramatically in the next 20 years which could influence changes including federal regulations.

Chairman Walsh wanted to reiterate that this is not about an investment to increase capacity. It is about an investment to replace equipment that is worn out and reactivating methane capturing for heating. The numbers may appear to be capacity related but it is actually related to the fact that it is a 20 year old plant. They are offering to set up tours of the plant in part because after reviewing the reports and recommendations, the Select Board took a tour of the plant and saw the deteriorating equipment.

Selectman Rassias felt that getting a brochure out and having a couple more public meetings will be good and he would encourage placing this on the warrant. Chairman Walsh stated that he is convinced that borrowing the money is right and doing the improvements all at once is the right thing to do.

Chairman Walsh MOVED to continue the public hearing to April 21, 2008. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

**THE BOARD VOTED IN FAVOR OF CONTINUING THE PUBLIC HEARING TO
APRIL 21, 2008.**

**3. PRE-TOWN MEETING PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND APPROVE
THE PROPOSED WARRANT FOR 2008 TOWN MEETING.**

Ms. Griffin began the review of the proposed Warrant for the 2008 Town Meeting. She reported that Brian Walsh and Peter Christie have filed to run again for Selectman but no one else has filed to run for those seats. Ms. Griffin reported that no one has filed for Treasurer. Willy Black has filed for Moderator. Ms. Griffin noted that no one has filed for Etna Library Trustee. Ms. Griffin reported that Linda McWilliams has applied for the Supervisor of the Checklist position which would be the formal completion of the two year term that was remaining on Lee Udy's term and Elaine Hawthorne had filed for the six year term. Paul Gardent has filed for the Trustee of Trust Funds.

Selectman Baschnagel commended the students for their patience during the voting registration process at the polls during Primary elections.

Ms. Griffin reported that Articles 2 through 8 are the Zoning Ordinance Amendments brought forth by the Planning Board. She noted that Lucie Minsk has indicated that she is not interested in continuing as a Fence Viewer. Ms. Griffin stated that Article 10 is set aside for Resolutions; Article 11 is the article regarding borrowing for the Water Reclamation Facility. Ms. Griffin stated that Articles 12 through 14 are the elderly and blind exemptions which will be increased due to the reassessment and they require a ballot vote. Vice Chairman Connolly suggested adding the old exemptions amounts and the proposed new exemption amounts for Articles 12 through 14.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Consent Calendar starts with Article 15 which will allow the Town to receive the property for Grass Road Stage III. Ms. Griffin stated that Article 16 and 17 cover the appropriation of monies paid in the Land Use Change Tax process into the Conservation Fund and the Land and Capital Improvements Fund. Article 18 is the appropriation of the money received for the motor vehicle registration \$5 surcharge into the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund. Article 19 is the appropriation of money into the Capital Reserve Funds and Article 20 is the appropriation of money out of those Reserve Funds for the specific pieces of equipment that were proposed to the Board to be purchased as part of the proposed budget. Article 21 is to establish the Building Maintenance and Improvement Capital Reserve. Article 22 is to use the remaining small balance of the money in the Municipal Transportation Improvement Fund for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee to look at the bike lane cross sections.

Chairman Walsh stated that the one article he questioned, as part of the Consent Calendar, was Article 15. Selectman Baschnagel felt that this particular Article is of a different nature and felt that it might facilitate discussion because he's not sure how aware residents are of this item. Selectman Baschnagel felt there needed to be additional education for the residents. Chairman Walsh wanted to keep the article separate and make the Consent Calendar start at Article 16.

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Ms. Griffin stated that Article 23 is the approval of the AFSME contract. Article 24 is the Town Budget net of all the actions taken prior to the actions taken above it. Articles 25 through 29 are requests for funding for social service agencies. Ms. Griffin stated that Chairman Walsh suggested the wording "Article by Agency Request" next to the articles for the social service agencies.

Selectman Rassias questioned how some of the social service agencies end up on the Warrant. Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the process and stated that the Town has a hybrid system of putting the request on the Warrant for three years and once approved for three consecutive years, they become an automatic part of the proposed budget.

Chairman Walsh notified the Board that he has a conflict of two separate meetings that he should attend the night of Town Meeting.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve and to include Article 10 on the Warrant. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE 11 ON THE WARRANT TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$6,000,000 OF A TOTAL EXPECTED PROJECT COST OF \$7,442,000 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS AND REPLACEMENT OF OBSOLETE TREATMENT PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AT THE WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY AS IDENTIFIED AND RECOMMENDED IN AN ENGINEERING REPORT PREPARED IN FALL 2006; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF NOT MORE THAN \$6,000,000 OF BONDS OR NOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW HAMPSHIRE MUNICIPAL FINANCE ACT, RSA: 33, AND TO TAKE ALL ACTION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSE OF THIS VOTE.

