

SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
OCTOBER 11, 1994

*Town Clerk*

The Board of Selectmen held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 1994 at 7:30 P.M. Present were Norman Lake, William Mullin, Nancy Tavernier, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne Friedrichs, Town Manager Johnson, and Assistant Town Manager John Murray.  
{Representatives from cable were present}

CITIZENS' CONCERN

None Expressed

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

BOSTON EDISON  
Massachusetts Ave.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE

TOWN ACCOUNTANT INTERVIEW  
SHARON SUMMERS

Don Johnson re-introduced "Tess" to the Board and updated them on her contributions to the Town financial team over the past year. Mrs. Tavernier said she was delighted to make the appointment permanent and was impressed with her rapid grasp of Acton's issues such as budgets and Ed Reform. Mr. Mullin thanked her for her positive contributions. Mr. Mullin asked her what she felt needed the most attention and how we compared to the other communities she had worked in. She felt that a new accounting system would be very beneficial and cited the fact that a trial balance took a day and a half to perform with equipment available in Acton, she was able to perform this task in 10 minutes in her former position. She felt the new system would aid productivity. Mr. Hunter added his positive sentiments with regard to making this permanent appointment. DORE' HUNTER - Moved to appoint Sharon Summers as Town Accountant. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SITE PLAN #8/25/94-346  
TOWN OF CONCORD DISINFECTION FACILITY

Mr. Friedrichs outlined items of concern which had arisen out of his review of the Plan as Selectman assigned. He asked about the leaching pipe and it was explained that the pipe is to service the sump pump in the event of any leaks. There will be no sanitary facilities as the system is automated and the technicians will only be stopping by to check the equipment for short periods of time. They feel that to have any sanitary facilities so close to a facility that cleans water is contrary to good watershed protection. Mr. Friedrichs also asked for more detailed plans on the proposed manhole and culvert on the proposed



wetlands crossing and water balance calculations. They said the runoff would be similar to a residential driveway and would be minimal.

Mrs. Tavernier asked about several issues pertaining to the site. She asked about whether or not the site would be loomed and seeded at completion and asked them to do this as a result of comments from staff. She asked why they wanted a waiver from the detention area. Initially they requested it before pavement was introduced, they assumed minimal runoff and erosion and felt the loss of recharge was very small in this area, and they are down stream from the recharge area. Mr. Hunter wanted to see the calculations anyway to verify the opinion that it was not needed. Mrs. Tavernier also asked to see the calculations to see whether or not a basin would or would not be required based on their assumptions.

After much discussion about the timeframe requirements for meeting the DEP filings, and taking into account that the Town of Concord is under a Consent Order and must advertise prior to November 19th, the Board decided to continue the hearing and ask staff to incorporate and attempt to resolve the concerns into a Decision for Board review and approval at the next meeting.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to continue the hearing to October 25 at 7:45 P.M. NANCY TAVERNIER- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Fee Waiver Discussion - The Board discussed the Request for Fee Waiver from the Town of Concord. Mr. Hunter felt that the staff had performed many hours of review and that it would not be appropriate to waive this fee and further noted that Acton not would have expected to have a fee waived for a project with so much staff time involved in review and refinements..

WILLIAM MULLIN - Moved to not grant the Fee Waiver Requested by the Town of Concord with respect to the Site Plan. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to accept the Consent Calendar as printed. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

COMMUTER RAIL - Mr. Hunter commented on the quality of the letter sent by Concord regarding the Fitchburg line improvements. He would like to see the Town of Acton support their letter and send one echoing our concerns and support of the issues highlighted by Concord. DORE' HUNTER - Moved to instruct the Town Manager to send a letter endorsing Concord's ideas. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

EAGLE SCOUT - Mr. Hunter will attend both on behalf of the Board. Christine to forward paperwork to Mr. Hunter for presentation.

61 FORESTRY LAND - NEWSHAM, 45 Piper Road and PANNELL, Off Carlisle Road - DORE' HUNTER - Moved to not exercise the Town's Right of

First refusal with regard to the two parcels offered. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TRAIN WHISTLES - Mrs. Tavernier updated the Board on her conversation with a Acton Commuter who had experienced a tough time with a conductor on the train regarding the whistle issue. She again applauded the Governor for signing the Bill into law and will follow up with the proper authorities with regard to the conductor issue.

COMMUTER LOT REPORTED VANDALISM - The Board discussed the recent reports in the press regarding the Lot. Don Johnson has discussed this with the Police Chief and is awaiting a formal report, but it was his understanding that it is attributed to several neighborhood children and the theft of a bicycle. He will forward the report from the Police Department. The lights will be discussed with Dick Howe to see if they can't have the wattage increased on the existing lighting.

