

Town Clerk



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

JULY 11, 1995

The Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 1995 at 7:30 PM. Present were William Mullin, F. Dore' Hunter, Nancy Tavernier, Wayne Friedrichs, Herman Kabakoff, Town Manager Johnson, and Assistant Town Manager John Murray. (The meeting was televised by cable).

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None were expressed.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

ACTON CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Acton Christian Church has requested a waiver from the \$30.00 fee associated with a temporary food permit from the Board of Health. Acton Christian church has stated that they are a non-profit organization and should be exempt from these fees. The Board discussed this request in length and stated that a policy regarding waiving of fees should be implemented. The Board stated that it is important to encourage people to apply for this permit in order to make sure that proper food handling procedures are followed. Dore' asked staff to recommend a policy to the Board regarding the waiver of the fee for temporary food permits. HERMAN KABAKOFF move that we approve waiver of \$30.00 temporary food permit for Acton Christian Church. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Nancy stated that the policy that is created needs to be very clear and should avoid any potential health problems. F. DORE' HUNTER - Move to direct staff to give their recommendation of a policy to the Board. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

CAMP ACTON DISCUSSION

The Nashua Valley Council - Boy Scouts of America own a parcel of land called "Camp Acton". The Scouts are selling this land and have offered the parcel to the Town. Camp Acton abuts Spring Hill conservation land. The land is presently used by the Scouts for camping purposes.

Elizabeth Golden, 433 Main Street, in charge of the committee to propose that the Town purchase Camp Acton, stated that she has 170 signatures from residents of Acton supporting the purchase of Camp Acton and would like to see the land used for recreational purposes and conservation land.

Joe Shutz, 12 Robert Road, stated that he recommends that the Town purchase the land so the younger scouts can benefit from Camp Acton.

David Hart, Pope Road, stated that this is a unique piece of land and that it would be beneficial to the Town to purchase this land. Mr. Hart also pointed out that it has been 15 years since the Town acquired land.

Bret Sewer, 369 Pope Road, stated that this land is hilly, dry, and has the privacy of the woods and he would be delighted if the Town purchased this land.

Trey Shupert, Planning Board member, stated that the Planning Board has looked at a number of 61A parcels over the years and stated that the Planning Board has not recommended the purchase of one, however, they are recommending this one even though it is not on the 61A list.

The Board questioned the potential use of this land and the frontage access to the land. The frontage to Camp Acton is approximately 40 feet, just enough to allow a residential drive that would allow five (5) houses to be built on it.

The Board asked staff to research who the owner of record is for Camp Acton. Bill Kingman, 65 Esterbrook Road offered his thoughts regarding the ownership of the land. Mr. Kingman stated that the land was left to the Trustees of the Boy scouts, and he thinks there were three people.

Bill Roop, Pope Road, stated that the scouts feel that they have a moral obligation to offer the Town land. Mr. Roop also stated that he felt other properties could be combined in order to obtain enough frontage to develop the land.

F. DORE' HUNTER - Move to direct staff to enter into negotiations with the Boy Scouts to purchase the land and contingent the purchase on the agreement with the Boy Scouts. Detail should also be made to explore what type of use ,we the municipality, will take to continue the same use of the land. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

There was some discussion regarding whether or not the land should be used for general municipal use or conservation use. The Board questioned Ms. Golden as to how many of the 170 signatures she obtained were direct abutters. Ms. Golden stated that in a quick glimpse she counted 24 people. Dore' stated that if this land is to be used for municipal purposes, the town can not discriminate against who can use the property.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Sharon Ingraham, member of the Cable Advisory Committee was in to discuss cable issues with the Board. Ms. Ingraham updated the board regarding contract renewal, governmental opening of video services, and consumer complaints. Ms. Ingraham stated that the Cable Advisory Committee would need the help of a professional lawyer skilled in media communications in order to renew their contract. Ms. Ingraham estimated that \$20,000 would need to be budgeted. Ms. Ingraham stated that there are presently 5 members on the cable advisory committee but that 8 members would be welcomed. Dore' suggested that they seek a member who is a lawyer in telecommunications. Ms. Ingraham stated that she would like to see more communication with the school so more meetings can be televised by cable. The Board suggested that Ms. Ingraham meet with Don in order to get a warrant article ready for town meeting for the funds she is requesting for an attorney.

NORTH ACTON RECREATION AREA COMMITTEE

ADHOC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The only active member of the Recreation Committee is Bruce Stamski. Bruce has suggested that both he and Bill be cochairs of an Adhoc Committee for the NARA. Don has recommended that there be a predetermined sunset at two (2) years, unless the Selectmen otherwise vote to extend its charge. The charge of the committee would be for planning and development of the North Acton Recreation Area. Tom Tidman provided the Board with a list of the following people that have been attending the meeting and recommends that the Selectmen appoint these people to the NARA Committee:

1. Bill Mullin
2. Bruce Stamski
3. Kathryn Garcia
4. Don Knapp
5. David Pichadze
6. Elizabeth Golden
7. Allen Warner
8. Russ Traywick
9. Ruth Freeman

10. Terry Catino

Bill urged the people in the audience to become involved in the North Acton Recreation project and stated that there will be a meeting July 19, 1995 at 5:30 P.M. at the site on Quarry Road.

