

# SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

## JULY 18, 2000

**Present:** F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Herman Kabakoff, Trey Shupert, Pam Harting-Barrat, and the Town Manager.

(The meeting was televised) with the exception of the tour of the Police Facility

### CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Chairman Hunter introduced Melissa Bennett the architect chosen for the Public Safety building project. Her firm specializes in the design of Public Safety buildings. They recently completed a new Station for Manchester NH. She was involved with the communications at Logan Airport. She has worked with Dick Bennett's company, and noted that there is not connection between the companies.

Charlie Kadlec presented the additional names regarding the timeframe of Override questions.

### APPOINTMENTS/HEARINGS

#### RECREATION COMMISSION OVERSIGHT MEETING

The Recreation Commission gave an overview and presentation regarding their background. They noted that it took 10 years to complete from idea to fruition to get NARA online. They asked for help with several issues such as Policy turnarounds. They asked to become involved with Site Plans. Dore' asked them to be added on the list for comments.

#### VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT MEETING

Nancy Whitcomb, Chair spoke about the committee. They have brief interviews and then make appropriate recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Dore' announced the need for members to the VCC and urged anyone interested to volunteer. Dore' asked that the call for members be put in the Municipal Quarterly. He also asked Don to place a memo out to the boards regarding the need for VCC membership.

#### TJ O'GRADY SKATE PARK

Don outlined the tour that they have taken with the committee and the site that the committee has chosen is Ice House Pond. The committee has asked for funding from the town to augment their fund raising activities. Dore' said that unfortunately they could not come to special town meeting for money because the tax rate is not fixed and we will not have free cash available. Peter asked that they find out if other communities have built such parks. They wanted to know about start up costs and maintenance costs; is it a five-year life and what are the annual maintenance requirements. The Board is supportive of this concept and they would endorse the Ice House Pond location. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved to endorse the park and have the Town Manager write a letter of

support to be used in their fundraising activities. PETER ASHTON- Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **BOARD OF APPEALS COMMITTEE INTERVIEW – KENNETH KOZIK**

The Board interviewed Mr. Kozik for the opening on the Board of Appeals. He was told that after the Board finished their review of the other candidates that he may be appointed a Full member depending on the out come of those interviews.

HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved –To appoint Mr. Kozik to an Alternates position with a Three year term to expire 2003. PAM HARTING-BARRAT – Second.  
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **HANSCOM FIELD DISCUSSION**

Pam Resor and Cory Atkins as well at Mr. Rippere from the Hanscom Advisory Committee urged the Board to support the proposed position "Hanscom at the Crossroads". Pam Resor noted that the East Acton residents are experiencing a lot of air traffic from 5:30 am until 10, a plane every 5 minutes. They are pushing forward meeting with other surrounding States regarding regional transportation issues.

Dick Rippere explained that there is a suit pending from the surrounding towns with regard to Shuttle America. He urged that that towns need to be vocal and push for a transportation plan at a regional level.

Peter wanted the language made stronger to include an entire transportation plan. Trey recommends that we support this moratorium and asked to whom we address this vote? Senator Pam Resor suggested HAT'S and to the Governor. PAM HARTING-BARRAT - Move to accept the moratorium for future flights of the commercial aviation at Hanscom, and that we further endorse the statement and facts outlined in the "Hanscom at Crossroads" submittal. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Second UNANIMOUS VOTE.

### **ATTORNEY WILLIAM SOLOMON – FINAL CABLE LICENSE**

The final license has been signed. Bill noted that the Cable Committee has been cooperative and helpful.

We will have the best I-net in the State. The Board will need to meet with Cable Advisory Committee to decide how to use the monies that will come in conjunction with the newly negotiated license.

On Feb 1st of 2001 the Cable Company will need to provide \$110,000 to be spent on studio and portable equipment and \$10,000 to rewire the studio, and also provide a new studio and portable equipment valued at no less than \$50,000. Cablevision will not include the first \$140,000 in capital costs for the studio in its subscriber rates. The maintenance and operation of the I-Net stands with the Cable Company.

Dore' thanked Bill Solomon for his hard work and helpful list of actions. Dore'

suggested we offer the School Committee a copy of the license. He thinks it is important that they know what is happening. The cable carrier will need to provide studio and must rewire the studio before next February 2001.

## **SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

**FINANCIAL TASK FORCE** – The School Committee is looking for two representatives to serve on the High School Building Project. Peter and Trey have offered to represent the Town.

**PAC APPOINTMENTS - TREY SHUPERT** – Moved to appoint the currently siting members of PAC for an indefinite term. PAM HARTING-BARRAT - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

**ORDERS OF TAKING** - Herman asked that any and all costs that the Town incurs with regard to these takings be reimbursed by the developer. TREY SHUPERT- Moved to approve with Herman's concerns addressed. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

**ONE DAY LIQUOR** – A request to have a one-day liquor license at NARA for a company party being held by CmeRun. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved to Approve – TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

NARA family Swim Membership request for fee waiver. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved to approve. TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

Chairman Hunter outlined the status of the SBC's reviews and actions.

Guard Rail at 165 Parker Street - The Board instructed the Town Manager to ask Dave Brown and Dave Abbt as well as Chief Widmayer to review and respond to the residents.

LWW forum – Campaign finance very informative.

