

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

August 20, 1996

The Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting on Tuesday August 20, 1996 at 7:30 P.M. Present were Chairman Nancy Tavernier, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne Friedrichs, William Mullin, Town Manager Don Johnson, and Assistant Town Manager John Murray. Herman Kabakoff was not present.. {The meeting was televised by cable}.

### **CITIZENS CONCERNS**

None expressed.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **BOSTON EDISON**

#### **MAIN STREET**

DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### **BOSTON EDISON**

#### **PIPER ROAD**

DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve. WILLIAM MULLIN - Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### **KEVIN SWEENEY**

#### **PRESENTATION OF MILL CORNER GIFT**

Mr. Kevin Sweeney was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Nancy Tavernier stated that she would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank and commend Mr. Sweeney for the gift. Nancy will write a thank you note to Mr. Sweeney and that the Board should accept the gift. DORE' HUNTER - Move to accept the \$300,000 gift from Mill Corner for the purposes set forth in the escrow agreement. BILL MULLIN - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**BETTY DANIELSON  
VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
FULL MEMBER**

Ms. Danielson is seeking an appointment as a full member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee. The Board asked Ms. Danielson questions regarding why she wishes to volunteer for this position. Ms. Danielson stated that she has been a resident for 4 years and that she had been involved in numerous organizations in other communities. Ms. Danielson suggested that the Town include a brochure in Welcome Packets distributed to new Acton residents to make new residents aware of the Volunteer Committees that Acton offers. DORE' HUNTER - Move to appoint Betty Danielson as a full member of the Volunteer Coordinating Committee with a term expiring June 30, 1999. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Nancy told Ms. Danielson that she would need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk prior to resuming duties.

**KEVIN HURLEY  
LIP APPLICATION  
WESTSIDE VILLAGE**

Mr. Hurley was present before the Board to discuss the LIP Application. Doug Macone and Frank Panetta are the developers of Westside Village and are proposing to build four (4) affordable homes which will be sold at \$94,500 and the remainder will be sold between the \$200,000 & \$250,000 range. Mr. Hurley is seeking a support letter from the Board of Selectmen to be submitted to the State on behalf of the developers. Mr. Hurley has worked closely with the Acton Community Housing Corp. and has their support. There are a few unresolved issues regarding setbacks, density and road way that still needs to be worked out with Town staff. Bill questioned the resale value of the affordable homes. Mr. Hurley stated that deed restrictions are placed on the home limiting the resale so the homes are still considered affordable if a sale is to occur. Dore' questioned if the road will be built according to town standards. Mr. Hurley stated that the Highway Superintendent is concerned with the number of driveways on the cul-de-sac. Mr. Hurley discussed the Planning Department's concerns and will address all conditions. WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to support the LIP Application by Westside Village and that up to \$5,000 be allotted for a private consultant to oversee the affordable housing lottery. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Mr. Hurley will draft the appropriate letter for Board signature.

## ***SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS***

### **SIGNS WITHIN THE RIGHT OF WAY**

Garry Rhodes has presented the Board with a proposed policy for signs in the public Right of Way for Board consideration and vote. Bill Mullin questioned existing religious signs. Bill asked if there were any churches that presently have more than two signs allowed for in the policy. It was stated that no one will have to modify or take down any signs under this proposed policy. WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to approve Signs within the Right of Way Policy. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

The Board discussed the new pole installation which will be used for banner purposes located at the corner of Main and Taylor Road. Wayne also questioned whether the West Acton Merchants can use the private businesses as they did last year. The Board stated that any area other than the designated locations outlined in the policy would need Board approval. The Board also asked that staff distribute the policy to local organizations.

### **ACTON CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH REQUEST FOR BANNER PLACEMENT**

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to approve Banner Request. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **WARRANT ARTICLE REQUEST DOG CONTROL BYLAW**

Jesse and Stacey Liberty have requested that the Board place a warrant article at the Spring 97 Town meeting regarding an Dog Control Bylaw. The Liberty's stated that their daughter is afraid of dogs and is being driven into her house instead of playing outside due to a neighbor's roaming dog. The Liberty's feel that their daughter should be allowed to play outside on their own property. The Liberty's would like the Town's help in formulating an effective legal ordinance. The Liberty's article states that Dogs owners be required to keep their dogs under direct control. The Board asked the Liberty's to work with the Town Manager so this may be placed as a warrant article. Nancy stated that it had been approximately 10 years since Acton debated the leash law and that it was time to debate it again. Nancy also stated that the Selectmen will vote to recommend or not recommend this warrant article either in January or February. Nancy also suggested that the Liberty's write letters to the editors seeking support.

Jay Frolick was present to address dog barking issues. Mr. Frolick was told to contact Jesse and Stacey Liberty to discuss adding a provision in the warrant article

addressing dog barking. Nancy stated that this issue is not as black and white as it appears, however, this issue should be addressed at town meeting. Nancy asked Mr. Frolick to contact Don.

