



January 30, 2006
7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Peter Ashton, Walter Foster, Dore' Hunter, Lauren Rosenzweig, Andrew Magee, Manager and Asst. Manager. The meeting was televised

CITIZENS' CONCERNNS

NONE

SEWER COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

FLINT ROAD AREA SEWER EXPANSION – Don outlined the correspondence that Doug Halley had prepared. They discussed waivers and expansion of the sewer district known as Flint Road Area. Steve thinks that people in the Flint Road vicinity are having trouble with systems and need to have waivers from Title 5.

Lauren asked about waivers granted for five years. She noted that it is a long process and we are getting to a crisis status.

Dore' noted that it took 17 years to get the sewers and he remembers a few assumption waivers that were granted. He feels it is reasonable thing to do.

Dore' said we need to get the clock going and to get the legislation to approve the redirection of NESWC funds.

Walter agreed and felt we need to move forward to give some relief to that neighborhood.

Dore' noted he wanted to see the Schools signed in. Andy noted that we need to know so we can divide up the available capacity. Andy reminded them that a waiver might not guarantee a sewer hook up.

ASSABET CROSSING SEWER ABATEMENT OPTION

Don noted that they have been looking for something to give the neighbor hood. He had asked Steve if we could apply the waiver later. Don said that Assabet Crossing needs to acknowledge that if you have operating systems they may have an effective life of 30 years, and they also acknowledge that they have frontage on the sewer line. A waiver could be issued for five years and then they need to be hooked up.

Dore' said it was a reasonable solution to their problem.

Lauren said she felt it was a good way to address and the issue. They are hammerhead lots and it is expensive to pipe out. She also noted they will be inclined to take care of their systems.

Walter agreed with the option. He wanted to have signature notice to each household. He was concerned that this is a universal collective commitment to them and any future

owners. He wants the homeowners to sign and perhaps it should be put on the record. Don said he will meet with a few of the neighbors and then bring them all in with Steve Anderson to talk about the restriction on the land.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

OPERATIONAL MINUTE – Don outlined the weather we have had and the property damaged from the weather. They will not be allowed to bring the trees into the transfer station.

SUSAN BENSON, SIDEWALK REQUEST AT ARLINGTON STREET BETWEEN ROUTE 2 AND NEWTOWN ROAD - Susan discussed the dangerous situation that she feels needs to be addressed with an installation of sidewalk. She felt there is a pedestrian hazard as it currently stands. She said it is narrow and winding and people speed. TAC urged them to get a petition out to the residents. They were urged to move forward by TAC. Susan will be getting the petitions that are out for signature. They will begin to raise money. Dore' asked Don to put it on the list of sidewalk priorities.

Lauren asked about the location on the Sidewalk priority list.

Andy asked about notifying residents, and property owners. This is 2,500 feet of sidewalk. Andy noted that the school property has a vernal pool in the middle.

ACHC – Willow /Central Street – Nancy Tavernier and Ryan Bettz were present to discuss issues with regard to this project. Peter said that the ACHC wants to have changes made to scope of the agreement. Nancy noted the problem of getting the contracts signed. They got two contractors and chose one. They were notified in January about procurement issues and Mass laws. There are multiple issues. Jan 3rd the answer came back to them from Town Counsel regarding Chapter 7. She feels that this should not be applied to them. This is not a public property, and noted the \$25,000 State money that was granted or awarded. It will not ongoing and will assist them in the project. They have been adhering to the Procurement Policy 30B. They need to create a model for a small scale development and to share the results to show them what works. They asked for changes and waiver for two detached units. They would like to do the engineering work with the money from the State. The developer will not have to do it if we do it. The land survey needs to be done for conveyance. They need to decide if they are under Chapter 7 or 30B. They need to move directly to RFP to select the consultant. They have given the Orleans project materials to Town Counsel and it has been built.

They need to discuss this and get it back on track. Peter asked about the purchase order was signed tomorrow would they move forward. Nancy said town meeting deadline is a problem. As of April 30th the back taxes and fines up to \$23,000 and 16 percent penalty begins.

Ryan said that it appears that the rules keep changing and he senses that it may not happen with the developer. He doesn't want to have people say we don't get anything done. He feels that after all this he doesn't want to put more value into it unless he knows it will work out.

Lauren noted it is new territory for the Town and she feels the rules are in flux.

Andy spoke about the recommendations and they would like to have the developer selected before going to Town Meeting. He said that the likelihood of a selected developer will not be done before Town Meeting. He noted that it would be better if they did the Comp Permit instead of the developer. He asked if they would want to prepare the permit. Nancy said that it is the Board's decision. It was noted that it is not a Housing Authority project. John said that whether we do the work or them, Chapter 7 will apply. John said that we have new construction and will require Somba regulations.

Don urged that the ACHC do the 40B.