Selectman Christie will present Article 11 at Town Meeting. Article 11: To receive reports from the Selectmen, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector of Taxes and other Town Officers and to vote on any motion relating to these reports and to receive any special resolutions that may be appropriate and to vote thereon.

Selectman Rassias will present Articles 12, 13 and 14 at Town Meeting.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve and include Articles 12, 13 and 14 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLES 12, 13 AND 14 ON THE WARRANT.

ARTICLE 12: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO MODIFY THE ELDERLY EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX IN THE TOWN OF HANOVER, BASED ON ASSESSED VALUE, FOR QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS, TO BE AS FOLLOWS: FOR A

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PERSON 65 YEARS OF AGE UP TO 75 YEARS, \$80,000; FOR A PERSON 75 YEARS OF AGE UP TO 80 YEARS, \$120,000; FOR A PERSON 80 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER, \$165,000.

ARTICLE 13: SHALL WE MODIFY THE EXEMPTION FOR THE DISABLED? THE EXEMPTION BASED ON ASSESSED VALUE, FOR QUALIFIED TAXPAYERS SHALL BE \$165,000. THIS ARTICLE REPRESENTS A RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT EXEMPTION FOR THE DISABLED AND WOULD BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2008 FOR THE 2008 TAX YEAR.

ARTICLE 14: SHALL WE ADOPT THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 72:37 FOR THE EXEMPTION FOR THE BLIND FROM THE ASSESSED VALUE OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES? THIS STATUTE PROVIDES THAT EVERY INHABITANT WHO IS LEGALLY BLIND SHALL BE EXEMPT EACH YEAR, FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES, FROM THE ASSESSED VALUE ON A RESIDENCE TO THE VALUE OF \$30,000. THIS ARTICLE REPRESENTS A RECOMMENDED MODIFICATION OF THE CURRENT EXEMPTION FOR THE BLIND AND WOULD BE EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2008 FOR THE 2008 TAX YEAR.

Vice Chairman Connolly will present Article 15 at Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Article 15 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE 15 ON THE WARRANT TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT FROM DARTMOUTH COLLEGE A PORTION OF PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EASTERLY SIDE OF GRASSE ROAD IN HANOVER (MAP 4, LOT 10) ACCORDING TO SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE BOARD DEEMS APPROPRIATE AND REASONABLE; SAID PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY TO CONSIST OF NO MORE THAN 10.2 ACRES, TO BE USED FOR RECREATION, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND/OR CONSERVATION PURPOSES.

Vice Chairman Connolly will present the Consent Calendar consisting of Articles 16 through 22.

Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Articles 16 through 22 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ON THE WARRANT ARTICLES 16 THROUGH 21.

ARTICLE 16: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$6,750 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE LAND AND CAPITAL IMPROVMENTS FUND, AND

TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF THIS AMOUNT BY TRANSFER FROM THE LAND USE CHANGE TAX RESERVE, WITH NO FUNDS BEING RAISED BY TAXATION.

ARTICLE 17: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$6,750 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE CONSERVATION FUND CREATED AS AUTHORIZED BY RSA 36-A:5.2, AND TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF THE AMOUNT BY TRANSFER FROM THE LAND USE CHANGE TAX RESERVE, WITH NO FUNDS BEING RAISED BY TAXATION.

ARTICLE 18: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,124,910 AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT INTO EXISTING CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH FUNDS WERE ESTABLISHED.

ARTICLE 19: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$556,441 FOR THE PURPOSES LISTED, AND TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING THESE AMOUNTS BY WITHDRAWAL FROM THE LISTED CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS.

ARTICLE 20: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ESTABLISH A BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND UNDER THE PROVISION OF RSA 35:1 FOR PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AND ENERGY EFFICIENCY INITIATIVES TO TOWN BUILDINGS, AND TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000) TO BE PLACED IN THIS FUND TOWARDS THIS PURPOSE.

ARTICLE 21: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$34,175 FOR DEPOSIT INTO THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND, AND TO AUTHORIZE FUNDING OF THIS AMOUNT BY TRANSFER FROM THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FEE RESERVE, WITH NO FUNDS BEING RAISED BY TAXATION.

ARTICLE 22: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$5,373 FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF TWO PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE, AND TO FUND THIS APPROPRIATION BY AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS SUM FROM THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Selectman Baschnagel will present Article 23 at Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Article 23 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE 23 ON THE WARRANT TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE COST ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

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AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON MARCH 24, 2008, BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANOVER NAD THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME), LOCAL 1348, WHICH CALLS FOR INCREASES IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR ITS MEMBERS.

Selectman Christie will present Article 24 at Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Article 24 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE 24 ON THE WARRANT TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$17,658,571 TO PAY THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE TOWN FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE TOWN BUDGET.