## **CONSENT**

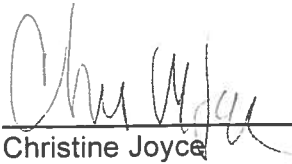
TREY SHUPERT - Moved to approve minus the Board of Selectmen's Minutes, which required correction. – PETER ASHTON - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

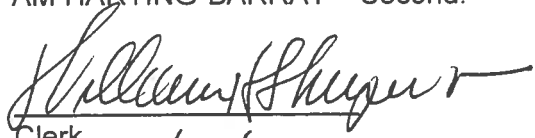
## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**STREETLIGHTS – TREY SHUPERT – Move we lift the moritorium and allow the Town Manager and staff to develop a new policy to be reviewed by the Board. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE**

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

TREY SHUPERT – Moved to go into Executive Session for the discussion of Land purchase and possible negotiations and litigation. PAM HARTING-BARRAT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Roll Call taken All AYES.

  
Christine Joyce

  
Clerk  
Date 9/12/00

July 14, 2000

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

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## **AGENDA**

**JULY 18, 2000**

**6:30 P.M. – ACTON POLICE STATION**

**7:30 P.M. in Room 204**

### **6:30 POLICE FACILITIES TOUR AT THE POLICE STATION**

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

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

- 2. 7:35 RECREATION COMMISSION - OVERSIGHT MEETING**
- 3. 8:00 VOLUNTEER COORDINATING COMMITTEE – OVERSIGHT MEETING**
- 4. 8:30 T.J. O'GRADY SKATE PARK COMMITTEE**
- 5. 8:45 KENNETH KOZIK – BOARD OF APPEALS APPOINTMENT – Enclosed please find Mr. Kozik's Resource Sheet and VCC Recommendation as well as Correspondence from staff for Board review.**
- 6. 9:00 HANSCOM FIELD DISCUSSION – Senator Resor and Representative Atkins will be present to discuss Hanscom Field matters, "Hanscom at the Crossroads". Mr. Rippere and/or Mr. Matson from our local HFAC committee will try to attend.**
- 7. 9:30 ATTORNEY WILLIAM SOLOMON – Discussion of Final Cable License**

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

- 8. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT LIST – Enclosed please find the list of Professional Advisory Committee Members (PAC) for formal Appointment by the Board of Selectmen.**
- 9. ORDERS OF TAKING – Enclosed please Orders of Taking for the streets accepted at the 2000 ATM for Board consideration.**
- 10. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE – Enclosed please find a request for a One-Day Liquor license in conjunction with an approved rental of NARA Park for a Company Clambake for cMeRun of Hudson, for Board action.**
- 11. OTHER BUSINESS**

## IV CONSENT AGENDA

12. **ACCEPT MINUTES** – Enclosed please find minutes of June 6 and 20 for Board acceptance.
13. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Director for acceptance of a gift from the Acton Garden Club for use at NARA PARK.
14. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Police Chief for acceptance of a gift from Honeywell Corporation for the DARE Program.
15. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Citizen's Library Auxiliary for acceptance of the funding for "Tot Time" for Board action.
16. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find notification of donations by the West Acton Market and citizens in general for the Fireworks display on July 4, for Board Acceptance.
17. **POLICE VEHICLES** – Enclosed please find correspondence regarding Police Vehicles for Board action.

## V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

18. **STREET LIGHTS** – Enclosed please find a memo from the Town Manager regarding Street Lights and Street Light Policy.

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

### 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 15** – BOA Committee interviews – Concord Rotary Presentation by Mass Highway  
**Sept 12** – HDC /HC – Possible Merge  
**Sept 26** – Recreation Sponsorship Policy Review  
**October 10** – Planning Oversight - Private Way snow plowing vote

### GOALS 2000-2001

1. HDC Bylaw review. (Dore'/Herman)
2. To obtain facilities plan and bring to Fall Town Meeting. (Dore')
3. Develop a policy regarding appointments. Get the non-groups organized and regularization of non-charter committees. (Dore').
4. Determine future of Vaillancourt House - 17 Woodbury Lane. (Herman)
5. Expect Board to follow school construction. Dore' will continue the oversight of the building (Dore')
6. Robbins Mills - Contingent on override is affirmation that the Manager will have review. (Trey)
7. Implementation of the Bennett report, that it should be reviewed and implemented. (Dore')

8. Revisit the 2020 process and review make-up and consider expand or reduce the membership. (Peter)
9. Provide looking at salary levels in the organization, include liaison with Personnel Board (Trey /Peter)
10. Review Board of Health duties to expand its role so it becomes a more visible department. (Pam)
11. Formulate charge and suggested membership list for a "Long Range Planning Committee" (Ashton):

**FY 2000 GOALS carried forward**

12. Resolve the Audubon Hill problem/issues (Trey)
13. Establish or reconstitute a Computer Advisory Committee for Municipal issues (Dore')
14. Develop a comprehensive Beaver Nuisance policy (Pam)
15. Continue the forum, review, and implement greater coordination, efficiency and utilization of resources between the schools and the town (Peter)
16. Continue the work of the Senior Tax Relief task force and also investigate ways of assisting others that may need tax relief (Peter/Dore')
17. Work with the Planning Board to implement the goals, objectives and strategies of the Master Plan update (Peter/Trey)