



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Present: F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Herman Kabakoff, Pam Harting-Barrat, Trey Shupert and the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager.
(The meeting was televised)

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None

APPOINTMENTS/HEARINGS

WILLIAM SAWYER – BOARD OF APPEALS INTERVIEW

Mr. Sawyer said that he wanted to again become involved and to serve the Town.
HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved to appoint Mr. Sawyer as an Alternate Member of the Board of Appeals with a term to expire 6/30/2003. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

OVERSIGHT MEETING WITH HDC AND AHC

Dore' noted that we would not be discussing the potential merger as he was convinced that it would not be supported. Instead, he asked for suggestions that they might have to ease the confusion of the names of the Commissions. He thought we needed to get it in print to the population. Michaela Moran suggested a notice in the Municipal Quarterly might be helpful. He asked if the name of the committee could be changed. It was felt not, but he then suggested the committee could use a working name. It was noted that many communities have the same problem with the names of the Commissions. It was also suggested by HDC that communication needs to be improved and requested that any issues raised in regard to a board or to a Selectman or management be forwarded to that board.

The chairman asked that the Historical Commission what duties they have. They maintain the Resources List. Home, bridges and other buildings of historical significance. They handle demolition permits. They have five full members which they are chartered for, but they could use Associate members.

HDC can have up to 6 regular members and 4 alternates they currently have openings in each category.

Dore' wanted the properties that are significant to Acton placed on the web page. He felt it could be a learning tool. He suggested getting in touch with our MIS director to set up some space.

They need volunteers. Peter thought that they might put a recruitment notice in the Beacon and to also write about what each committee does to let people know about the differences in the commissions.

NARA CONCERNS BETINA NORTON

Betina Norton- Outlined her concerns with NARA. Don to report at the next meeting.

BROOKSIDE Site Plan #8/25/00-373

Mr. Schaffer 11 Flag Road – Concerned about left and right turns onto Great Road concerned with traffic.

Stephine Keifer - Introduced herself. She is legally representing the Esterbrook Group.

Owner of Legends – He felt that they would be in competition when Thunder came in. He disagreed with the article in the Beacon.

Sam 16 Quail Run – Traffic issues and asked the Board for a copy of the Traffic Report.

Patricia Macie 1 Fox Lane concerned with the traffic and does not want to see it ruin Acton.

Carol Holley – Concerned about the traffic speeds.

Graham Knowland – Esterbrook Road, - Went over the things that the developer must provide at the hearing. Parking at the site is 491 or 479 spaces and must submit comprehensive details to the Town.

Jon Fox – Traffic report says 500 cars per day on Pope Road, the street us already busy.

Susan Helter – Esterbrook Road – Asked why he wasn't putting it in his hometown of Carlisle.

Resident, Stoney Meade Way– They left Seattle Washington for what is happening here. She thinks the proposed mall will choak this town.

Charlotte Sagoff – She said Trader Joe's customers come from all around to shop.

Howard Cooper 276 Pope Road – Asked that the developer notify the people that came tonight when upcoming hearings and meetings arise.

Pam Harting-Barrat said that we have a major infrastructure problem and not just a problem for Pope Road, or Esterbrook Road. It will affect the entire community.

Trey is pleased that the developer is going over the problems noted in the review. He asked when the final plan would be available. The treatment plant has been approved by BOH, DIR said it would only serve 90,000 gallons. He urged him to sit down with Esterbrook Road residents. He noted that the town would be interested in Recreation space, could they offer to land that the day care was to be located?

TREY SHUPERT – Moved to Continue the hearing until September 26, at 7:55 P.M. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

15 NEWTON ROAD RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT

Herman said he had no problem with the moving date to the 19th, but that the Board did not have the right to grant them special rights. The applicant agreed to drop the striking of without. The Board then signed the agreement.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

Audubon Hill Lease Amendment - Trey outlined the amended lease and asked the Board to sign the lease. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved to sign the lease – PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Zoning Amendments – Early January date. Moderator is available and 3 and 8th is available at the school find out if we have a backup night.

United Nations Day - PETER ASHTON – Moved to sign the Proclamation. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Elderly Tax Committee Appointments – Peter outlined the status of the fund and they need 3 other members to begin work. Peter felt a Board of Selectmen and someone on council on aging; perhaps Nancy Gerhardt would be willing, as she has shown interest in the past. Dore' felt we should have a citizen at large for the final member. Peter will contact Nancy. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved to appoint Nancy Gerhardt and Peter Ashton to the Elderly Tax Committee. – UNANIMOUS - It was suggested that they put a note in the Beacon that we are looking for an at large person to serve on the Committee.

Girl Scout Gold Award – Pam will represent the Board.

Bennett Report – Dore' asked if we needed any more discussion. Everyone was comfortable with the Chief's response.

CONSENT

PETER ASHTON – Moved to approve – WILLIAM SHUPERT - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

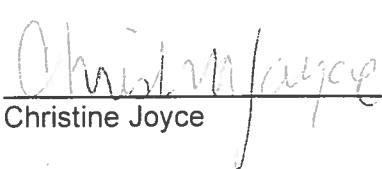
Update on progress of Police/Fire Feasibility Study – Dore' said we need to address the Police and Police Dispatch first, and not the Fire if the problem continues.

