

**FINAL**

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

**June 23, 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 announced Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

**2. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE MODIFICATIONS TO THE FY2008-2009 RATES AND FEE SCHEDULE.**

Chairman Walsh opened the public hearing to discuss the Fire and Ambulance Fund for the benefit of hearing from a Representative from ComStar.

Chairman Walsh invited Fire Chief Roger Bradley to speak to the Board. Chief Bradley noted that they are proposing a change to the rate and fee schedule by eliminating the Malicious False Alarm Charge because that offense is a criminal act and they didn't feel that charging the businesses that fall victim to the false alarm didn't seem fair. This item would be turned over to the police for investigation and prosecution. Ms. Griffin noted that there is still a false alarm charge but the \$500 fee brought forth some concerns about punishing the property owner.

Chief Bradley also recommended bringing an additional charge for gas and oil permitting. The basic fee does not change but they are recommending an additional \$15.00 per appliance because it requires additional tracking which requires additional time by the inspector.

Chairman Walsh asked Ms. Griffin to go over the first change for the Private Fire Hydrant fees. Ms. Griffin noted that the hydrant rental rates go up any time the water rates increase.

Chief Bradley introduced Rick Martin who is the President of ComStar, the ambulance billing company that handles the Hanover Ambulance billing. Mr. Martin was present to answer any questions of the Select Board.

Chief Bradley noted that there is an increase from \$20.19 per capita to \$21.50 per capita which was reflected in the budget and this is the only recommended change to the ambulance rates.

Chairman Walsh asked Mr. Martin about the reimbursement rates which seem to cover less and less for providing the services. He noted that they are very pleased with the service ComStar is providing. Chairman Walsh asked what, if anything, the Town can do to keep the true costs for

providing ambulance service so that they can be reimbursed, rather than funding it out of General Fund taxes? How can the Town close that gap?

Mr. Martin noted that the rate setting process is whatever the Town determines that they wish to bill the communities. The Office of Inspector General provides guidance on how to operate on a number of aspects. ComStar follows those guidelines and the Town needs to look at the current billing rates and look at the gap as a starting point. Medicare and Medicaid have a set fee schedule no matter how you set your rates. Private insurances are reimbursing what they feel is reasonable. The way to close that gap is to take a close look at the costs involved. Mr. Martin noted that every rate situation is different so it is unfair to compare the rates that Hanover charges to other Towns. Chairman Walsh asked if the insurance companies are reimbursing amounts close to what the Town is charging or whether there have been a lot of rejected claims. Mr. Martin stated that they were not having a lot of rejected claims. Mr. Martin noted that there are some nationally published metrics that can compare costs to the Medicare rates which could be used a starting base. The national average cost for an ambulance run costs 28% higher than what Medicare allows (which does not include Municipalities). In order to be comparable to the average cost, the rates should be 28% higher than what Medicare will cover.

Chairman Walsh asked whether Mr. Martin could speak to Ms. McClain to do an assessment as to where the Town is relative to the region and what they are charging for the services. Mr. Martin noted that the Office of Inspector General would not support ComStar making any statements regarding other communities and the rates that they charge.

Chairman Walsh felt that ComStar could discuss areas where insurance companies argue about the rates. Mr. Martin stated that he felt that the insurance companies would not argue the rates. Mr. Martin noted that part of their job is to appeal the coverage when insurance companies only want to cover 70% of the cost.

Chairman Walsh thanked Mr. Martin for coming to speak to the Board.

Chairman Walsh tabled the hearing for a brief period of time to handle other business.

Chairman Walsh re-opened the public hearing. Ms. Griffin noted that there is a proposed change for copies of Warranty Deeds. Ms. McClain stated that they are changing from a \$2.00 fee to \$1.00/page.

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the other proposed changes under General Administration. The Board had no further questions on these items.

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the Howe Library and Etna Library proposed changes. The last time the fee for memberships went up was about 7 years ago. The Board did not have any questions on the proposed increases for the libraries. Selectman Rassias asked why the non-resident childcare providers are separate. Ms. Griffin advised that this was due to limits of borrowed books, etc. that they have been forced to put on childcare providers.

