



SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

February 4, 1997

Present: Nancy Tavernier, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne L. Friedrichs, Herman Kabakoff, (Selectman Mullin was absent due to an extended business trip) Town Manager Don Johnson and Assistant Mgr. Murray. (The meeting was televised until 11:20)

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Alice Clark of 140 High Street asked that priority be given for sidewalks in their area and asked for Board support. There is a lot of support from the neighbors and they see many safety issues with the current status of the Street. They felt the installation would connect the neighborhoods. Nancy Tavernier thanked them for conducting the survey and expressed the Board's appreciation of their effort. Nancy said the street was a very difficult street for design but acknowledged the need. Ron Neely the oldest walking resident of the area urged the sidewalks installation. The Heald family expressed their support of sidewalk installation. Nancy invited them to stay for the budget discussion of sidewalk funding.

Mr. Leonard Schwab asked about any actions taken since November 15, 1995 on the electric power issues. He had hoped the Board would have been pro-active and action could have been taken and asked if any article was being placed on the 1997 ATM warrant regarding Power. Herman asked what action he thought they should be taking. He responded that he just wanted them to know that he felt it is a potential safety hazard and they need decisive action to be taken. Nancy Tavernier replied that the Board currently had no article for placement, but that it is their option to place something right up to the printing deadline if they so choose.

Stephanie Conklin - She had several issues of concern. First being the price of the dump stickers. Chairman advised her we already offer discount to seniors at the age of 65 the cost is reduced from 100 to 25 per year. Ms. Conklin as concerned that the age was set too high. She also wanted the town to offer seniors the \$500 credit on tax bills in exchange for working for the Town. Nancy said we have looked at this program and have referred it to the Council on Aging for further action. Nancy suggested she apply for membership on the COA and perhaps she could facilitate the movement of these programs and express her issues and concerns. Finally, she was concerned with the intersection of 27/Newtown and Concord Roads. She requested a signal or stop signs. Nancy again explained that the previous Board's have studied this issue and were unable to develop a plan that met with everyone's expectations and visions, and it will be looked at again by the current Boards. Staff noted that we have the previous study on file for anyone to review. Nancy noted that the rotary option required a great loss of town common lands and that HDC indications had not supported this approach.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

WALLACE JAMES INTERNATIONAL DELI - NAGOG SQ. BEER AND WINE AS COMMON VICTULLER

Mr. Engles was present on behalf of the Deli. He explained that he will be training the employees on the correct service of alcohol. The Board cautioned him to get professional training and to be sure that all his employees understood the seriousness of this license and rules associated with it. His liquor policy is on file, there was no comment or concerns expressed from abutters. DORE' HUNTER - MOVED to approve the 7 day Beer and Wine License for the Wallace James International Deli - HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

HAYWARD ROAD/MAIN STREET INTERSECTION

John Kennedy the traffic engineer from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., after review of the intersection has determined that there is enough traffic and accident rates to warrant a light, but does not mean one should be installed, but would be a good idea. He noted that lights will lessen the capacity, the installation will only bring order. He has used the Mass Highway model for funding and it plans out 10 years at a 2% per year increase. A left turn northbound would have to be included. Option 2 would require widening of Hayward Road. This would reduce the que on buildout. Option 3 incorporates Option 2 plus extends right turn lane to Musket Drive and brings que to 575 feet (still at Musket Drive) they think the current que length model is very generous. He recommends option 2 or 3.

Option 1 - \$240,000 with Mass Highway Funding for construction
Option 2 - \$275,000 " "
Option 3 - \$290,000 " "

Wayne would like to see an unsigaled review of the intersection. John Kennedy agreed to perform a manual review at peak time Saturday. It was noted that there have been 14 accidents over a 40 month period, these mostly being rear ends. Dore' asked them to watch the back-up on Main Street when some one turns left during the manual review.

Comments from the Audience: Mr. Richard Howard of 4 Jefferson says that traffic cuts through his neighborhood to go to the high school and felt that might increase this activity.

Stephnie Conklin asked why this intersection was being considered over the Concord/Main/Newtown Road intersection.

Lawton Reed asked about impacts when/if future intersection lights were installed, would it reduce traffic because of alternate routes? John Kennedy said that he did not feel that would be the case, it was more likely that it would continue to be used as it would then be easier to exit at peak time from Musket.

Bruce Ringwald said that the weekend are the peak time and that a light would not fix the problem.

Herman Kabakoff asked what the next step would be. John felt that the paperwork to receive Mass Highway funding could be done. Dore' asked the cost for everything to be done. It was noted that the reimbursement would be for construction costs of \$275,000 and that the design would cost approximately \$18,000 plus land acquisition costs.

The Bartlett's of 385 Main Street felt a light was not needed and would not help the traffic flow.

The Board took the issue under advisement.

WINDSOR AVE. TRAFFIC SURVEY REPORT

John Kennedy and Heidi Updegraff of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. were present to discuss the outcome of their recent work in the subject regard. Figures collected indicate that the 85% is 28 miles per hour. The volume on Central Street is 9,000 and on Windsor 1,200 to 1,500 per day.

He reviewed the various options developed to address the concerns of the neighborhood which were expressed at the neighborhood meetings. Heidi said the residents were concerned about parking and the one-way south bound would address this concern. Reconfiguration of the Central Street end was discussed as a possible way to slow traffic.

Wayne went through his list of concerns after reading the Draft report. He felt that parking was the culprit, but also felt this was a traffic calming measure and why fix it if it was working. No pedestrian has ever been hit on Windsor Ave. and there are very few accidents. He felt that the parking at the Mass Ave. end was more troublesome than parking on Windsor Ave. He was not in favor of one-way option..

