

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

June 2, 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; Peter Christie, Selectman; Athos Rassias, Selectman; and Julia Griffin, Town Manager. Absent: Bill Baschnagel, Selectman.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Walsh noted that there is no one present for public comment.

2. RECOMMENDATION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING ON JUNE 23, 2008 FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY2008-2009 RATES AND FEE SCHEDULE.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to set a public hearing on June 23, 2008 for consideration and approval of modifications to the FY2008-2009 Rates and Fee Schedule. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.

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3. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

Ms. Griffin reported that the Committee of Conference met last Tuesday regarding the NH Retirement System Bill. There were significant differences between the House version and the Senate version of this Bill.

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the members on the Committee of Conference and noted that the LGC requested members to sit at the meeting due to the expected large volume of participants. Ms. Griffin noted that she was unable to attend the meeting but was kept updated.

Ms. Griffin stated that one outstanding issue is the final year of salary which becomes the base for which the calculation for retirement is settled. The original amount was 150% of the final year salary and historically employees boost their salaries by working overtime in their last year. The Local Government Center felt that anything over 100% of the employee's salary was unacceptable. The concern is that when employees retire at a higher rate, they use up more of the retirement benefit cash. The Committee of Conference was in session until 1:30 a.m. and then the House walked out. There was a lot of activity over the weekend and they are back in session now. Ms. Griffin stated that the latest update indicated that it was not looking good for employers. Ms. Griffin stated that there really needs to be a Bill passed this year otherwise it

will hit the Towns harder next year. There are enough areas of concern with this Bill that some Towns feel that having nothing pass is better than what is proposed.

The deadline for all Committees of Conference was Friday at 6 p.m. Ms. Griffin noted that this has been an extremely stressful time in Concord. Senator Burling felt that there was too much for employers and not enough for employees and there is substantive disagreement as to what to do with this issue. Ms. Griffin stated that she shared with Senator Burling her concerns over the impacts of next year's budget for the taxpayers if there is a \$350,000 increase in the Retirement contribution in addition to the other impacts including the new jail. Ms. Griffin stated that she would forward the Board the latest Legislative Update. Ms. Griffin spoke with Representative Nordgren who stated that the House was not happy with the Senate over this issue.

Chairman Walsh stated that he spoke with Senator Burling and the Senator voiced his appreciation for the work that Ms. Griffin had been doing on this over the weekend.

Ms. Griffin stated that she would outline for the Board a list of pros and cons for the employers. Chairman Walsh felt that the Local Government Center should provide material that is easy to understand outlining the entire process and what happened. Ms. Griffin stated that she could envision a table published in the paper that breaks down each step of this process and the impacts. Ms. Griffin noted that the Valley News has done very little to cover this issue.

4. BANNER REQUESTS:
- American Diabetes Association

Ms. Griffin stated that there are two requests: one from the American Diabetes Association and then a late coming request from the Howe Library Trustees. The request to use the small banners by the Howe Library will be split between the Howe Library and the Farmer's Market.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the banner requests of the American Diabetes Association and the Howe Library. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF APPROVING THE BANNER REQUESTS OF THE AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION AND THE HOWE LIBRARY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- May 13 and 19, 2008

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2008 with one minor change. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2008 AS AMENDED, 1 ABSTAINED. Chairman Walsh abstained from the vote.

Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2008 with minor changes. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.

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6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin stated that she is leaving Friday for Tufts University this week for her Natural Step workshop. She is hopeful that she will return to work on mapping out workshops this fall. The following Wednesday she will leave to go to Portsmouth for the Municipal Association annual conference.

Ms. Griffin stated that she is working on finishing up the CIP this week.

7. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Peter Christie

Selectman Christie reported that the Finance Committee met (both the Hanover and Dresden members) and had a special review of Special Education with how it works and how it's funded. They have already started to plan for next year's budget looking at budget guidelines, etc.

Kate Connolly

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board met and discussed the creation of a new duct bank between Leverone and Thompson Arena. She reported the new building in back of the stadium is heating up the area with a leak in the steam conduit but with the upgrades, it should benefit everyone.

Vice Chairman Connolly also reported that the Planning Board adjusted block lines near Currier Place and reviewed a draft of a new commercial building in that area. Rivercrest continues with discussions about roundabouts, traffic, exits, and entrance discussions.

Athos Rassias

Selectman Rassias had nothing new to report.

Brian Walsh

Chairman Walsh reported that he observed a new roundabout in New Castle and Rye.

Vice Chairman Connolly added that the first of many Farmer's Markets will take place this Wednesday 3p.m. to 6 p.m. at the top of the Parking Garage.

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8. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no Other Business reported.

9. ADJOURNMENT.

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

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Athos Rassias, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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