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the Planning and Zoning proposed increases. Ms. Stearns noted that the Zoning Board does not impose fees on anyone who violates the Planning and Zoning permits. Ms. Stearns felt that there should be fees per day on these violations. Chairman Walsh stated that there were strong limitations as to what could be done. Ms. Griffin stated that there are very clear rules about when a fine can be imposed for violations. Typically when fines are implemented, the resident will hire a lawyer and an appeal is filed. Ms. Stearns would like some sort of public embarrassment for these individuals that violate the permits or some recourse.

Marjorie Rogalski, Climate Protection Campaign, and in looking at building codes in terms of sustainability and questioned whether the rates being adopted will cover the costs of reviewing the building codes and site visits.

Chairman Walsh stated that they did a careful and hard look at the building code rates and fees a couple of years ago to ensure that the cost of doing inspections were covered by the fees on a total basis and that the cost was fairly appropriated between Commercial, Industrial and Residential properties. The cost of enforcement is born by the properties and born by the type of property that is being built. Ms. Griffin added that the Town is always ideally generating enough building permit revenue to pay for the cost of the Planning and Zoning department and she can envision in the future looking at codes used for building “green”.

Selectman Baschnagel noted that at one point in time the inspection focus for single family residential housing included life, safety, fire, foundations and heating systems and he hopes that the Town isn’t enforcing every code issued by the International Building Codes for residential development. Ms. Griffin stated that they have to enforce the minimum codes for residential development.

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the increase recommendation for the Special Detail Billing Rate for Non-Union employees and noted that they are still in negotiations with the Union. In addition there is a request in the increase in fees for police report requests. The Board had no questions on the police department recommendations.

Chairman Walsh invited Hank Tenney to speak on behalf of the Recreation Department. Mr. Tenney noted that he anticipates increases next year for all of their programs. Mr. Tenney pointed out a typo in the section that shows the standard fee for political organizations. It should say \$250 for a 4 hour slot and the chart indicates \$150.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked whether all future proposed increases are related to increases from the schools. Mr. Tenney pointed out that the school charges rental fees to use their facilities. Ms. Griffin stated that they felt that the only fair way to deal with this charge is to have families write two checks, one to the School District and one to the Recreation Department.

The Board did not have questions regarding Parks and Recreation’s proposed fees.

**Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to accept the FY2008-2009 Rates and Fee Schedule as proposed. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE FY2008-2009 RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE.**

**3. JOINT MEETING WITH HANOVER PLANNING BOARD FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN.**

Chairman Walsh asked Nancy Collier and the other Planning Board Members to join the Board. Ms. Collier introduced herself, Charlie Faulkner, Joan Garipay, and Mike Hingston.

Ms. Griffin noted that this is the second draft and the purpose of the discussion is to get additional feedback. Ms. Griffin distributed a memo that was received from Nancy Collier and a memo from the League of Women Voters of the Upper Valley.

Ms. Griffin stated that the CIP attempts to outline each section from Water Reclamation to the Schools in Hanover. The CIP outlines the areas that they know they are facing some capital improvement issues for outdated equipment, buildings, etc. that need to be updated. This is not a true Capital Improvement projects because it goes further than the traditional NH Capital Improvement Projects. The Planning Board would like to have a CIP which would be able to provide guidance to developers.

Ms. Griffin felt it was critical for both Boards to work together on the CIP. She hopes that the Board will be able to get feedback to finish up this document so that the plan can be adopted.

Selectman Baschnagel noted that the RSA provides that either the Planning Board do this or a group be appointed but he felt that perhaps a group should be appointed and since this is a living document and will require updates regularly.

Chairman Walsh envisions a document that both Boards adopt and feels that both Boards want to be on the same page with future developments and projects. Selectman Baschnagel felt there was merit in smaller groups working to put this all together and felt that the group would consist of Planning Board and Select Board members.

Chairman Walsh felt there was great background in the document but he felt that there were a number of different policy decisions with both capital and maintenance costs and quality of infrastructure implications so he feels that the next step would be to list the decisions that need to be looked at and the ranges of costs. Ms. Griffin stated that staff seems to know what they need with regard to issues that need to be determined such as public versus private roads, sidewalk construction and maintenance, etc. and they could provide the Boards with a list.

