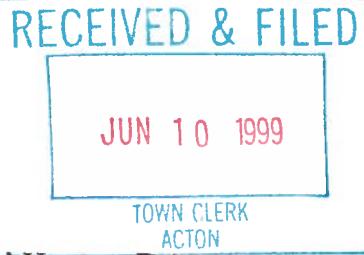


*SELECTMENS MEETING*  
*MAY 11, 1999*



PRESENT: Herman Kabakoff, Chairman, Wayne Friedrichs, and Dore Hunter. Peter Ashton and Trey Shupert were not present. Town Manager Don Johnson and Assistant Town Manager John Murray were also present. (The meeting was televised by cable.)

*CITIZEN CONCERNS*

VISITOR FROM ACTON ENGLAND – Daphne Hall representative from the World Affairs Council of Western Massachusetts arranged for Attorney Margaret Payne, a Labour Party Councilor for London Borough of Ealing, who also represents the ward of Acton England, to visit Acton Massachusetts, their sister city. Attorney Payne has also visited Springfield Massachusetts to learn about their experiences with three sister cities. Wayne Friedrichs past chairman of the Board of Selectmen along with Mark Schier, Chamber of Commerce took Atty. Payne on a tour of Acton and its surroundings today.

Ms. Daphne Hall stated that the Affairs Council works with the Government to bring visitors to this country. Atty. Payne was selected by the affairs council for her achievements to participate in this program. Atty. Payne thanked the Board on behalf of Acton England and also thanked the Wayne and the Board members for the tour and dinner she received and stated that she would like to visit again.

Herman Kabakoff presented Atty. Payne with a commerative metal coin.

Dore reminded the public that there will be a reuse meeting for the Towne School tomorrow night in the Memorial Library conference room at 7:30 PM.

*PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS*

SITE PLAN 3/8/99 -369  
3 EASTERN ROAD

WAYNE FRIEDRICH - Move to open site plan # 3/8/99 – 369 and continue until May 25, 1999 until 8:15 PM due to a lack of a quorum. DORE HUNTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

STAMSKI AND MCNARY  
FEE WAIVER REQUEST

Stamski and McNary are requesting a fee waiver for an amendment to the Acorn Park Phase I Definitive Subdivision Plan. Bill McNary asked for a waiver of the fee stating that that proposed amendment would be to change a line on the plan and the fee of approximately \$2,315 is excessive. The waiver is being asked for due to the simplicity of the amendment and the reason of the change is to provide adequate setback for an

existing deck located in Acorn Park. DORE' HUNTER - Move to reduce the fee by \$1,000. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MAISON MAISON  
5 STRAWBERRY HILL ROAD  
COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE

Steve Ravinski, Manager of Maison Maison, is seeking a common victualler license for 5 Strawberry Hill Road. Mr. Ravinski is in the process of purchasing Chez Claude restaurant. Mr. Ravinski stated that he has been looking for a restaurant for the last year and one half. Mr. Ravinski stated that the name Maison Maison was decided in order to give the customers a relaxed feeling regarding the atmosphere. DORE' HUNTER - Move to grant Common Victualler License to Maison Maison, 5 Strawberry Hill Road. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MAISON MAISON  
5 STRAWBERRY HILL ROAD  
TRANSFER LIQUOR LICENSE

Steve Ravinski was present to discuss his request for a liquor license. Mr. Ravinski stated that a liquor license is a privilege and he will take that privilege seriously and alcohol will only be served to supplement a dinner. Dore stated that the liquor policy is the best he has seen in years and also stated that the Board takes violations seriously by conducting our own hearings. DORE' HUNTER - Move to grant an All Alcoholic Liquor License as a Common Victualler License to Maison Maison, 5 Strawberry Hill Road. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

WALTER FOSTER  
PLANNING BOARD INTERVIEW  
FULL MEMBER

The Board thanked Mr. Foster for applying for this position. Herman asked Mr. Foster why he has volunteered. Mr. Foster indicated that he has lived in Acton for 5 years and has always volunteered in other communities that he has lived in. Mr. Kabakoff asked Mr. Foster if he has attended any Planning Board meetings. Mr. Foster indicated that he had been to two. Mr. Foster also indicated that he has read the last two years of the Planning Board minutes and has looked at the Zoning Bylaws. Mr. Foster indicated that he has dealt with all issues of discrimination in his career as an Attorney. Dore' asked Mr. Foster his views on sidewalks. Mr. Foster indicated that he likes and feels we need more sidewalks. Dore' gave Mr. Foster an overview of the need for sidewalks. Wayne asked Mr. Foster if he has read the Master Plan. Mr. Foster indicated that he has read the summary Master Plan and has looked at the Master Plan. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Move to appoint Walter Foster as a full member of the Planning Board to fill the uncompleted term of Trey Shupert to expire on June 30, 2000. DORE' HUNTER - Second. The Board discussed appointing Mr. Foster for the full five years, however, it was stated that they would like to keep the members terms staggered and they

would re-appoint Mr. Foster to a five year term when he completes the unexpired term.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

THOMAS CATES  
PLANNING BOARD INTERVIEW  
FULL MEMBER

Mr. Cates has asked for his interview to be rescheduled since he is unable to make it tonight. Staff will reschedule this interview.

