

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

September 24, 2007

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; Bill Baschnagel, Selectman; Athos Rassias, Selectman and Julia Griffin, Town Manager.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT.

Chairman Walsh asked for Public Comment. There were no comments from the public.

2. FIRE DISTRICT MAP MINOR MODIFICATION OF BOUNDARY LINES IN REPSONSE TO APPEALS AND FINAL ADOPTION.

Chairman Walsh asked Ms. Griffin to explain this item. Ms. Griffin noted that there were a handful of inquiries and one actual appeal with regard to the mailing that was sent out at the end of June. Ms. Griffin noted that she, Mike Ryan and Peter Kulbacki looked at one property on Etna Road and the property across the street which is 23 and 24 Etna Road. The consensus was that they agreed with the property owner that the property should be shifted into District 2 in addition to the property across the street. The Water Company staff did additional water pressure testing on Hemlock Road in response to an individual's concern in that area. Ms. Griffin noted that there were other areas on Hemlock Road that had water pressure issues and felt that they should be in District 2. This area is on the list to be upgraded over a period of time. The recommendation is that the Board concur with the request and adopt the map as final as shown.

Chairman Walsh asked for further questions from the Board.

The Board was in consensus in favor of accepting the recommendation for the Fire District Map Minor Modifications of Boundary Lines in Response to Appeals.

3. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF WASTEWATER RECAPTURE FEE.

Ms. Griffin advised that this was a recommendation in response to the two appeals that were heard by the Board and Town Staff distributed to the Board information on the recapture fee.

The first appeal was the Paydarfar property and Ms. Griffin advised that she and staff felt that it made sense that if there was a teardown of a single family home, replaced with a single family home, a new connection fee should not be assessed. She advised that there have not been many of those particular situations in Town.

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However, Ms. Griffin noted that in the case of someone taking down a house and putting up a duplex, there should be a differential connection fee for the additional discharge.

Ms. Griffin noted that it is the staff's recommendation that the Town abate the connection fee for the Paydarfar property and because of the circumstances, levying only the \$200 inspectoin fee.

Ms. Griffin also recommended that the Town modify their policy with respect to the connection fees so that when there is a single family home being replaced by a single family home, the Town does not assess a new connection fee.

Chairman Walsh noted that there was another factor of the Paydarfar case which was that the sewer user fees had been paid on a continuing basis. If somebody were to stop occupying the house and the fee had not been paid for years, it may be considered a new connection.

Selectman Baschnagel suggested that between now and the time that the new rates and fees schedule is updated next spring, there should be some additional explanatory information included on this issue.

Ms. Griffin noted that the basis for the recapture fee was to have new construction pay a portion toward the investment that ratepayers had made in the past for the wastewater system to prepare to serve new customers.

On the second appeal, the Neily property, the Selectmen agreed to assess the fee at the rates in effect prior to July 1, 2007 (which are significantly lower), as the property owners had been trying to schedule a final inspection prior to July 1, 2007.

Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to accept the recommendations. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ACCEPT THE RECOMMENDATION.

4. SCHOOL FUNDING UPDATE.

Ms. Griffin advised that based on The Londonderry Decision, which was the last Supreme Court decision in this area, the Legislature was tasked with determining the definition of adequacy, determining the costs of adequacy and determining how to pay for adequacy. The Legislature adopted an adequacy formula in June which included funding Kindergarten. The Legislature has two more sessions to determine the costs and then how to pay for adequacy but the concern was that because the Londonderry Decision was appealed, the Legislature would be forced to resolve those questions during the 2008 sessions. The decision came down last week that the Legislature does not need to have the funding done in the 2008 session, only the costs to fund an adequate education needs to be determined.

There is a study committee that has started hearings to figure out how to cost adequacy in order to allow the Legislature to work on this in 2008.

Chairman Walsh added that there is a good bi-partisan study committee that was put together by the House and the Senate and he noted that there have been study committees in the past on this issues that were not bi-partisan.

Ms. Griffin noted that the Governor stated that he is going to push for a Constitutional Amendment to allow for targeted aid.

Selectman Baschnagel asked to clarify 'targeted aid'. It is his understanding that this would mean that the State would need to define and fund the adequacy issue but not necessarily distribute the money associated with that adequacy. Selectman Baschnagel questioned whether some districts would get less than 100% of the adequacy amount and others would get more.

Ms. Griffin advised that Selectman Baschnagel's assessment is correct but it is because it's linked to a political promise made by the Governor in that he does not want there to be donor communities paying the bill.

5. BOARD AND COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

- Affordable Housing Commission
- Building Code Advisory Board
- Conservation Commission
- Parking & Transportation Board
- Parks & Recreation Board
- Planning Board
- Recycling Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:
- September 10, 2007

Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to approve the Minutes of September 10, 2007 with minor changes. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007 WITH MINOR CHANGES.

7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS.

Ms. Griffin advised that progress is being made on the repairs to Reservoir Road. Ms. Griffin also advised that on Tuesday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. there will be a groundbreaking ceremony for the Gile Community and it appears that the Governor may be in attendance.

