

# SELECTMEN'S MINUTES

NOVEMBER 5, 1996

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**Present:** Nancy Tavernier, F. Dore' Hunter, William C. Mullin, Wayne L. Friedrichs, Herman Kabakoff, Town Manager Don Johnson and Assistant Mgr. Murray. (The meeting was televised)

The meeting began at 8:00 P.M. due to Elections

## CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None Expressed



## PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

### Police Report on Halloween

Chief Robinson and Det. Fenniman were present to update the Board on the events of October 31st. They reported that most of the problems were in Indian Village. The Board expressed their disappointment with the events of the evening. It was noted that all arrested were students of AB Schools. Herman asked what actions the schools have taken with regard to the events of the evening. Det. Fenniman said that he was in contact with his contacts at the school and they were already brainstorming together on how they would handle this in the future. Dore' felt that we needed to identify those involved and have communications with the parents/adults to communicate that we would not tolerate this behavior in the future. Wayne felt that more arrests should have been made and that if it happened again that a commitment to more arrests should be made. Bill suggested a curfew and notices sent to schools to target those who are offending with a list of strict rules of behavior.

Pam Barrat a resident of Indian Village was present and said what was done in the neighborhood was appalling, the behavior was unacceptable and the total lack of respect was escalated to a new level. It most concerned her because of the fact that the officer assaulted had been a DARE officer to these young people. She felt that they should have been made to return to the neighborhood to clean and apologize to the residents. She too urged more arrests as a deterrent and a way to assesses consequence to actions..

The Shupert, also a resident of Indian Village expressed his concern with the events of the evening.

Paul Travers, a boy scout attending expressed the displeasure of his Troop at the actions of those on Halloween and especially the incident involving the Police officer.

WILLIAM MULLIN - Moved to take action to establish a bylaw for a Halloween Curfew and that Rules of Behavior with respect to Halloween be developed and disseminated to parents and Children. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Chief Robinson and Det. Fenniman were asked to prepare a draft for Board review for inclusion at the upcoming April Town Meeting.

#### **Rene Robins "Take Back Your Streets" Presentation**

Ms. Robins of the Conservation Law Foundation presented a slide presentation of alternatives to Roadway Planning. She urged the Board and others to look at these new approaches as streets are designed and changed. Their experience has been very positive in Europe and on the West Coast.

Wayne asked if they had any success stories in New England or Massachusetts. She said that Newton and Cambridge were examples of successes as well as an on-going study in Shelborn.

The Board thanked her for her presentation and efforts.

#### **Cable Advisory Committee**

Sharon Ingraham of the Cable Advisory Committee was present to discuss the changes to the Cable Regulations. The CAC has reviewed the proposed changes to the Regulations and have made written comments that were presented for Board review. The Board thanked the Commission for their review of the document and asked if it were time to be getting ready to retain an attorney for the renewal process. She thought that it was a good time to begin the process, and suggested the Town Manager speak with John Covert the Chair of the CAC.

**DORE' HUNTER** - Moved to authorize the Cable Advisory Committee to submit comments within the deadline as proposed. **HERMAN KABAKOFF** - Second.  
**UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

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

Options for FY97 Tax Levy- The Board briefly discussed the options as listed continued from the October 22 meeting. **WILLIAM MULLIN** - Moved to adopt OPTION 3- 1.1% reduction by not taxing the \$200,00 plus an additional \$98,000 of unexpected new growth for a total untaxed capacity of \$298,000. The total untaxed levy under this option is \$298,000 and would hold tax increase to 6.2%.. **HERMAN KABAKOFF** - Second.  
**UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

NESWC- The Board reviewed Mr. Gallagher's letter. Dore' responded that while he appreciates this interest, the matter of client attorney privilege is compromised if anyone else reviews our file, this would open it up to the next person who asks for the information as it becomes a public document. Nancy felt that we could not release the documents while we were still negotiation - Dore' to prepare a draft response to Mr. Gallagher's letter.

Proclamation for Bob Caldwell Day - **WILLIAM MULLIN** - Moved to sign the Proclamation. **HERMAN KABAKOFF** - Second. **UNANIMOUS VOTE.** Mr. Kabakoff will present the Proclamation on behalf of the Board at the Open House.

ALG Agenda Items - Halloween issues and Next step of Sewers, Budget.

PLOWING OF PRIVATE WAYS CRITERIA - Herman asked about the possibility of plowing a street even if they had a deed restriction prohibiting it and the Supt. of Streets said that there was not problem with turning and storing of snow involved.. The consensus was that it would probably not be a good idea to do at this time, however, as the criteria for Plowing Private Ways is reviewed and modified, perhaps those issues could be reviewed to look at these types of Private Way. Nancy was concerned that trade offs were made by developers for these streets during the planning process and that the town might have given up something gained by these restrictions.

#### CONSENT AGENDA

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Moved to Approve. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

OPEN SPACE PLAN - Don announced that the Open Space Plan had been accepted without revision. Many thanks to those from the Conservation Commission and staff for their fine job. The acceptance of this plan entitles us to receive monies for the Boy Scout Land purchase.

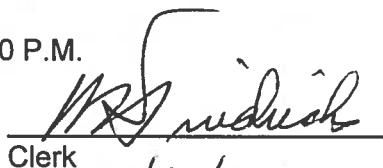
MBTA SHELTER - Don reviewed the request for a larger shelter. It was suggested that MBTA be spoken with as it stands on their right of way. Nancy will discuss the shelter issue with Mr. Barba.

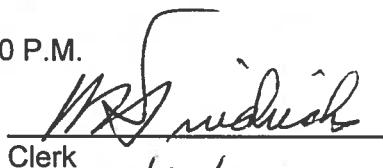
#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

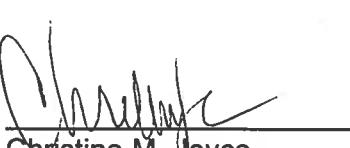
DORE' HUNTER Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations of real property and litigation strategy. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Roll Call taken by Mr. Freidrichs - All Ayes.

The Board adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

  
Clerk

  
Date

  
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Nov. 1, 1996

**TO** Board of Selectmen

**FROM:** Nancy E. Tavernier, Chairman

**SUBJECT:** Selectmen's Report

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**AGENDA**  
Room 204  
November 5, 1996

***Note the meeting begins after 8:00 due to Election***

**I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. 8:05 Police Report on Halloween disturbances
2. 8:15 Rene Robins - Ms. Robins is from the Conservation Law Foundation and will be speaking to the Board about a new approach to roadway planning.
3. 9:00 CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE -Representatives from the Cable TV Committee will be present to discuss comments prepared by the committee for presentation at the upcoming Regulation hearings with the Board.

**III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

4. Options for FY 97 Tax Levy - Enclosed please find information from the 10/22 meeting for continued discussions.
5. NESWC - Enclosed please find correspondence from Attorney Gallagher for consideration by the Board.
6. Proclamation for "Bob Caldwell Day" - Enclosed please find a sample Proclamation for Board review and signature.
7. ALG AGENDA ITEM - Potential items for the next ALG Meeting will be discussed.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

8. ACCEPT MINUTES - Enclosed please find the minutes of September 24 and October 8th for Board review and acceptance.
9. HOLIDAY BOOK SALE - Enclosed please find a request and staff comment for use of the Annual

**V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**10. There will be a need for Executive Session**

**MEETINGS**

**11. 2001 Meeting, November 4th at the Senior Center - 6:00 to 9:45**

**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.

Nov. 19 - Charter Revision - LWV  
Conby Site Plan - Main Street  
Tax Classification Hearing

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