SOUTH ACTON SEWERS - Mrs. Tavernier discussed the inquiries she has been receiving about the South Acton and possible sewerage. She feels that we have to bring the issue to closure. We need to get the \$300,000 from the Sweeney Project and put it with the remaining Great Hill monies and find out if it will cover a package treatment plant. The cost analysis previously worked out assumed a \$13,000 to \$20,00 per household cost. The issues would need to be laid out in front of the property owners affected. She feels we don't have a regional or possible solution at present and the \$300,000 to \$450,000 is real and we don't know if the new technologies for cheap sewerage will come to reality.

Mr. Mullin felt we should look forward to using the money to address this issue, he would recommend the Town Manager make recommendation on this issue.

Mrs. Tavernier felt this would dovetail into the Budget Process if these processes were to be a capital project. Mr. Hunter agreed we needed to move forward. The Board agreed that a plan would have to be constructed that clearly outlined options. That if you did not choose to participate on the first round, you lost your rights, or can you exclude someone if the pipe goes right by them? Don thought we needed to look into options and asked for a level of expenditure for engineers and legal costs be authorized for consideration of these issues. Mr. Lake would like to see the numbers and what percentage we have to contribute etc. Mrs. Tavernier said that the Board would have to make a decision on what to do once and for all.

ESTABLISHMENT OF BUSINESS OUTREACH PROGRAM - Mr. Mullin spoke about the upcoming Tax Classification hearing and the perception that the Town unresponsive toward businesses. The Town has produced several publications on permitting and has distributed them to the business community regarding steps by step permitting process actions. He felt we should take a more outreach approach, create some person to be a business ombudsmen, second, create a business team which would be available to businesses during certain hours to address concerns and issues. We would create an outreach program to business to help them feel that we want them. Nancy felt the Chamber could arrange a monthly visit to Town Hall

which would be more time efficient for staff.

#### TOWN MANAGER'S CONCERNS

CABLEVISION - Mr. Johnson asked for the Board's direction with regard to the letter prepared for Cablevision regarding additional drops performed for the School Department and how it might impact future drops on the municipal side. DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve the letter as written. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

NANCY TAVERNIER - MOVED to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion negotiations. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. Roll Call Taken, All Ayes, UNANIMOUS VOTE. The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 9:00 P.M.

Nancy E. Tavernier  
Clerk  
11/8/94  
Date

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October 7, 1994

TO: Board of Selectmen  
FROM: NORMAN D. LAKE, Chairman  
SUBJECT: SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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**AGENDA**

**ROOM 204**

**October 11, 1994**

**I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. 7:31 Boston Edison- Massachusetts Ave. - Enclosed please find petition and staff comment for Board action.
2. 7:35 Sharon "Tess" Summers - Ms. Summers will be in regarding the Town Accountant Appointment.
3. 7:45 SITE PLAN #8/25/94-346 - Disinfection Facility behind 339 Nagog Hill Road - Enclosed please find the application and staff comment regarding the proposed disinfection facility to be built by the Town of Concord off of Nagog Hill Road for Board review.

**III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

4. SOUTH ACTON SEWERS - Enclosed please find a letter from Mr. Glannon regarding potential South Acton sewerering for Board discussion.
5. EAGLE SCOUT - Enclosed please find two invitations for Board assignment.
6. 61 LAND OFFER - NEWSHAM PROPERTY - 45 Piper Road - Enclosed please find notification to remove from 61 status, Bona fide Purchase and Sale agreement and staff comment for Board action.
7. 61 LAND OFFER - PANNELL PROPERTY - Carlisle Road - Enclosed please find notification to remove from 61 status, bona fide Purchase and Sale agreement and staff comment for Board action.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

8. ACCEPT MINUTES - Enclosed please find copies of the September 13th Minutes for Board approval.
9. ACCEPT GIFT - Enclosed please find a request from the Acton Children's Playground for Board acceptance of equipment to be installed at Goward field for Board action.
10. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE - Enclosed please find an application for a one day liquor license for St. Elizabeth of Hungary to serve wine at an art auction on October 22, 1994 for Board review and action.
11. FRIENDS OF ACTON LIBRARIES - Enclosed please find correspondence regarding use of Town Hall for a book sale for Board action.

**V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

There will be a need for an executive session - Please see enclosed material.

MEETINGS - Fire Dept. Open House - Oct. 15  
WEST ACTON DAY ACTIVITIES - Oct. 15

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Enclosed please find additional correspondence which 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.

October 25  
November 8 - Classification Hearing  
November 22