Nancy wanted to talk about the cost estimates and asked about the cost of crosswalks constructed with the Hump design. The Town could build , plus the design fee would be less than \$5,000.00. The options 1 and 2 would be around \$25,000 to 30,000 for completion.

Josh Chernin of 169 Central Street thanked the Board for allocating monies to do the Study. He missed the final neighborhood meeting. He questioned the cut through numbers and suggested placing a one-way at the end of Windsor Ave at Mass Ave. For a trial period. He said the issue was safety not volume. He said that the neighbors endorse all recommendations developed by the consultant.

The Board will take this under advisement.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

ALG - February 12th at 7:00 the Board asked the Manager to include the following issues on the agenda for discussion: School Bldg. Update, Final Budget numbers, Deficit Reduction Plan.

BUDGET DISCUSSION:

Volume II - The Board discussed the Arts Council request for \$5,000. Herman asked that Boxboro contribute or that we limit the funds to use by Acton only. He thought the Council should go to Boxboro for funds also. The balance of the Board felt more comfortable with it being a warrant article as opposed to folding it in to the budget as it could be an on-going expense. The Council could make their case for appropriation and could address the Boxboro issue of contribution at the Meeting. HERMAN KABAKOFF- Moved to Place an article on the Warrant for ABCC in the amount of \$5,000. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Land Stewardship Request- HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to place the \$5,000 request as a Warrant Article. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Finance Committee's Request- Dore's company is donating a computer to the Finance Committee for their use so that part of their request is fulfilled. Dore' could support membership portion of their request but could not support the staffing request. Nancy was uncomfortable with the staffing request due to the lack of detail provided and could not support the staffing request. DORE' HUNTER - Moved to approve the Dues/Membership request of \$1,000 - WAYNE FREIDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to accept the gift of a 486DS for use by the Finance Committee for Mr. Hunter's firm. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. With Mr. Hunter abstaining. The Board thanked him for his generous gift. It was noted it is a stand alone and will not be tied into the town's network.

Building, COA and Collector's requests have been moved in the budget already, no additional action required.

Engineering- Sidewalk package was discussed	
Central to New View(Elm St)	11,500
School to Maddy land and Sandy Dr.,	12,500
Windsor AVe./Central with Hump	33,500
Planning Concord Road - Chapter 90 Monies	
High Street 3/ft too low	15,000 design in Warrant Article

HERMAN KABAKOFF- Moved to place \$73,000 in a Side walk Warrant Article. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TRAFFIC STUDY WINDSOR AVE - DORE' HUNTER - moved to continue to carry Windsor Ave. Monies of \$40,000 as Warrant Article. Dore' Withdrew his motion to fund as they are re-configuring area at this time.

PLOWING OF PRIVATE WAYS - HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to place an article for Private Way Plowing in the amount of \$10,000 on the Warrant - DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

REPLACE AMBULANCE - DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place the Ambulance replacement on the Warrant in the amount of \$130,000. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Herman questioned the amount of the replacement. He asked why it was so expensive. The Board explained the issues surrounding the current ambulance the nature of the vehicles use and expected life expectancy.

HIGHWAY - DORE' HUNTER - Moved to include 4 trucks for replacement as a Warrant Article. WAYNE FREIDRICHS- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

MUNICIPAL PROPERTIES - WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Moved to place the 3/4 ton pick up on the Warrant - DORE' HUNTER - Second. 3-1 HERMAN VOTING NO.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place the Slice Seeder for \$6,5000 on the Warrant - WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place the Fire Station Roofs in the amount of \$36,000 on the Warrant - WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place the painting of Town Hall in the amount of \$40,000 on the Warrant - WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place the DPW Garage Doors in the amount of \$15,000 on the Warrant - WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Ice House Pond paving project would come from Chapter 90 monies.

NATURAL RESOURCES - The Board discussed the Morrison Land. Nancy feels this has to go before Town Meeting contingent as a Debt Exclusion. DORE' HUNTER - Moved to put the Morrison Land purchase on the Warrant with the summary to note that this is conditioned upon Debt Exclusion.

PLANNING - HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to place an article on \$70,000 on the Warrant for Master Plan Update. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to place an article on the Warrant in the amount of \$65,000 for the 27 Corridor Study (from Brook Street to Route 2) WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

POLICE - Herman asked that the replacement cycle be changed to even out the highs and lows the board discussed the cycle and suggested a 3,3 and 2 cycle. Dore' said we need to make a statement of commitment and to have staff review and bring back a recommendation to the next meeting.

The Board finalized the Budget to \$13,239,000 operating Budget

WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Moved to transmit the Budget as discussed to the Finance Committee - DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Nancy discussed the need to mail a smaller warrant this year. She would like to see the budget breakdown section compressed or changed to a handout available before and at Town Meeting. The Board will make the decision at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

DORE' HUNTER - Moved to Approve. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

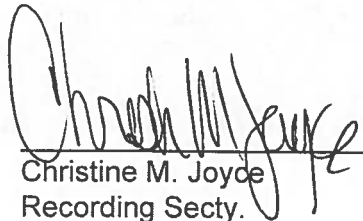
TOWN COUNSEL - Acheson H Callaghan will be changing his affiliation and now will be working at Anderson Kreiger after more than 30 years with Palmer and Dodge. The Board discussed the establishment of the Chinese Wall such as when Steve Anderson left the firm, the Town Manager will work out the details.

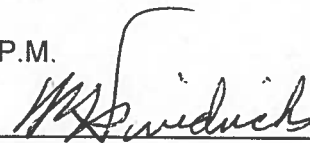
EXECUTIVE SESSION

WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Contract Negotiations. DORE' HUNTER -Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Roll Call taken by Mr. Friedrichs - All Ayes.

The Board adjourned at 12:30 P.M.


Christine M. Joyce
Recording Secty.
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