## *SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS*

### TOWN CLERK REAPPOINTMENT

WAYNE FRIEDRICH - Move to reappoint Catherine Belbin as the Town Clerk with a term to run from April 1, 1999 until April 1, 2002. DORE' HUNTER - Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### LOGO FOR NARA

Staff conducted a contest for a logo and a name for the North Acton Recreation Area. The proposed logo and name are before the Board tonight. Wayne stated that there were many entries and there was much discussion on the submittals. The Recreation Committee has recommended the submittal before the Board tonight. The two choices are NARA or NARA park. WAYNE FRIEDRICH - Move to recommend that the name be NARA Park and the proposed logo be accepted. DORE' HUNTER - Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

BOY SCOUT EAGLE COURT  
GEOFFREY MURRAY

Herman Kabakoff to represent the Board

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS RECYCLING PROGRAM

There is a request from the Special Olympics asking for donated cars for a recycling program they are doing as part of a fundraiser. The Special Olympics are seeking the Boards endorsement of the program and also permission to hang posters and to insert a brochure in the tax bills. It was stated that we can not allow a brochure to be placed in the tax bills. Dore' stated that he is concerned with the many other charitable organizations that use the recycle car program and suggested that we allow the Special Olympics to place a poster on the bulletin board.

## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Herman briefly outlined the upcoming goals and objectives of the Board. Herman asked if other Board members had other items that they would like to discuss during the coming year. Herman suggested we postpone this agenda item due to the lack of Board members present tonight. Dore' suggested that the goals and objectives be included on the Selectmen's agendas at the end in reduced font.

## BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Dore' stated that these assignments are fine with him, however, it was decided to reschedule this item when more members are present.

## SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE

Herman discussed the proposed summer meeting schedule. Dore' discussed adding an additional meeting on August 31, 1999 if needed.

## OTHER

**SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE** - Dore' updated the Board on the progress of the School Building Committee. Dore' stated that there was discussion regarding the funding for the demolition of the Towne School. Herman stated that there are shortfalls in both school projects to the tune of 2 million dollars. Dore indicated that these shortfalls have been done on outdated schematics and that better numbers will be indicated at that time. Herman stated that the Town Manager should be commended on the outstanding job that he did on the OMR contract. Don questioned the transfer needed for Blanchard deed. Dore indicated that he hoped the deed would be ready when the school needed it. Don stated that we will see what we can do to have the deed in hand on May 25<sup>th</sup>.

**SEWER ACTION COMMITTEE** - Dore also indicated that the Sewer Action Committee is meeting on May 19<sup>th</sup> the day after the override election and anticipated that they will be asking the state for more time.

**RED CROSS** - Herman stated that the Red Cross has asked for host families, translators, food and other items that are needed to help with the crisis in Kosokov.

**MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATER** - Dore stated that when he read this document it was not clear to him that this program would be beneficial to Acton.

**MPO VOTE** - Herman stated that a representative of the Board will need to be present at the MPO election at the Newton Marriott Hotel on May 26<sup>th</sup> or appoint a designee. It was stated that none of the Board members present tonight could make the meeting and it

was stated that we should look into getting an absentee ballot. Staff will talk to Donna Jacobs regarding this.

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION – It was stated that a conference was held regarding the phosphorus levels in the Assabet River. The Towns present explained their views on the phosphorus levels in the river. Dore indicated that there will be a second meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY DEDICATION – Don indicated that there will be a second dedication at the Memorial Library on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00 PM. Don indicated that the public is invited.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS LITERACY PROGRAM – Herman stated that the Massachusetts Literacy Program has no idea of the literacy situation in Acton and the study is very outdated and unbelievable. Dore suggested that we show this to the school and ask for their comments.

MBTA DISTRICT - Herman stated that Acton has been included in the MBTA district which will cost us money out of our budget for next year. Herman suggested that we look at Maynard's and Concord's revenues. Herman asked if the Senate should be sent a letter indicating our displeasure.

## *CONSENT AGENDA*

DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve consent calendar as printed. WAYNE FRIEDRICH - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

## *TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT*

HANSCOM AIRFIELD - John indicated that he was in Washington on behalf of NESWC last week, and listened to the head of the FDA speak about issues at Logan International Airport and mentioned that some traffic could possibly be relocated to Hanscom .

### **ICMA AND US AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

John indicated that a program developed by the Federal Government seeks to bring US cities and Asia together to share information and questioned whether Acton should be involved in this program. Dore' stated that he was in favor of this program. Herman and Wayne stated that they would not be in favor due to the unknown. John gave a brief overview of the program and stated that it would be an innovative program and will give an overview of potential costs and estimates of staff time. John indicated that he will contact ICMA for more information and present it at the next Board meeting.

NESWC

John indicated that the House has appropriated monies for a 15 year tip reduction program, however they did not appropriate the monies in the 7 year program. John is concerned that the DEP is trying to regulate the trash market since they have stated that they may reconsider the moratoriums on landfills and will delay the closings of still open landfills. John is concerned with the State's intentions and wants our fair allocation. DORE' HUNTER - Move to draft letter. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move to adjourn meeting at 9:30 PM. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.



Clerk



Sheryl Ball

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Selectmen's Secretary