

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
September 23, 1997**

Present: F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne L. Friedrichs, Herman Kabakoff, William Mullin Nancy Tavernier, Town Manager Don Johnson and Assistant Mgr. Murray. (The meeting was televised)

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None expressed

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

SUNDAY LIBRARY OPENING FUNDING PRESENTATION

Connie Huber was in attendance on behalf of the Foundation to present the Board with a check to fund 31 Sunday openings. Dore' thanked all those who contributed to the cause. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to accept the funding gift from the Library Foundation. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

PEG ERLANGER - COMMITTEE INTERVIEW VCC

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to appoint Peg Elanger to the VCC as a full member for a term to expire 6/30/2000 - WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

LIANNE SULLIVAN - COMMITTEE INTERVIEW - PERSONNEL BOARD

NANCY TAVERNIER - MOVED to appoint Lianne Sullivan as an Alternate Member of the Personnel Board with a term to expire 6/30/2000.

KENNETH FRANK - COMMITTEE INTERVIEW - RECREATION COMMISSION

HERMAN KABAKOFF - MOVED to appoint Kenneth Frank as a full Member of the Recreation Commission with a term to expire 6/30/99.

NANCY BANKS - SCHOOL BUILDING PRESENTATION

Nancy Banks and Supt. Zimmerman outlined the School Space requirements and progress toward finalizing plans for October 17th. Because of funding applications they will require that the town hold a Special Town Meeting in January with subsequent Override Vote.

The four options were discussed. Class sizes, age of buildings and 25 years of maintenance issues. The reimbursement will be at 63% from the State. More details will be needed and the maintenance numbers will need to be defined. William Mullin questioned the peak numbers at the elementary level.

Nancy Tavernier urged them not to make the cost high because we could recoup the 63% because she is uneasy about the availability of funds from the State.

The Board offered suggestions on questions that will be asked and thought that better numbers regarding the costs of the buildings and the maintenance costs if not voted would be helpful to the citizens and the Board if they are to support the article.

Charlie Kadlec suggested that the local and regional projects be further separated. He asked about staffing and maintenance costs and that they need to be funded too.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

WINDSOR AVE. TRAFFIC RECOMMENDATIONS - The Board discussed the report and its recommendations. Wayne didn't want to lose two parking places to move the crosswalk. Dore' directed the Town Manager to go forward with Central Street sidewalk in FY98.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION - The Board discussed the financial impact of the Citizen's Petition Article on this year's budget. The Board wanted additional information from the Personnel Board. Wayne was not convinced that he wanted to support this petition. Dore' was not in favor if it meant taking funds from this year's budget. He suggested we ask them to re-submit at an annual meeting and to have the personnel Board review with them. Herman was against the petition. After discussion of the numbers and costs if voted and the impact on this year's budget the Board felt they could not support. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to Not Recommend Article 2 (Health Insurance). WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 3 - Cemetery Lot Buyback - WILLIAM MULLIN-Moved to remove this article from Consent. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 1 - Morrison Land - HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move that the Board of Selectmen use \$82,000 of the W.R. Grace Environmental Gift fund to assist in the purchase and protection of a portion of the Morrison property (as shown on plans attached to minutes) that is environmentally sensitive. For environmental protection purposes, this portion of the property shall be used for low intensity uses such as swimming, fishing, boating, beach front, open vistas, or such other uses as the Board of Selectmen, in their sole and absolute discretion, may from time to time designate, consistent with the intent of the gift. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY FEE WAIVER REQUEST- WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Moved to waive the fee of \$210.00 NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved not to waive the Fee. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second. 4 in favor, Dore' Hunter abstaining. Motion Passes.

SOUTH ACTON TRAIN PATRON PARKING - Mr. Hunter asked the Town Manager to have staff review the status of issues about off site parking outlined in Ms. Berry's letter and report back to the Board.

LOCAL SCHOOL ACCOUNTING PC BASED PLATFORM - Dore' was concerned about possible hang-ups with the computer accounting system. He asked staff to report back at the next meeting

ST. MATTHEW'S DEDICATION- Dore' announced the dedication ceremony scheduled for October 5th at 4:00. Bill offered to represent the Board.

ALG - Nancy asked that the Retiree's Health Benefits, Lottery Money, Morrison be placed on the agenda for the meeting.

WINDERMERE SUBDIVISION DISCUSSION - Bill Mullin briefly discussed Counsel's letter about access to the subdivision. It was decided to put it on an upcoming agenda when more information could be presented.

CONSENT AGENDA

NANCY TAVERNIER - Moved to. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

NESWC -John discussed the recent issues at NEWS. Dore' felt that we as a Town should send a letter to the Inspector General in support of their opinion vs. The letter send by the Executive Board.
DORE' HUNTER - Moved to send a letter to the Inspector General. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Staff to draft letter and Chairman to sign.

WILLIAM MULLIN - Moved to nominate John Murray as NESWC Primary Representative with Don Johnson as alternate. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Need for Executive Session.

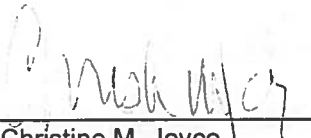
EXECUTIVE SESSION

HERMAN KABAKOFF- Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Potential litigation. DORE' HUNTER -Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.
Roll Call taken by Mr. Kabakoff - All Ayes.

The Board adjourned at 11:05 P.M.


Clerk

11/4/97
Date


Christine M. Joyce
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September 18, 1997

TO Board of Selectmen

FROM: F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

AGENDA

Room 204

September 23, 1997

7:30 P.M.

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. **7:31 MEMORIAL LIBRARY FOUNDATION** - Connie Huber will present the Town with a check to fund Sunday openings at the Acton Memorial Library.
2. **7:35 PEG ERLANGER** - Enclosed please find Ms. Erlanger's Citizen Resource Sheet and VCC's recommendation for her appointment to the Volunteer Coordinating Committee for a term to expire June 30, 2000 for Board action.
3. **7:40 LIANNE SULLIVAN** - Enclosed please find Ms. Sullivan's Citizen Resource Sheet and VCC's recommendation for her appointment to the Personnel Board for a term to expire June 30, 1998.
4. **7:45 KENNETH FRANK** - Enclosed please find Mr. Frank's Citizen Resource Sheet and VCC's recommendation for his appointment to the Recreation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 1999.
5. **9:00 NANCY BANKS** - Ms. Banks will provide the Board with an update on the School Building Report.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

6. **CAPITAL BUDGET** - Review Long Range Capital Plan. Chairman Hunter asked that this item be placed on the agenda.
7. **WINDSOR AVE. RECOMMENDATIONS** - Enclosed please find recommendations from VHB and previous Board of Selectmen minutes.
8. **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT** - Enclosed please find the latest version of the warrant articles for discussion by the Board.
9. **ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** - Enclosed please find a request for a waiver of the Building Permit Application fees for repairs to the Windsor Green Housing complex.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

10. **FIRE DEPARTMENT BREATHING APPARATUS** - Enclosed please find a request from Chief Craig to declare the breathing apparatus as surplus and any necessary action relative thereto.
11. **ACTON HOUSING AUTHORITY** - Enclosed please find a request for HUD's Annual Contribution Contract for Board of Selectmen signature.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

12. **NESWC UPDATE** - The Town Manager will update the Board.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETINGS

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.

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