Selectman Baschnagel felt that it would be worthwhile for someone to pull out the assumptions that are included already and then there will be a process where the dollar amounts get transferred into budget impacts which will lead to a series of decisions.

Chairman Walsh asked the Planning Board members for input. Nancy Collier, Planning Board, felt that this is a Capital Improvement Plan versus a Capital Improvement Program because she

would like to separate the spreadsheet from the policies which is informed by the Master Plan. She felt that the Planning Board is going to need to articulate the things that they have asked the Town to fit into budgets such as sidewalks, roads, etc. If the Boards can agree on the Master Plan and the Capital Improvement Policies, they fit together. Ms. Griffin stated that they should start with the ideal and then attach the dollar figures. Vice Chairman Connolly noted that in discussing the possibilities, they should note where they should change their policies. Ms. Collier felt that there may be some Master Plan policies that the Planning Board would like to revise for example, costs of things such as sidewalks which may impact their future planning.

Chairman Walsh noted that there are different levels of service in different parts of Town which should be considered when considering “ideals”. He also didn’t like the word “ideal” because each of these items will see tradeoffs in quality, capital and projected future operating costs and in reflecting the decisions that were made during the ‘70s due to petroleum costs which are the same kinds of things they will be facing in the future. Chairman Walsh stated that they would need to make decisions based on quality on one hand and economic impacts on the other hand. Ms. Collier stated that she felt that taking care of the locations such as in town, out of town and remote and decisions about who pays for these projects and the timing of everything. Selectman Baschnagel feels that the document triggers those very discussions. He felt there were a lot of things that could be laid out in terms of what the Town really wants or does not want.

Chairman Walsh felt that another factor would be the amount of time that something is being used such as the use of certain sidewalks from November to March. He is concerned about the standards to which the Town will be held to in the future in making these decisions based on State and Federal regulations.

Selectman Baschnagel noted that in the document, the figures included in the last summary don’t seem to reflect the numbers that are included in the text. Ms. Griffin stated that they would give updated cost benefits and noted that the cost of paving roads just increased so the extra \$70,000 the Town added to the paving budget just got absorbed.

Chairman Walsh felt that the issue is to look far enough forward to see what needs to be done and what the operating cost implications are. Ms. Griffin noted that they often look at competing demands when looking at which topics to tackle year to year.

Ms. Collier wondered how the Select Board deals with competing interests and what do you do if you want to add recreation or open space?

Chairman Walsh felt that this was easiest to track on the capital side but it needs to be looked at over 20 years to see the priorities of the Town including moving the Fire Station and then the Police Station, etc. Ms. Griffin noted that these decisions are often swapped out year to year with a focus on a certain aspects as they come up. Selectman Baschnagel felt that the Boards have to think about the operating costs with the capital costs. Chairman Walsh noted that the School Districts and the Water Company are not included in the indebtedness of the General Fund but the debt issues of the tax base need to be considered.

Ms. Griffin will ask that the policy questions be brought to the Select Board. Chairman Walsh would like alternate options accompanying the questions brought forth. Ms. Collier noted that this is a document that is needed whether impact fees are included or not.

Chairman Walsh would like to have another joint discussion at the first meeting in September.

#### **4. CONTINUED DISCUSSION REGARDING PARKING TASKFORCE REPORT.**

Chairman Walsh invited Doug Wise, Chair of the Chamber of Commerce, to speak to the Board.

Mr. Wise read the following statement to the Board:

“First, let me introduce the members of the Hanover Parking and Zoning Task Force: Tom Byrne, Bill Baschnagel, Jonathan Edwards, Patrick O’Neill, Paul Olsen and Rob Meyer.

The subject of parking was not new to any of us, or, for that matter you. It seems like an endless process of identifying a parking shortage, analyzing too many numbers that are often misleading, putting together a highly structured group of talented well-intended citizens who amass reports thicker than anything proposed in the US Congress, agreeing on a course of action, building or modifying some facilities, telling the world about the significant increase in parking spaces, and finally, realizing that the real net increase in public parking spaces is much less than we wanted. So, the problem resurfaces and we start over again.

Our reality today is that recent and pending actions in Hanover as well as beyond the Upper Valley have and will create changes that affected public parking spaces since the construction of the Town parking facility. New structures are or will be built in and around Hanover. The price of gas is quickly moving toward \$5.00/gallon and commutation patterns are already shifting.

