

FINAL

BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING

July 10, 2006

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

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

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chairman Connolly asked for any comments from the public. There were no comments from the public.

2. CONTINUED PUBLIC HEARING FOR CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF AMENDMENTS TO OPEN CONTAINER ORDINANCE (#32) AND THE OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES ORDINANCE (#34).

Vice Chairman Connolly noted that there were minor changes to the ordinances approved at the June 19th meeting. She noted that the ordinances have been in effect for some time and apply to everyone. Tubestock is illegal because alcohol is consumed by people under age 21, which is illegal in both Vermont and New Hampshire. It is unfortunate that this is considered some type of Dartmouth tradition because it is not sanctioned by the College.

Julia Griffin, Town Manager, advised that the Open Container Ordinance (#32) was adopted in 1998 in response to changes in State law. Originally, the ordinance was specific to certain types of Town property. The Outdoor Activities Ordinance (#34) was approved in 2002 in conjunction with the noise ordinance. It created a permit system for outdoor activities and the Town processes over 200 permits a year. The recommendation to amend the ordinances allowed the Town to regulate activities like Tubestock.

Alison May, Norwich Select Board Chairman, thanked the Select Board for working so closely with Dartmouth and Norwich to come up with something to regulate Tubestock. She pointed out that Tubestock comes from the Vermont side and there is a law that people can not consume alcohol on public lands. On behalf of Norwich and the police budget she thanked the Board for amending their ordinances. On a side note, she advised the Board that she grew up in Hanover and her father taught at Dartmouth. The big events were Dartmouth Carnival and Green Key Weekend. Tubestock was not and is not a Dartmouth tradition.

Robert King, Dartmouth College Sophomore, wanted to take issue with the statement from the Board that the event is illegal. It is not an illegal event just because there are

illegal events taking place during the event. Instead of it getting less safe, he feels it is getting safer. The State law recently passed, established that there can not be a Tubestock. He also noted that the amendments to the ordinance should have been printed in the Valley News and provided seven days prior. He expressed his displeasure that the Town has taken this stand against the students. He advised that, like it or not, the students are a part of this community and they provide a lot of time and a lot of money and service to the community and a large part to the economy, and he feels that the overbearing paternity on behalf of the Town in looking out for their safety, the students have some right to make decisions for themselves instead of the Town dictating policy. He thinks it's unfortunate that this has been outright banned from the students.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked him to consider putting together a permissible event and get a permit. Mr. King advised that the biggest problem is that they can not get an insurance certificate. Selectman Baschnagel stated that the student's problem is safety. Mr. King advised that there are two different types of safety, there's regular safety and then there's insurance safety. Selectman Baschnagel advised that he could not get insurance because it's not a safe event. Just the same as trying to find someone to insure you if you were going to drive your car at twice the speed limit. The Board hasn't banned Tubestock, they are just requiring safety. Ms. Griffin advised that the Town has events and activities that they can no longer conduct because of increased insurance liability. It is also unfair that if something went wrong with Tubestock, the Town and the College and possibly Norwich would be the first to be sued, not the Sophomore class and not the individuals involved in the event. It is not fair that the taxpayer carry that burden. It's a risk and it's not fair that the students place the burden on the residents of the Town. Ms. Griffin feels that there could be some sort of permissible event but the students first need to meet with the State and come up with a plan that is acceptable.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked for any other public comment, hearing none, she closed the public hearing.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADOPT ABATEMENTS AS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS.

Ms. Griffin advised that there is still one case pending before the Board. Mike Ryan was available to answer questions. Mr. Ryan advised that the NH Public Television abatement is one that the legislature changed to tax exempt status.

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4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 5 and June 19th

Vice Chairman Connolly asked that these be held for another meeting.

5. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Ms. Griffin noted that it's unclear whether the Board will meet on July 24th. Ms. Griffin provided the Board with a list of unlicensed dogs and asked that they adopt the Dog Warrant.

Selectman Baschnagel MOVED to adopt the Dog Warrant. Selectman Christie SECONDED the motion.

THE BOARD VOTED UNANIMOUSLY TO ADOPT THE DOG WARRANT.

Vice Chairman Connolly advised that there are 10 students and 2 adults coming to Hanover on July 28th from Nihonmatsu. There will be a party at the Tom Dent cabin because the Boathouse is tied up with equipment from the gym. On Sunday, the students will stay with the families and enjoy the Upper Valley. They will leave on Monday morning. Selectman Baschnagel suggested that if they are looking for additional activities, perhaps taking them to Saint Gaudens might be an option.

6. SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

Peter Christie

The Finance Committee is gearing up earlier this year. They are working on the target setting for the school process, on-going activities at the school including measurable goals for the schools.

Bill Baschnagel

The Planning Board had a chance to review the Hitchcock Dorm refurbishment. This will bring the dorms up to code. In the previous meeting he attended, there was discussion of straightening Tuck Mall and a sidewalk including a row of trees down one side of Tuck Mall. This is supposed to improve the look of the area.

Kate Connolly

Vice Chairman Connolly advised that the Planning Board discussed the Gile Tract. Those discussions will continue at tomorrow night's Planning Board meeting. The Town received funding from the State for the Route 120 Corridor study. The Upper

Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission did a fine job to get this to go through.

Ms. Griffin advised that there is an in-kind contribution of labor that will perform the match and it was not a matching of funds. The staff time is what is required to match the State funds.

Ms. Griffin advised that Twin Pines and the Hartland Group applied for a Community Development Block Grant from the County Commissioners and the hearing went well and it was approved.

Vice Chairman Connolly asked if Ms. Griffin could get the approval on paper to show to the Planning Board. The grant helps to fund infrastructure for affordable housing. This project will consume an entire year's funding for Grafton County. This project will also receive \$6.8 million in tax credits. The application was due July 1st and it seems that it is doing pretty well. They also received \$400,000 through the Federal Home Loan Bank through Citizens Bank. This process demonstrates how important organizations like Twin Pines and the Hartland Group are because the Towns can not handle this kind of project.

Selectman Baschnagel advised that the funding issues were discussed in a previous meeting and it was important for Board members to be able to explain it to citizens. Ms. Griffin will put together an e-mail for the Boards summarizing the funding so that they can see what's happening. Vice Chairman Connolly thought that that cap was 9% so this is not a profit making enterprise and the government gives the Banks tax abatements if they fund the affordable housing projects.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Vice Chairman Connolly asked if the Town Calendar could be reconsidered. The calendar maker has time constraints and if it is not approved in some form now, it will not be done. She feels it is one of the special things that they do in the Town of Hanover. Ms. Griffin advised that it would come from the Select Board's budget which would take up about half of the budget.

Selectman Baschnagel is uncomfortable making some sort of decision on this with a minimal number of people. Selectman Christie doesn't think it was an oversight. There were items that had to be sacrificed in the budget and he feels that it symbolizes things that needed to be cut. He would not support it. Selectman Baschnagel asked what the time constraint is. Vice Chairman Connolly advised that Marilyn "Willy" Black, the person who does the work will be going out of town. She feels that this is a very special item and would like to see it done. Ms. Griffin really wanted to have the whole Board discuss this issue. It's a major time commitment for Penny Hoisington and they try to mail it the beginning of December.

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter Christie, Secretary

Minutes prepared by Elizabeth S. Rathburn.

SUMMARY

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