

**Selectmen's Minutes  
September 11, 2001  
7:30 P.M.**

Present: Peter Ashton, F. Dore' Hunter, Pamela Harting-Barrat, Walter Foster, Assistant Town Manager. (The meeting was televised)

**CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

Peter read a brief statement concerning the Acton families that have lost loved ones during the tragedy today. He asked for a moment of silence. He assured the public that we have taken steps to continue to protect them.

None Expressed

**PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

**SITE PLAN #11/18/98-366 – 886 Main Street- Amendment.** This site plan was continued to October 9, 2001 at 8:15.

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION OVERSIGHT MEETING** - Peter Grover outlined their mission statement as noted in the Mass General Laws. Peter Ashton asked about the Vallencourt house. He suggested they look at the study and offer suggestions. Peter asked if they would be able to send a representative to the upcoming Community Preservation Act Committee. Mr. Grover said he would speak to the Commission and determine their availability.

**31 POWDER MILL ROAD SITE PLAN #6/7/01-378** – The applicants engineer presented the proposed plans for a mixed use building at #31 Powder Mill Road. Mr. Sweeney was asked if he would be willing to provide side walks. He felt that they would be "sidewalks to no where" and would not benefit his endeavor. He was also asked if he would put the fire suppression equipment as recommended by the Fire Chief in this building. He said no, that he did not want to put the extra funds into it. He further said that Code did not require it, and that if he did, he would have to pass the cost on the tenants of the building. **WALTER FOSTER** – Moved to take under advisement. **DORE' HUNTER** – Second. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

**Special Town Meeting** - Peter spoke about a possible change in zoning, which would require re-zoning to relocate the Dog Kennel.

Dore' asked about what sort of zoning change will be required. Peter felt it would be a use change. He felt it had a lot of community support and would like it to go before them. Walter is supportive of the changes and questioned the inclusion of the public safety building on this warrant. They don't think it will be ready until January. Peter felt we could have it Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. **DORE' HUNTER** – Moved to call a Special

Town Meeting on Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. WALTER FOSTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to close the warrant for the October 29<sup>th</sup> Special at the end of this meeting. PAMELA HARTING-BARRAT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**Public Safety Building Update** –Dore' updated the Board on the PSBC efforts. He noted the Task Force committees are working well. They have spent a lot of time and effort to research the reuse the Police station building. The steering committee voted 2-9 to not pursue the reuse of the current station.

**Sewer Project Update-** Making progress toward issues and financial situations has been more difficult then installation. They are looking at operation in November. It appears that review of the change orders show we may come out even. Dore' suggested that the BOS as Commissioners will be taking over more of the financing issues as well as other issues. He suggested that we have AWAC move away from the financial aspects and turn it over to the Staff and BOS.

**Selectmen's Meeting Schedule** – Peter spoke about rescheduling our meetings to Mondays, which will facilitate Fin com using this room to be televised. He asked for comment of starting at 7:00. Dore' felt this should be done. John was asked to find out if Cable would be available to film both Fin Com and us on Monday on Tuesdays. They will continue to discuss this meeting schedule and start at 7:00 p.m. beginning in October. Pam will be on vacation last week in September and Dore will be out during Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

WALTER FOSTER– Moved to approve. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

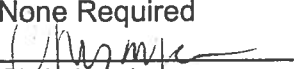
**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

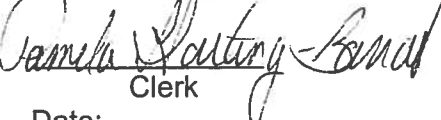
**ODOR/NOISE SEWER PLANT**– John Murray urged that the Board approve the study. Dore' noted that there is no money available. Peter felt strongly we should do this but how would we pay for it. Staff to come back with a plan of financing this study. John noted they feel so strongly about it that he could find money in our budget.

DORE' HUNTER - Approved the study. PAMELA HARTING-BARRAT- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**ARBITRAGE** – John updated the Board on the twin school construction and borrowing schedule. He felt we needed to have a specialist review our figures.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None Required  
  
Christine Joyce

  
Clerk  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

September 6, 2001

**TO:** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Peter Ashton, Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Selectmen's Report

## **SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**

### **I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

### **II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. **7:35 SITE PLAN #11/18/98- 366 - 886 MAIN ST.- AMENDMENT** – Enclosed please find an amended site plan for Board consideration (Peter Ashton assigned).
2. **8:15 HISTORICAL COMMISSION OVERSIGHT MEETING** – Members of the Historical Commission will be present for an oversight meeting.
3. **8:30 SITE PLAN #6/7/01-378 – 31 POWDER MILL ROAD –**. Enclosed please find a site plan for Board consideration. (Walter Foster assigned)

### **III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

4. **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING** – The Board will discuss the need for a Special Town Meeting regarding the Palmer property.
5. **PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING UPDATE** – Selectmen Hunter will update the Board regarding the Public Safety Building.
6. **SEWER PROJECT UPDATE** – Selectmen Hunter will update the Board regarding the Sewer Project.
7. **SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE** – The Selectmen will discuss their future meeting schedule.
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **IV CONSENT AGENDA**

9. **UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER BOSTON - PROCLAMATION** – The United Nations Association of Greater Boston is seeking a proclamation from the Board to recognize the value of work done by the United Nations.
10. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT** – Enclosed please find the VCC's recommendation to appoint Susan Wiberg as a Regular member of the Acton Boxborough Cultural Council with a term to expire on June 30, 2004.

## V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

11. **ARBITRAGE** – Enclosed please find a memo responding to the Finance Committee concerning the Twin School Borrowing Process.
12. **ODOR/NOISE ANALYSIS – ACTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** – Enclosed please find correspondence which the manager will discuss with the Board.

## VI EXECUTIVE SESSION

**An Executive Session will be required to discuss Labor Relations.**

### **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. 25 - HDC Oversight
- Oct. 9 – Oversight meeting with Assessors and Private Way Plowing final vote.
- Oct. 23 – Oversight Meeting with Planning

### **GOALS 2001-2002**

1. Resolution of on-going Labor Negotiations (Peter/Trey)
2. Improve Communication with Town Boards (Peter)
3. Towne Building Reuse (Walter/Dore')
4. ALG process be used for purpose of Budget Planning for FY '02 (Peter/Trey)
5. Residential and Commercial Growth (Walter/Trey/Pam)
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan (Peter/Walter)
7. Health Insurance Trust Agreement (Peter)
8. HDC Bylaw Review (Dore'/Peter)
9. Decision on Pentamation Accounting System (Dore'/Pam)
10. Process Planning for "Life after NESWC" (Pam)

### **FY 2000 GOALS carried forward**

11. Public Safety Facility (Dore'/Trey)
12. Determine future of Vallencourt House - 17 Woodbury Lane.
13. Provide looking at salary levels in the organization, include liaison with Personnel Board (Trey /Peter)