Selectman Rassias will present Articles 25 through 29 at Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh MOVED to include Articles 25 through 29 on the Warrant. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO INCLUDE ARTICLES 25 THROUGH 29 AT TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 25: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$2,500 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE UPPER VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 26: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,500 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDEDFOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND.

ARTICLE 27: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$570 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (TRI-COUNTY CAP).

ARTICLE 28: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$500 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA).

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ARTICLE 29: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$3,100 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE OUTREACH HOUSE.

Selectman Rassias will introduce Article 30 (Article by Petition) at Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen was not required to vote on this Article.

Selectman Rassias will introduce Article 31 to transact any other business that may legally be brought before Town Meeting.

Chairman Walsh closed the public hearing.

4. APPOINTMENTS:
- Senior Citizen Advisory Committee

Ms. Griffin advised the Board that there was a request for appointment to the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee but she didn't include it in the Friday mailing and didn't have it in front of her. Chairman Walsh asked that this item be moved to the April 21, 2008 meeting.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- March 24, 2008

Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2008 as corrected. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2008 AS CORRECTED.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Town Report white pages went off to the printer today. Chairman Walsh thanked Vice Chairman Connolly on behalf of the Board for drafting the Selectmen's letter.

Ms. Griffin stated that she will be working on the background information for the Warrant. Ms. Griffin noted that the deadline for the printer is Friday.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Kate Connolly

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board met and finalized the zoning ordinance amendments for Town Meeting.

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Vice Chairman Connolly reported that there was a meeting regarding The Shoreline Protection Act but there were so many people in attendance that she took the information provided and then left. Selectman Baschnagel noted that at some point there needs to be discussions as to how much of the Connecticut River Frontage should be included under the Shoreline Protection Act.

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board will be looking again at the Rivercrest proposal tomorrow night.

Bill Baschnagel

Selectman Baschnagel reported that the Transportation Management Association met last week and the goal for the future will be to increase the number of businesses on the Board.

Selectman Baschnagel reported that the GIS Committee met today and although he was unable to attend, he heard that it was a good meeting with members recognizing that they need to consider what it will do for the Town, what are the benefits, who is going to use it, etc. which will provide the backdrop for putting the program together.

Athos Rassias

Selectman Rassias had nothing to report.

Brian Walsh

Chairman Walsh had nothing to report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS.

Ms. Griffin reported that there was a late banner request for CHaD and Family Place for their program called 'Shield our Children from Harm'. Ms. Griffin reported that the location is available for the request.

Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to approve the Banner Request of CHaD and the Family Place. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF CHaD AND THE FAMILY PLACE.

Selectman Baschnagel noted that he had received a traffic flow pattern recommendation for downtown from John Schiffman. Chairman Walsh noted that he had asked Mr. Schiffman to speak to them after Town Meeting.

Selectman Baschnagel wanted to discuss sending sewer bills twice a year instead of once a year. Ms. Griffin stated that there have been internal discussions about this and it will come up in the future.

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9. ADJOURNMENT.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Athos Rassias, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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2. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve and to include Article 11 on the Warrant. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

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3. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve and include Articles 12, 13 and 14 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

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5. **Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Articles 16 through 22 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

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ARTICLE 22: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$5,373 FOR PARTIAL FUNDING OF TWO PROJECTS PROPOSED BY THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE, AND TO FUND THIS APPROPRIATION BY AUTHORIZING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THIS SUM FROM THE MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

- 6. Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Article 23 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE 23 ON THE WARRANT TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO APPROVE THE COST ITEMS CONTAINED IN THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN ON MARCH 24, 2008, BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HANOVER AND THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME), LOCAL 1348, WHICH CALLS FOR INCREASES IN SALARIES AND BENEFITS FOR ITS MEMBERS.

- 7. Chairman Walsh MOVED to approve and include Article 24 on the Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE AND INCLUDE ARTICLE 24 ON THE WARRANT TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$17,658,571 TO PAY THE OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE TOWN FOR THE 2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR, FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH IN THE TOWN BUDGET.

- 8. Chairman Walsh MOVED to include Articles 25 through 29 on the Warrant. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO INCLUDE ARTICLES 25 THROUGH 29 AT TOWN MEETING.

ARTICLE 25: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$2,500 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE UPPER VALLEY HUMANE SOCIETY.

ARTICLE 26: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$1,500 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND.

ARTICLE 27: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$570 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY (TRI-COUNTY CAP).

ARTICLE 28: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$500 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA).

ARTICLE 29: (Article by agency request) TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE \$3,100 TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES PROVIDED FOR THE RESIDENTS OF HANOVER BY THE OUTREACH HOUSE.

- 9. Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to approve the Minutes of March 24, 2008 as corrected. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED, 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2008 AS CORRECTED.

- 10. Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to approve the Banner Request of CHaD and the Family Place. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

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THE BOARD VOTED 4 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSENT TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST OF CHaD AND THE FAMILY PLACE.

- 11. Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to adjourn the meeting. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:05 P.M.