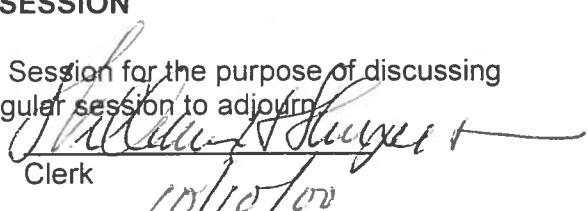
Trey noted experience in Natick with the combined facilities that it worked out and everyone was satisfied. Dore' noted Bellows Falls, VT had a combined facility. He suggested staff investigate this station.

Fire Dept. Dispatch for Boxboro – John noted that he is looking into the legality of the termination.

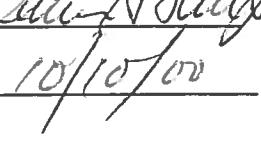
EXECUTIVE SESSION

WILLIAM SHUPERT - Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Collective Bargaining – noting only to enter into regular session to adjourn


Christine Joyce


William Shupert

Clerk


William Shupert

Date

September 8, 2000

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 12, 2000
7:30 P.M. in Room 204

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. **7:35 COMMITTEE INTERVIEW – WILLIAM SAWYER – BOARD OF APPEALS**
Enclosed please find Mr. Sawyer's Citizen's Resource Sheet with VCC comment for Board action.
2. **7:45 OVERSIGHT MEETING WITH THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION HISTORICAL COMMISSION** – Enclosed please find memos regarding the Proposed merger for discussion.
3. **8:15 BETINA NORTON** – Ms. Norton will be in to discuss her concerns regarding NARA.
4. **8:30 SITE PLAN #8/25/00-373 BROOK SIDE MALL** – Enclosed please find staff comment and comment from a resident and the Middlesex West Chamber of Commerce for Board consideration.
5. **9:45 15 NEWTON ROAD Right-of-Way Agreement** – Enclosed please find the Right-of-Way Agreement noting changes made by Mr. Smith and Ms. Owen.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

6. **AUDUBON HILL AMENDED LEASE** – Enclosed please find a copy of the amended lease for Board action.
7. **ZONING AMENDMENTS** – The Board will discuss placement of zoning articles on a Special Town Meeting Warrant prior to next April's Annual Town Meeting.
8. **UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION** - Enclosed please find a request for the Board to proclaim October 24 as United Nations Day.
9. **ELDERLY TAX COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Enclosed please find a memo from the Board of Assessors.

10. GIRL SCOUTING GOLD AWARD – CHRISTINE MCINNIS – Enclosed please find an invitation to attend a Gold Award Ceremony for Board Assignment.

11. BENNETT REPORT – Discussion of Police Chief's further responses to the Bennett Report

12. OTHER BUSINESS

IV CONSENT AGENDA

13. ACCEPT MINUTES – Enclosed please find minutes of July 18 and August 15 for Board acceptance.

14. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Enclosed please find a request from Tom Tidman to appoint members of the Land Stewardship Committee for a one-year terms.

15. COMMITTEE NAME CHANGE – The Chairman has asked the Board ratify the name change from the Sewer Action Committee (SAC) to the Acton Wastewater Advisory Committee (AWAC).

16. CLOSE THE OCTOBER 30th SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

17. CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW – Enclosed please find the application and staff comment for your consideration.

18. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE AT NARA PARK – Enclosed please find the application and staff comments.

19. FAMILY NETWORK – Enclosed please find a request to use the Town Hall parking lot for a Yard Sale with staff comments for consideration.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

20. Brief Update on the progress of the Police/Fire Feasibility Study.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. There will be a need for an Executive Session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining

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.

Sept 26 – Recreation Sponsorship Policy Review, Wine Cask Cellars, Construction in the Right of Way permission request for 296 School St.

October 10 – Planning Oversight - Private Way snow plowing vote

GOALS 2000-2001

1. HDC Bylaw review. (Dore'/Herman)
2. To obtain facilities plan and bring to Fall Town Meeting. (Dore')
3. Develop a policy regarding appointments. Get the non-groups organized and regularization of non-charter committees. (Dore').
4. Determine future of Vaillancourt House - 17 Woodbury Lane. (Herman)
5. Expect Board to follow school construction. Dore' will continue the oversight of the building (Dore')
6. Robbins Mills - Contingent on override is affirmation that the Manager will have review. (Trey)
7. Implementation of the Bennett report, that it should be reviewed and implemented. (Dore')
8. Revisit the 2020 process and review make-up and consider expand or reduce the membership. (Peter)
9. Provide looking at salary levels in the organization, include liaison with Personnel Board (Trey /Peter)
10. Review Board of Health duties to expand its role so it becomes a more visible department. (Pam)
11. Formulate charge and suggested membership list for a "Long Range Planning Committee" (Ashton):

FY 2000 GOALS carried forward

12. Resolve the Audubon Hill problem/issues (Trey)
13. Establish or reconstitute a Computer Advisory Committee for Municipal issues (Dore')
14. Develop a comprehensive Beaver Nuisance policy (Pam)
15. Continue the forum, review, and implement greater coordination, efficiency and utilization of resources between the schools and the town (Peter)
16. Continue the work of the Senior Tax Relief task force and also investigate ways of assisting others that may need tax relief (Peter/Dore')
17. Work with the Planning Board to implement the goals, objectives and strategies of the Master Plan update (Peter/Trey)