

Selectmen's Minutes

November 4, 2002

7:00 P.M.

Present: Trey Shupert, Walter Foster, F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Pam Harting-Barrat, Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager. Meeting was televised.



CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Steve Barrett brought the Bonding paperwork on Water resources plan for approval. The note is \$480,000 is down from the original \$500,000. The long term note and certificates where signed by the Board.

NSTAR – ADAMS STREET- DORE' HUNTER – Moved to approve. PETER ASHTON Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SPECIAL PERMIT – ANIMAL BOARDING – 272 GREAT ROAD - Abutter, Frank Mellon spoke against this Special Permit and urged the Board to deny. Paula Hadar – Spoke about the competence of the petitioners. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Close the Public hearing. WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Peter wanted the Permit conditioned on limiting the dogs to 25 for a period of 6 months and to revisit parking and noise issues if they become a problem. Additionally, the permit will be extended automatically unless a complaint in writing is received.

KNOX TRAIL – SITE PLAN 383 CONTINUED – The petitioner's engineer, Scott Hayes outlined the proposed plan for this location. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to close the public hearing and take under advisement. PETER ASHTON - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

CONCORD ROAD SIDEWALK/TREE REMOVAL HEARING - David Abbt outlined the reports and his opinion that both cross walks would be safe. Dean Charater commented that the Planning Board approved the removal of one tree that has become the subject of this hearing. The issue is to be decided by the Board of Selectmen. He agrees that it is a good tree but a trade off to save other trees. Peter asked about ratio 6 to one trees that would have to be cut down. Dean said it is a 5 to 1 on the opposite side of the Road. Peter asked about the cost. David said the retaining walls are big costs, the other one at the curve was \$40,000. Pam said that while she is in favor of saving trees she would trade off trees for safety issues. Dean noted if the sidewalk stays on the east-side, significant trees would be affected and they would be back for another hearing.

Jane Adams 55 Concord Road feels strongly that it is heavier traffic than the study shows and safety concerns should be addressed and urged a fewer number of cross walks'

Raul Krabbendam, 507 Main Street – Asked If moving the road and keeping the sidewalk on the East Side, had been considered?

Bryant Page 46 Concord Road – Spoke about what could be done to make it safe. He does not want all the trees on the east side removed, he feels crossings need to be safe. He wanted to minimize the trees taken down

Jack Yatteau 40 Concord Road – He is in favor of the sidewalk and wanted Concord Road made safer. There is nothing right now and anything will be better. He favored moving forward to get the sidewalks in.

Bob Puffer of Concord Road said he favors eliminating the crosswalk. and putting the sidewalk on the West Side.

Miriam Gross favored one crossing at base of the hill maintaining sidewalk.

The Board will take under advisement until next meeting on November 18.

MAKAHA LIQUOR VIOLATION

The Police Chief spoke about the latest problem. Pam felt that Mr. Cheng had served too much alcohol. The training was taken but you still over serve and feel we have a major problem and asked Chief for his opinion. He too felt it was serious but felt that somebody has to draw the line and Mr. Cheng is the one involved and he was the violator and we need to get the message across that the policy is not working.' Dore' said he is concerned about page 5 of the Police Report noting that that Cheng said he agreed she was intoxicated. Dore' further said he does not think that is appropriate to let them drive.

Mr. Cheng's attorney wanted the hearing continued so that he could have time to review and investigate the various charges.

Peter suggested we needed to hold this over to a Special meeting for the actual hearing. Frank felt that he could wait and suggested we have the doorman reinstated, and to have extra police presence.

Frank wants a certified copy sent to BOS prior to hearing and he said this is again an over service issue.

Dore' wanted copies of the experts credential before the hearing.

The hearing will be held on 19th of November at 7:00 in room 204.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

Fy04 Budget Discussion – Don made his presentation of his a and b budgets

Pam said we need to educate the town and we need to have the word get out as we progress so that it is not a shock to the Town. These are not scare tactics and she was concerned about the public safety issues.

Walter asked about the delayed building repair. Don said we will patch and make due.

Dore said we will have to close fire dept. from time to time in the B budget.

Peter felt that he needed to get together with the School and sit down and agree on starting and ending numbers. He said the Town residents need to understand the issues. He said it is critical that we get input from the folks in the community. We have very significant issues and cut backs in state revenues and new growth to deal with.