Some of these actions are beyond our control. Others have been created from within. No doubt you, the Select Board and the Town Manager, have done your fair share to provide the public with needed parking. Yet, recent and planned changes demand that we have to begin a process to determine 1) where we are today, 2) where we want to be in 10-20 years, 3) how we can get from here to there, 4) how much it will cost to do so and 5) how the burden of cost can be equitably shared.

That’s the charge identified in the Chamber’s May 2<sup>nd</sup> letter to the Select Board. We suggested creating an ad hoc Hanover Parking Task Force with collaborative participation from the Chamber, the business community, the Town, the College and interested organizations and citizens in the Upper Valley.

The overarching goal of this ad hoc Task Force is to review how best to address Hanover’s parking and related transportation needs of the next 10 to 20 years and to accomplish that in an open-to-discussion and flexible “can do” spirit. It must be a team effort. As someone once said, there is no “I” in the word TEAM.

We suggest the tasks of this group take place in two phases:

- Phase 1 - Project the future demand for parking assets in Hanover – for destination shoppers, for people working in and around Hanover, and for residents who live in Hanover.

Develop a broad, integrated and long-term approach for meeting in-town accessibility needs (e.g. transportation/commutation and parking needs). This approach will factor in the impact of energy cost escalation; geo-politics and global warming that are affecting Main Street USA.

- Phase 2 - Once accomplished and universally endorsed, the task force should then consider:

**Funding:** The appropriate and equitable role of all parties in funding the capital and operational expenses associated with an expansion of the parking and transportation systems.

**Role of the Town:** As representatives for all of Hanover's constituencies, the Select Board is in the position to ensure that appropriate and properly funded parking assets and systems are identified and endorsed.

**Additional Public Transportation and Parking Resources:** Other potential mechanisms (including parking credits) will be reviewed for the development and funding of additional resources.

This ad hoc group will come up with a set of realistic solutions because they'll be open-minded representatives of all interests, willing to roll up their sleeves, and to work quickly, efficiently and productively. Yet, the group's believability is critical to success. In that context, the group needs the guidance of the Select Board because of your stature, perspective, and multi-constituent membership.

We see two next steps:

- 1) Select up to 15 members of the ad hoc task force who represent the following: Hanover Planning Board, Hanover Select Board, Town of Hanover Staff, Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Marketing Alliance, Business Owners, Property Owners, Neighborhood Residents, Transportation Management Association and the School Board.
- 2) Conduct its first meeting to:
  - a. Choose a leader of the group.
  - b. Gain consensus on the charter for the task force.
  - c. Lay out a preliminary timeline to completion.

Tonight we need:

- 1) Your endorsement of this collaborative ad hoc task force.
- 2) Your appreciation of placing this task force under your aegis.
- 3) Your agreement with our next steps.

Speaking for the entire committee, we thank you for giving this initiative your attention and understanding. We are very enthusiastic that the proposed ad hoc task force will be objective, communal and focused. The spirit of the task force will be open-minded, interactive and always keeping you well informed. We may even have fun doing it. All involved constituencies will feel they have contributed to and been rewarded by the outcome of the efforts of this task force. Thank you again. We welcome any comments or suggestions.”

Chairman Walsh noted that in reading the report, there were some immediate and straightforward items and then others that were more complicated. He wanted to endorse item regarding the Chambers role to disseminate information to businesses and employees and he feels that this has been lacking for a long time. The other item was forwarding suggestions to the Planning Board regarding certain items and Chairman Walsh feels that the Planning Board would work well with them on these projects. The third item was the issue of employee parking in the garage after 5:00 p.m. for free and he’s not sure if that is a good idea or not but the PTB deals with this item on a regular basis and suggests speaking with them about this.

Chairman Walsh does not like the term “Parking Task Force” and feels that it’s more about accessibility. He is not willing to have an ad hoc parking task force but is willing to have conversations about an accessibility task force and felt that there is a strong desire to keep the downtown exciting and successful.

Chairman Walsh stated that he feels that there may be some real differences as to what the Town’s role is. He feels that the proper role for the Town is as an enabler versus and entrepreneur and there is some leadership that the Town can get behind and feels that they were fortunate with the Parking Garage and the 7 Lebanon Street development but he doesn’t want the business community to think that the Town has an entrepreneurial role. The Town can enable things to happen that without their support would not happen. Chairman Walsh also noted that the important piece is who funds these initiatives. He wants to find funding other than money from the General Fund taxpayer. Chairman Walsh felt a taskforce of 15 would be too many. Mr. Wise noted that there are so many different areas that need to be represented that this was the number that they came up with.

Chairman Walsh spoke about creating a charge for the Task Force. The history is that the Task Forces that have been successful are those that had a clear charge from the Select Board. Chairman Walsh felt that the Select Board should come up with a charge to direct the Task Force versus having the members determine that themselves.

Selectman Baschnagel commented that he thinks that these discussions pertain more to the downtown visioning group versus downtown parking group. He feels that they need to bring

more interests to the table. Mr. Wise noted that accessibility brings up so many other avenues and it changes the scope of this.

Vice Chairman Connolly noted that the timing could be affected by the increases in fuel prices and the way that people travel. This could be put on hold and suggests that there could be massive changes in habits. Mr. Wise felt that the time would not be wasted if they were to work on this now and he thinks that they could start the groundwork.

Selectman Baschnagel felt that this might be a better time than waiting. Vice Chairman Connolly felt that there should be some internal conversations regarding leased versus public parking. Ms. Collier felt that school kids should be considered.

Bob Strauss, Hanover Affordable Housing Commission, noted that the Commission is working toward getting as much housing in town as possible. They want to get workers as close to work as possible and keep drivers off the road. They would like to reduce the strain on the roads and the drivers. They would like to have a voice in whatever happens and they don't need to be at every meeting but they would like to be represented.

Winnie Stearns feels that this is redundant to the Parking and Transportation Board and would like residents represented if anything overflows into that area. Selectman Baschnagel noted that the PTB focuses on operations of facilities that the Town manages and they are less prepared to look at the broader scope as suggested by Mr. Wise. Ms. Stearns asked how many should be involved in the proposed ad hoc task force. Selectman Baschnagel felt that people would come and go depending on the topic and the PTB would be involved at some level at certain times.

Ms. Griffin pointed out that she attended Tufts University and was indoctrinated in The Natural Step process and will be making a presentation to the Board about the sustainability efforts and this will be tied into the accessibility discussions.

Marjorie Rogalski, discussed the constituency in Norwich and would like to bring them into the conversation. Mr. Wise felt that they would be involved because they use the parking areas in Hanover.

Chairman Walsh would like to see a draft charge at one of the next meetings. He suggested Mr. Wise come up with some bullet points, Selectman Baschnagel and the PTB come up with a couple of items in addition to the Planning Board. Ms. Griffin will compile the ideas and they will discuss this. Mr. Wise suggested having all points in by July 10<sup>th</sup> for the next meeting.

**5. RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT ABATEMENTS AS RECOMMENDED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.**

Chairman Walsh invited Mike Ryan to speak to the Board on this issue. Mr. Ryan stated that on June 12<sup>th</sup> the Board of Assessors met to review the requests for abatement. The Board of Assessors recommended that the abatement requests for 43 South Main Street and NE Telephone Co. located at 4 School Street be denied.

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to accept the recommendations of the Hanover Advisory Board of Assessors. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HANOVER ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.**

**6. RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE ISSUANCE OF 2008 DOG WARRANT.**

Ms. Griffin gave an overview of the process of the yearly approval of the issuance of the Dog Warrant. She noted that when the police department sends a letter about licensing, residents get their licenses in quickly. Chairman Walsh asked if they should attach a \$10 service fee for the police department's preparation of these letters. Ms. Griffin isn't sure whether the Town can legally do that and she will research this.

**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the issuance of the 2008 Dog Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF THE 2008 DOG WARRANT.**

**7. DISCUSSION OF SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST.**

Chairman Walsh felt that the information provided to the Board was self explanatory and would agree with the reduction of the usage of cubic feet from 18,373 cubic feet versus the billed 22,155 cubic feet for the Larry and Kay Litten property located at 40 School Street.