Dore' stated that there will be a Sewer Action Committee meeting, July 12, 1995 at 7:30 P.M. in Room 204 of the Town Hall.

F. DORE' HUNTER - 8:45 P.M. Move to go into Executive Session for the purpose of acquisition negotiations. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Return from Executive Session at 9:06 P.M.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS

Staff provided a list to the Board of committee members who are up for reappointment.

DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve following list of reappointments:

1. Kathryn Garcia - AB- Arts Council (Full)
2. Kay Hartung - AB - Arts Council (Full)
3. Mark Benedict - Board of Health (Associate)
4. William McInnis - Board of Health (Full)
5. Walter George - Cemetery Commission (Full)
6. Michaela Moran - Acton Historic District (Full)
7. Whit Mowry - Historic District (alternate)
8. Patrick Halm - Planning Board (associate)
9. Trey Shupert - Planning Board (Full) 5 yr
10. Walter George - Volunteer Coordinating Committee (Full)
11. Charles Kadlec - Volunteer Coordinating Committee (Until Replacement is found)

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Dore' stated that the Historic District Commission expressed their concern regarding not having enough members. Don stated that the VCC has not submitted paperwork to the Manager's office for Board action. The Board stated that we should push VCC to get the paperwork to us and schedule as many people as we can for the August 15th meeting. The Board also suggested that we invite the VCC to appear before the Board.

SIGN REQUEST

JONES FIELD

Christopher Stockman has requested to the Board that they be allowed to place an informational sign approximately 4 X 8' on the fence in the vicinity of the playground equipment. The sign will be used to display information that relates to the development and fundraising activities of the Jones Field Playground committee. F. DORE HUNTER - Move to approve the sign request submitted by Christopher Stockman. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

BOARD POLICY REVIEW

In looking at the policies of the Board of Selectmen it was noted that some of the policies expired. Since Mr. Hunter created these policies the Board asked if he could review them and bring them back before the Board. Mr. Hunter asked staff to give him a copy of all the policies for his review.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda items were reviewed and it was decided that #10 Cash Security Request -Suburban Manor should be pulled off the Consent Calendar. DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve Consent Agenda except for #10. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS

Nancy stated that the Steering Committee should be appointed by the Selectmen. NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to appoint Steering Committee members. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board briefly discussed the Rosen project. Herman stated that he had a pleasant conversation with Don Jutton, Consultant to Rosen Associates, who asked him many of hypothetical questions regarding the project.

The Board also discussed putting Norm Lake's name in for the Chamber of Commerce person of the year. Nancy stated that she had spoken with Evelyn Olscheski regarding installing drapes in the Selectmen's hearing room. Evelyn indicated to Nancy that she would be willing to provide a fund-raiser for the purchase of the drapes.

TOWN MANAGER'S CONCERNS

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SUBURBAN COALITION MEMBERSHIP

Nancy Tavernier asked the Board if they would like to be a member of the Suburban Coalition. The fee associated with this is \$100.00. The Board stated that while this is a worthwhile committee, it had not been budgeted for, the Board selected not to activate membership. The Board stated that they would think about membership for next year. Dore' suggested that we ask the Coalition for reasons why we should join.

SALVATION ARMY BOXES

Richard Howe, Highway Superintendent, was present before the Board to discuss the problems associated with the Salvation Army boxes located at the transfer station. Mr. Howe stated that for the past two years he has been in contact with the Salvation Army 3 to 4 times a week in order to get them to pick up the clothes that have been left. Mr. Howe stated that they do not pick up regularly so clothes stay outside the bin and when it rains the clothes become soiled and have to be disposed of. New England Clothes Recycling has offered the Town their services. They have assured us that the boxes will be monitored every month and have never received a complaint from anyone using their services. The clothes that are picked up are cut into rags, sold to thrift shops, and used to help needy people. They would like permission to place one container at the transfer station. The Board agreed that they would like staff to contact the other towns listed as references and receive input from them regarding the reliability of this company. The Board advised Mr. Howe to take care of the problem and contact the Salvation Army under their name.