FEES DISCUSSION - Don said that we need to raise fees in both budgets and we need to maximize our revenues. Don said we need to adjust the fees right now. John said that when we increase fees we need to get it through to commissioner of DOR. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Increase the fees as suggested on page four of John's memo Dog License for neutered dogs \$20.00 for unneutered dogs, \$30.00, MBTA Commuter Parking lot meters - \$2.00 per day, NARA summer Camp \$175.00 but not the NARA Beach fees. WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Peter wanted the selectmen's salaries reduction/elimination acted on others agreed. Pam was concerned that if they were eliminated she may not qualify for insurance. The Town Manager agreed to look into this concern.

OTHER BUSINESS

MBTA Dore' made a presentation on PMT

CONSENT AGENDA

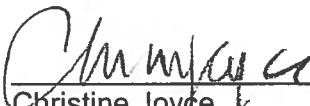
PETER ASHTON – Moved to approve. DORE' HUNTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Don reported on the issue of the Towne building and we did not expect it to be in that condition.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

PAM HARTING-BARRAT Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing litigation. Roll Call Taken, all AYES



Christine Joyce
Recording Clerk



Clerk

12/16/02

Date

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that is strictly informational and requires no Board action.

FUTURE AGENDAS

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This IS NOT a complete Agenda.

November 18 – Tax Classification, Sewer Commissioners

December 2 – License renewal review

December 16 – Sewer Commissioners, vote 2003 licenses

GOALS 2002-2003

1. Labor Negotiations & Improve Labor Relations environment (Peter/Trey)
2. Improve Communication with Town Boards (Peter/Trey)
Implement Chairman Round Table - (Trey) (for Dec/Jan)
Revisit 2020 Planning Process for direction to make this process more beneficial towards Implementation of long-term vision (Trey).
3. Towne Building Reuse (Walter/Dore'/Peter)
4. ALG process be used for purpose of Budget Planning for FY04 (Walter/Trey)
5. Residential and Commercial Growth (Walter/Pam) (PCRC EDC – Continuing to meet)
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan (Peter/Walter) Completed
7. Health Insurance Trust Agreement (Peter) (Peter still working on getting comments from Water District.)
8. Decision on Pentamation Accounting System (Dore'/Peter) (Proposals are being looked at by staff)
9. Process Planning for "Life after NESWC" (Pam/Peter) (John Murray is looking at this)
10. Joint IT process-organizational change (Walter/Dore')
11. Implement an on-going Public Relations campaign regarding budgetary situation (Trey/Walter) (ALG put plan in place A/B)
12. Provide looking at salary levels in the organization, include liaison with Personnel Board (Trey /Peter) (Need to look at budget)
Based upon results of Salary Survey, conduct a through review of current salary levels (Trey/Peter) (Need to look at budget override for Operating budget)
13. Broader community interface with Emerson Hosp.- Board of Health to take elder issues on (Pam)
14. Recreational field lack of space, prison land etc. (Walter)
15. Middlesex Pension alternatives (Walter)

GOALS carried forward

16. Public Safety Facility (Dore'/Trey)
17. Determine future of Vaillancourt House - 17 Woodbury Lane. (Pam) (No dialogue thus far as budgets have had the bottom fallout, Historical Commission issue and seek suggestions)

November 1, 2002

TO: Board of Selectmen, Sewer Commissioners
FROM: Trey Shupert, Chairman
SUBJECT: Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners Report



NOVEMBER 4, 2002
MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. 7:03 SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

- 1. 7:05 NSTAR – ADAMS STREET – INSTALLATION OF NEW POLE – Enclosed please find staff comment and recommendation for Board consideration.**
- 2. 7:10 SPECIAL PERMIT – ANIMAL BOARDING – 272 GREAT ROAD – Enclosed please find application and staff comment for Board consideration.**
- 3. 7:15 KNOX TRAIL SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT #383 (continued from October 21)**
- 4. 7:30 CONCORD ROAD SIDEWALK/TREE REMOVAL HEARING CONTINUED FROM OCTOBER 21.**
- 5. 7:45 MAKAHIA LIQUOR VIOLATION – Enclosed please find materials and staff comment for Board consideration.**

IV. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

- 6. FY04 BUDGET DISCUSSION**
- 7. FEES DISCUSSION**
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

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- 9. NSTAR POLE RELOCATION, GREAT ROAD/ESTERBROK ROAD INTERSECTION.**
Enclosed please find correspondence between NStar and staff for Board consideration.
(A Public Hearing is Not Required)

- 10. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE – Enclosed please find a request for a One Day Liquor License for the Friends of the Arboretum for Board consideration.**

VI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT