

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
December 8, 1998



Present: Wayne L. Friedrichs, Herman Kabakoff, F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Nancy Tavernier and the Town Manager. (The meeting was televised) Meeting began at 8:30 P.M. Due to Override Election

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

John Prenderville as a private citizen is speaking on behalf of himself. He noted that the Sewer Middle Fort Pond District had run in to funding problems at the State level. He feels it is urgent. The full finding is needed to make it viable. The letter said they only have 11 million on the books for Acton. He urged the selectmen to write State Senators and Representative as well as the governor to get the full 21 million. The interest cost to bond will be very high. He urged the BOS as Sewer Commissioners to move forward to get the money. Wayne said the Board is agreement. The Sewer Commission will be trying to set up meeting with DEP. John said that he wanted the Board to do it before December 13th. Nancy was authorized to draft a letter to the governor and Secty of Environment to go out this week to Cellucci and within that to set up a meeting and to transmit our grave concern to all parties. She appreciated John's work and support on this project. Dore' asked about Doug meeting with the State. While Pam Resor is out of town, she has the information.

Wayne Friedrichs - Moved to authorize Nancy to write letter on behalf of Board for his signature. Peter Ashton - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Charlie Kadlec asked the Board to give the problem some publicity. Nancy clarified that the letter is not a denial. But feels it is a fishing expedition letter. The most important letter we will be receiving will be in January either providing funds or ending it.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING CONTINUATION

DORE' HUNTER - Moved that again we do not adopt an open space exemption, do not adopt a Residential Exemption and do not adopt a Small commercial Exemption but to adopt a 0% shift. Peter Ashton Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

COLES BROOK SITE PLAN CONTINUATION

Kirk Ware noted they have revised their site plan to exit off Route 2. They have done additional work with several arms of state government to get this intersection open.

Nancy asked if he had received Bldg. Commissioner's memo. He said he has. Nancy wanted the plan conditioned on the access on Route 2 and if it is not approved they will have to come back. He said he understood that.

Nancy said that if it prevailed that the service road would be constructed to public way standards.

If approval is granted the approval will be for the entire project but phased in. She would like to review each phase. Future phases will be brought back to Board for review with regard to traffic. The first two bldgs will be 85,000 sq. ft. to get them up and financially set. The board would like a sidewalk for Hosmer to Robinwood, and a pedestrian and bike path to Kelley's Corner. With regard to parking issues they have been addressed and they have planned it in concert with the current number under the bylaw. He noted this could be adjusted/decreased later. Kirk said they can keep an eye on this during phasing in. Nancy asked him about the Fire Dept. turning radius comment, and he said he feels they can address it. Basketball courts to be used by the employees and citizens on off-hours. Bike racks and showers are asked for and included in his buildings. Health Department Comments about drainage collection system are interested in water Shed based trading. She felt it would be a good place to try it out if we got credit from DEP. Nancy reviewed the Water District Comments and felt we would have to look at our specifications to reduce water consumption plans with regard to landscaping. The District urged low water types of plants. He said they tend to have low maintenance plantings if it did not take away from feel or aesthetics. Engineering has concern on erosion plans. Kirk agreed and said he would add it to the plan.

Rizzo Associates described the exiting and turning plans. This will also allow residents to access to landfill. Nancy asked if traffic humps or calming on this street could be used. They are working with engineering dept. on this.

Herman asked about the impact on the "Woods" neighborhood. He said probably none. They will be enticed to stay on Route 2 because it will be easier to commute.

Dore' wanted to see the historic data on the traffic that he feels may be over 20 years old.

Peter asked about trip ends of 100 east bound and if any would come from Stow area. He wants some type of traffic calming. He asked about emergency gate and they would be able to work it out. He asked about the 350 trips down Hosmer Street. It won't eliminate but they try to reduce. They would like to reduce that in half by enticing motorist to stay on Route 2. They are willing to work with the Town to address these issues of traffic on Piper and School Street.

Dore' asked about Kevin Sullivan's letter. Kirk felt that the issues have been resolved and he is working toward that.

Chet Atkins said that this is an important plan with regard to economic development and keeping businesses in Town. He felt that things are now different and felt it would solve problems for the neighborhood.

Sam Lawton TAC said they are meeting and he was asked to present. They have reviewed draft traffic report on July 8 and 17th. They responded to Board on September 15th. The Towns traffic consultant Howard Stein Hudson has been forwarded all this information. TAC doesn't feel that can give recommendation on this and request the opportunity to have a week to review and provide the BOS with an adequate response would be needed. They want to give a full picture to the Board after reviewing the reports and present at the next BOS meeting.

Jeff Corman Piper Road resident said he was concerned about the traffic impacts

on his street. He felt that there was not a lot of mitigation for Piper Road. The street is narrow and winding and wanted mitigation looked at. Wanted the proponent to perform a post traffic study to see where the needs are. Wayne said that was the intention of phasing in.

Bill Brombeck 266 School Street - He was asking about traffic and felt they would come around rotary and head towards Lawsbook and School Street. He wanted prohibition of turning into the project.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to continue to December 15th at 7:35. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

TOWN MEETING RECAP - Dore' noted that we had a fairly unique situation at town meeting. He asked that if there were more than one presentation they should be coordinated. Nancy felt that we should respect people's time at Town Meeting and that to continue to press the same points was treading on people who made a huge effort to attend. Peter felt that Town Meeting was a chance for everyone to present ideas, he felt the presentations should be briefer and answer questions and have other offer opinions.

Nancy felt it was a well understood by Town Meeting night. She felt the presentations were to long.

Herman felt that the physically layout was difficult and addition to trouble seeing and hearing and in addition the New Moderator. He hopes it will be a long time before it is duplicated. To the extent of the troubles we had he thinks it can be laid on the physical layout. He felt that if we were in our traditional environment it would have worked better.

Wayne said that his position was a registered presenter and it was not out of order. He felt that the most horrific was Mr. Kadlec's cut off at the knees. He feels that the moderator thought that Mr. Kadelc was a debater and not a registered presenter.

Dore' suggested we insist that the School take efforts to coordinate functions and not to delay or impede set up as alleged in Crimson Techs Letter.

Charlie Kadlec further noted that he objects to LWV limit on debate. And felt that the scheduling of speakers is to be handled by Moderator.

Dore' said he wanted to make sure that if any member of Board other than the Selectman assigned to the warrant article prepares a presentation that he/she has the courtesy to speak with the article presenter.

Joanne Berry - Five-minute issue came from the Town Meeting study, but agreed it did not work and they will be following up.

Sidney Johnston - Confused in order of the way things went with regard to motions and then the presentation.

OTHER- MAPC - Wayne noted that we got a letter on the due date for comments from MAPC. He will follow up.

Nancy spoke with Renee Robbins and they are at the commuter lot on their list of things to review. She wanted to have the Manager provide current configuration for next weeks meeting. With regard to shuttle bus Don has been discussing.

Peter noted Cablevision's increase of 50% or more and request additional information on where and why they were raised. Peter will write to them. Don said we are looking at RCN as an alternative.

Senior Tax Relief meeting will be Monday at 5:30 with Peter's group that has been put together.

CONSENT AGENDA

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve. PETER ASHTON - Second - Nancy Tavernier -UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Budget will be prepared for next week.

The Board adjourned at 10:30P.M.

Nancy E. Tavernier
Clerk
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Date

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