DUMP PICKERS

Mr. Howe also voiced his concerns regarding problems that dump pickers are creating. The dump pickers are urinating, drinking, using lewd conduct, ripping apart the pipes in the refrigerators that expose the freon and are fighting for objects that residents are dumping. Mr. Howe is seeking advice as to what to do. It was suggested that signs be posted stating that there be "no standing" allowed. This would allow the average citizen to rummage through the piles on an as needed basis. F. DORE HUNTER - Move that

the Town Manager take appropriate action to eliminate this problem with the trashpickers at the transfer station. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

BULLDOZER PURCHASE WITH CHAPTER 90 MONIES

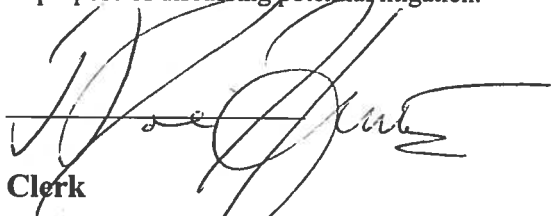
Mr. Howe has recommended to the Board that he be allowed to purchase a bulldozer with Chapter 90 monies. Mr. Howe stated that this purchase would be the most efficient use of the monies. The bulldozer would be useful in dredging ice house pond, the capping of the landfill, the creation of North Acton recreation area and other areas throughout town. Mr. Howe stated that the purchase of this dozer would eliminate the need for some major expenditures by the Town based on the projects it would be used for, thereby saving the town money. F. DORE; HUNTER - Move to approve the purchase of this dozer. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. There was discussion by the Board regarding this purchase with Herman stating that he thought the Finance Committee should be contacted prior to our approval. The Board stated that this was Chapter 90 monies and that we did not want to lose, however, we would notify the Finance Committee of this purchase. Vote was 4-1 with Herman abstaining.

The Board questioned Don on the status of the dredging of Ice House pond. Don stated that two permits were still needed, however, he hoped that the permits would be issued in the next couple of weeks. Bill stated that it was imperative that Ice House Pond be dredged this summer.

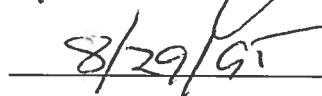
The Board adjourned regular session at 10:25 P.M.

F. DORE; HUNTER - Move to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. All ayes.

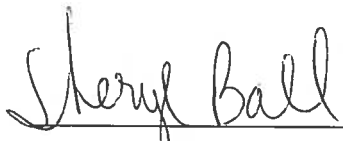


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8/29/95

Date



Sheryl A. Ball
Recording Secretary
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July 7, 1995

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: William C. Mullin, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

**AGENDA
Room 204
July 11, 1995**

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:45 **CAMP ACTON DISCUSSION** - Enclosed please find copies of letters received from citizens expressing interest in the acquisition of this property..
2. 8:15 **CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** - The Cable Advisory Committee will be in to up date the Board on Cable issues.
3. 8:45 **EXECUTIVE SESSION - LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

4. **REQUEST FOR FEE WAIVER** - Enclosed please find a request for waiver of the required fee for a bake sale from the Acton Christian Church for Board review and action.
5. **BOARD AND COMMITTEE REAPPOINTMENTS** - Enclosed please find correspondence from VCC and staff regarding reappointments for Board Action.
6. **NORTH ACTON RECREATION COMMITTEE** - The Chairman will address the Board regarding the enclosed recommendation for appointment of an Ad-Hoc Committee for the NARA Project.
7. **SIGN REQUEST** - Enclosed please find a request and staff comment regarding the revitalization of the Jones Field Playground for Board review and action.
8. **BOARD POLICY REVIEW** - Enclosed please find the index of Board Policies. Many have expired and need to be reviewed.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

9. **ACCEPT MINUTES** - Enclosed please find Board minutes from May 9 and 23 for Board acceptance.

10. **CASH SECURITY REQUEST - SUBURBAN MANOR** - Enclosed please find a request for cash security from staff in conjunction with issuance of the Occupancy Permit for Suburban Manor at 1 Great Road for Board Action.
11. **TOWN CLERK** - Enclosed please find a request for official certification of the Town Clerk for Board signature as required by the Secretary of State's Office for Board signature.
12. **ACCEPT GIFTS** - Enclosed please find a request to accept Memorial gifts to the Nursing Service for Board action.
13. **2A/27 SIDEWALK PROJECT** - Enclosed please find staff request to proceed with expenditure of funds for this project for Board approval.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

14. **SUBURBAN COALITION MEMBERSHIP** - Please see enclosed materials.
15. **TRANSFER STATION ISSUES** - Enclosed please find memos from Dick Howe regarding "dump pickers" and the Salvation Army Boxes at the Transfer Station. The Town Manager will further advise the Board and seek your approval of proposed corrective action.
16. **EQUIPMENT PURCHASE** - Enclosed please find staff recommendation for the purchase of equipment for Board review and action.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

17. **There will be a need for an Executive Session. Please see enclosed materials.**

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.

August 1 Informal Mtg.

August 15 - Site Plan - 289 Main St. - Exxon

Site Plan - Great Road - Mini Warehouse

August 29 - No public hearings or appointments scheduled at this time.

September - 12 - No public hearings or appointments scheduled at this time.

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