**Chairman Walsh MOVED to accept the sewer abatement request. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST.**

**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

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**Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2008. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008. (Selectman Baschnagel abstained from the vote).**

**9. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.**

Ms. Griffin will be providing the Board with goals and objectives for the coming year in the near future and she asked the Board to think about when they would like to discuss these.

Ms. Griffin provided the Board with an update on the NH Retirement System impacts. She stated that the final Bill that was passed results in a very limited impact on residents next year. The General Fund increase is \$24,000 (.02 cents on the tax rate); the Fire Fund is \$2,000, Sewer Fund increase of \$1,200 and the Parking Fund increase of \$1,100 but the Retirement System is nowhere near fixed by this. In discussions with Senator Burling, she expressed concerns over getting hit hard with increases and the Bill that was passed was not the kind of fix that was recommended by the Committee. The Retirement System will continue to experience significant underfunding. This is a 5 year fix and she has concerns over long-term funding fixes which lose momentum over time. Vice Chairman Connolly asked if this legislation is good for 5 years and Ms. Griffin stated that this goes year to year.

Selectman Baschnagel noted that he recalled that the Trustees do not have fiduciary responsibilities and he was bothered by the impression that they did not perceive that there wasn't the same benchmark with regard to private fiduciaries. Ms. Griffin noted that there were concerns over the makeup of the Board lacking investment experience.

Ms. Griffin noted that they appointed a finance committee that is made up of independent financial seers that have the responsibility of determining the soundness of investments. She suspects there will be efforts in the fall to bring the House and Senate back together on this issue and she will keep the Board updated.

## **10. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.**

### **Kate Connolly**

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board is still working on the Route 120 parking facility as part of the Dartmouth Parking Facility on the Trumbull Nelson property.

The Planning Board approved a 35,000 sq. ft. building on Currier Place with parking behind. There was another meeting where they were working on site plan regulations to match subdivision regulations.

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that there was a site plan waiver submitted for Irving Oil Blue Canoe which was not granted for changes to the signs and parking and they may be up for site plan review. Zoning does not allow lighting from inside the sign but does allow lighting from outside.

### **Bill Baschnagel**

Selectman Baschnagel reported that the Conservation Commission discussed the Girl Brook Reclamation project which should get underway shortly.

The Parking and Transportation Board discussed the budget and they appear to meet their budget requirements.

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The Transportation and Management Association had a meeting to go over FY09 work plans where outreach and support will continue to be the focus. They also published a mobility checklist which will be handed out to area Planning Boards.

Ms. Griffin noted that Lyme and Plainfield have asked Van Chesnut for pricing for shuttle services in those communities. Vice Chairman Connolly noted that Advance Transit is dealing with standing room only conditions on the buses. Selectman Baschnagel noted that they are in line to get 7 more buses.

Selectman Baschnagel advised that there is a \$40,000 contract to review and update the scheduling and review of bus riders to determine needs, etc.

**Athos Rassias**

Selectman Rassias reported that there was a Howe Library meeting last week and they reviewed the new website which should be live June 30<sup>th</sup>. They also spent time reviewing self governance issues with the Trustees.

**Brian Walsh**

Chairman Walsh reported that on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 3 p.m. Senator Gregg will be holding office hours at the Town Office.

**11. OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no Other Business reported.

**12. ADJOURNMENT.**

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

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:55 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Athos Rassias, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

**SUMMARY**

1. **Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to accept the FY2008-2009 Rates and Fee Schedule as proposed. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE FY2008-2009 RATES AND FEES SCHEDULE.**

2. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to accept the recommendations of the Hanover Advisory Board of Assessors. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE HANOVER ADVISORY BOARD OF ASSESSORS.**

3. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the issuance of the 2008 Dog Warrant. Selectman Baschnagel SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO APPROVE THE ISSUANCE OF THE 2008 DOG WARRANT.**

4. **Chairman Walsh MOVED to accept the sewer abatement request. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF ACCEPTING THE SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST.**

5. **Vice Chairman Connolly MOVED to approve the Minutes of June 2, 2008. Selectman Rassias SECONDED the motion.**

**THE BOARD VOTED 3 IN FAVOR, 0 OPPOSED AND 1 ABSTAINED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2008. (Selectman Baschnagel abstained from the vote).**

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

**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:55 P.M.**