Ms. Griffin stated that she will be out of town on October 8th and asked the Board if they could change the date. Chairman Walsh felt that they should leave it that the Board will only have one meeting in October which is on the 22nd with the option of adding a meeting on the 29th if needed.

8. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS.

Peter Christie

Selectman Christie announced that Dick Podolec has stepped up to be Chair of the Hanover Finance Committee.

Selectman Christie reported that at the Dresden Finance Committee, Cheryl Lindberg agreed to serve a second term as Chairman. He also noted that John Hochrieter will continue as the Secretary.

Selectman Christie advised that the Dresden Finance Committee has done a thorough analysis of costs of the Middle School and High School over the past 10 years comparing it to the CPI Index for growth and disposable wage. Although this is still on-going, this may help the School Board understand the cost structure and what is driving the cost increases.

Selectman Christie reported that the Affordable Housing Commission met and although there will be a groundbreaking celebration in October, there are plans to start pouring

foundations later that month. It is the Commission's hope that there will be units available in the Spring and they are developing a list of people that are interested in residing there. Some of the meeting was spent looking for additional opportunities in Town for additional affordable housing.

Kate Connolly

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that on Wednesday night the Joint Steering Committee for the Route 120 Corridor will be finalizing Phase 1 of the Route 120 Commission study. Chairman Walsh asked what finalizing the report really means. Vice Chairman Connolly advised that it is literally delivering the document fulfilling the obligation of the study which is a comprehensive study of the Route 120 Corridor with four scenarios that have been developed.

Selectman Baschnagel advised that the study sets a baseline with a projection of what may happen under current zoning and planning. It does not provide for alternatives nor does it make any recommendations. It really is a starting point for further discussion.

Vice Chairman Connolly pointed out that there are two out of four scenarios which deal with realistic build out in that area.

Chairman Walsh would like something simple and concrete to describe what this is and is concerned about misinformation being distributed about this project. He would like someone to make a simple statement with regard to this study which Vice Chairman Connolly promised to his satisfaction.

Vice Chairman Connolly felt that there would be something published in the Valley News shortly about this study which will explain the study. This study was paid for and desired by the Department of Transportation in order for them to project future development under present conditions.

Chairman Walsh felt that the really important part of the study was that the City of Lebanon and the Town of Hanover worked hard together on some land-use issues. He is concerned about any future misunderstandings about the project.

Vice Chairman Connolly reported that the Planning Board had a discussion about the Storm Water Ordinance and then the Curtiss Road/Penfield project was postponed so the discussion was then focused on the Life Sciences Building.

Bill Baschnagel

Selectman Baschnagel reported that the Life Sciences Building discussions continued and the Planning Board received comments from the public with concerns about noise and activities. There is another meeting scheduled in October. Selectman Baschnagel noted that the Planning Board did request that the College consider a roundabout as part of the

project but only to the extent that in whatever they do in the project not impact the possibility of a roundabout being put in place.

Selectman Baschnagel noted that the Conservation Commission met with regard to Stormwater and Wetlands on-going discussion.

Selectman Baschnagel reported that he watched a drafting drill to practice hauling water to Hanover which included 8 trucks coming in from surrounding communities with 2 from the Hanover Police Department and they were able to pump 500 gallons a minute with water being trucked up from Wilson's Landing. Ms. Griffin noted that this was done as part of on-going discussions/negotiations with ISO. ISO has identified a number of areas where the Town can improve by looking at various aspects of operations and one of them was to demonstrate the Town's water drawing capability in the rural area in an effort to improve the Town's rating. Ms. Griffin also noted that she has a report with the list of things that they are targeting internally to improve the rating. There are items on the list which will not require a huge amount of money to improve their score.

Selectman Baschnagel reported that the TMA met last week and the State has completed a Park & Ride at Exit 13 and are now focusing on Exit 12 as the next candidate for a 200 car Park and Ride. Ms. Griffin noted that there's a Park & Ride at Exit 12 now but it's current capacity is only 40 or 50 cars.

Athos Rassias

Selectman Rassias reported that the Howe Library Board and it was the first meeting that Mary White was staffing and he feels that she was a fantastic choice for the job and it was a very productive meeting. The majority of the meeting was discussion of on-going projects and internal operations of the Library. There are on-going fundraising efforts underway. There was also an issue discussed over staff parking which appears to be going well.

Brian Walsh

Chairman Walsh had nothing new to report.

9. OTHER BUSINESS.

There was no Other Business.

10. ADJOURNMENT.

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

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**THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADJOURN THE MEETING
AROUND 8:30 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Athos Rassias, Secretary

Minutes transcribed by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

- 1. THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION FOR THE FIRE DISTRICT MAP MINOR MODIFICATIONS OF BOUNDARY LINES IN RESPONSE TO APPEALS.**

- 2. Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to accept the recommendations for the wastewater recapture fee. Vice Chairman Connolly SECONDED.**

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