**PATRICK HALM  
FULL MEMBER PLANNING BOARD**

WILLIAM MULLIN - Move to appoint Patrick Halm from an associate to a Full Member of the Planning Board with a term expiring June 30, 1999. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**CHARLES JENKINS  
FULL MEMBER COUNCIL ON AGING**

DORE' HUNTER - Move to appoint Charles Jenkins as a full member to the Council on Aging with a term expiring June 30, 1997. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**2001 DISCUSSION**

Nancy asked the members of the Board if they would be present at the September 16th 2001 meeting. Bill stated he might have a conflict. Nancy also asked if November 4th or 13th would be okay. Nancy will call in the acceptable dates.

***CONSENT AGENDA***

DORE' HUNTER - Move to accept the Consent Agenda as printed. WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

***TOWN MANAGERS REPORT***

**END OF YEAR MONIES**

Bill questioned how much deficit we would have for FY 96. John stated that the books have not been closed due to uncollected monies and that the turn back would cover the deficit. John also stated that he has asked Assessing for the New Growth figures which are predicted to be approximately \$650,000. Nancy also stated that we should scrutinize the ALG revenue numbers for next year especially the regional school revenue projections. Dore' stated that we should look at the school's quarterly reporting vs. the Town's and note the detail in the Town's side.

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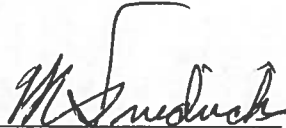
John stated that at a NESWC meeting today, the Board of Directors voted to spend an additional \$320,000 for a total of \$1.2 Million on implementing the New Contract.

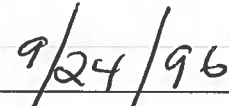
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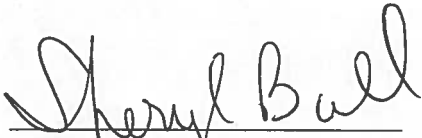
Don stated that the equipment is due to arrive at North Acton Recreation Area any day and the contractor is ready to begin.

WAYNE FRIEDRICHS - Move to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation. DORE' HUNTER - Second. All ayes.

The Board adjourned for executive session at 9:15 P.M.

  
Clerk

  
Date

  
Sheryl Ball  
Recording Secretary  
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August 16, 1996

TO Board of Selectmen

FROM: Nancy E. Tavernier, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

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**AGENDA**  
**Room 204**  
**August 20, 1996**

**I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. 7:31 **BOSTON EDISON - MAIN STREET** - Enclosed please find a request and staff comment for Board review and approval.
2. 7:32 **BOSTON EDISON - PIPER ROAD** - Enclosed please find a request and staff comment for Board review and approval.
3. 7:35 **KEVIN SWEENEY**- Mr. Sweeney will be making a presentation of the Mill Corner monies for Board acceptance.
4. 7:45 **BETTY DANIELSON - COMMITTEE INTERVIEW FOR VCC** - Enclosed please find Ms. Danielson's Citizen Resource Sheet and VCC recommendation for an appointment to the VCC with a term to expire 6/30/99 for Board action.
5. 8:15 **KEVIN HURLEY** - Enclosed please find materials prepared by Mr. Hurley as well as comments from ACHC regarding his client's proposed LIP application.

**III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

6. **SIGNS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY** - Enclosed please find Garry Rhodes' recommended policy for signs in the public Right of Way for Board consideration and vote.
7. **ACTON CENTER CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH REQUEST FOR BANNER PLACEMENT** - Enclosed please find a request and staff comment for Board action.
8. **WARRANT ARTICLE REQUEST** - Enclosed please find a request for Board assistance regarding a proposed Dog Control Article for Board review and discussion.
9. **PATRICK HALM - Planning Board** - Enclosed please find a recommendation from VCC to move Mr. Halm from Associate Member to Full Member to fill Jim Lee's unexpired term until 6/30/99, for Board discussion.
10. **CHARLES JENKINS - Council on Aging** - Enclosed please find a recommendation from the VCC to appoint Mr. Jenkins as a Full Member to the COA with an expiration date of 6/30/97 for Board action.

11. 200I Discussion - Enclosed please find the memo of July 24th regarding upcoming Acton 2001 session dates for Board discussion and finalization.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

12. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES - Enclosed please find minutes from June 25th and July 16th for Board acceptance and signature.

13. ACCEPT GIFT - Enclosed please find a request from the Citizen's Library for acceptance of books for Board action.

14. ACCEPT GIFT - Enclosed please find comments from the Town Manager regarding Jones Field Playground Equipment.

**V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VI. Steve Anderson will be in for 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.

Sept. 10 - Last National Wine - Stock and Transfer  
Sept. 24 -

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