Peter said that we have to take action at Town Meeting or the money clock is still ticking. Peter asked how much the monthly costs were. John said he could provide that later. John said that they have other ideas and felt they should get together to discuss this.

Peter felt it is worthwhile to have a meeting with Town Counsel and members of the ACHC and the Board. Staff was asked to put this meeting together as soon as possible.

Walter noted that he was not comfortable and while he supports the program he feels that there are problems.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

Dore' spoke about the emails that have been going on. He asked the Town Manager to distribute the policy to committees to remind them that public business cannot be handled on E-Mail.

Lauren spoke about Feb 8th meeting of South Acton Commuter Rail public forum from 7-9. They asked for commuters and residents to attend and comment.

Walter noted the Morrison Feb 2nd Public forum to get feedback for Morrison redevelopment. It begins at 7:30.

FY07 BUDGET DISCUSSION – The Board discussed their options on the Municipal Operating Budget.

The Government Channel/System Tec. – Peter felt it was important. We can fund half of it with Cable funds. We need to do this or we will lose it. Walter wanted to see more of the where the IT is heading in the future.

GPS EQUIPMENT – Dore' noted that he had a problem with this item. Lauren felt if we don't start the GPS we will never catch up.

Highway 2 Equipment Operators – Peter was concerned with adding new employees. He was not persuaded that there was any savings in the Operating Budget.

PAINT TOWN HALL – Andy said he felt that we should wait until the slate roof is completed. Walter agreed with Andy. Dore' wanted to get this done. The building is

getting worse. Dore' said he will wait until next year if he gets assurance we will handle it next year.

ELM STREET LIGHT POLES – Dore' suggest we need to take them down. Andy agreed with Dore'. Walter felt it was a high priority matter. If we remove them the Adult team would be affected. Dore' asked if the League would be contributing to the light replacement Walter said yes, but not how much money they would contribute.

MASTER PLAN – Lauren wanted assurance that it would be on for next year.

COA PROGRAM COORDINATOR should be moved up toward the top.

OPERATING BUDGET PRIORITY LIST:

Don gave an overview of the requests. He noted that they have been taken out of the Priory list. Only the Elections accounts were included as funded except for Election Supplies.

Lauren asked about the Police Cruisers funding. They think they can handle it with another funding source.

Andy asked about Highway paving. Don felt the State will be giving us \$400,000 in Chapter 90 funds.

Andy asked about Contractual Service for tree work in the Municipal Properties Budget. – Dean said he is well behind in tree care.

Andy also asked about the Cemetery Chapel Roof, he would like to see this brought to CPA.

Peter spoke about overtime and taking some from Fire and give it to the Police Department. He thinks it is out of control and he is concerned about it. The overtime cut for the police is much more than Fire.

Municipal Prop. Towne Building - Peter felt we could cut that down to \$5,000

HR BUDGET – Peter thinks that having two people in that department may be too many. Dore' said if we have not hired by town meeting we need to have a good reason why.

Walter thanked Peter for the work on Chapter 70. Peter noted that there was good turn out for the Meeting held at the School.

Lauren asked whether we should support the Governor's Budget. Peter explained that the wild card is the Chapter 70 monies.

WALTER FOSTER - Moved to support the cuts as outlined. **DORE' HUNTER** – second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT DISCUSSION - Peter asked that we discuss this later on. He asked if there were any things the Board wanted on it.

HAARTZ CORP. REQUEST FOR RE-ZONING – Pass over until the 13th.

MARGARET COX MEMORIAL PARK BENCH – Don asked the Board to accept the bench and work out a location for placement. DORE' HUNTER - Moved to accept Mgr's. Suggestion. ANDY MAGEE – second. UNANIMOUS VOTES

OTHER BUSINESS

BRUCE FREEMAN RAIL TRAIL – We are working on the insurance rider.

CONSENT AGENDA

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to approve. **LAUREN ROSENZWEIG** second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

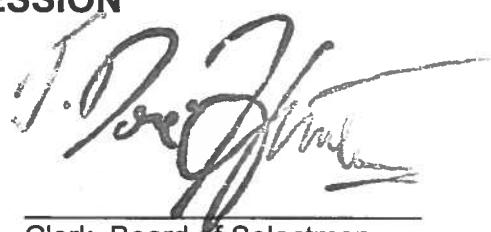
None Required

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None Required



Christine Joyce, Clerk



Clerk, Board of Selectmen

Date: 2/13/06

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGENDA

January 30, 2006

**Francis Faulkner Hearing Room
Acton Town Hall
7:00 P.M.**

I CITIZENS' CONCERNS

II SEWER COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

1. **FLINT ROAD AREA SEWER EXPANSION** – Enclosed please find materials from Town Counsel regarding sewer expansion issues in the subject area, for Board consideration.
2. **ASSABET CROSSING SEWER ABATEMENT OPTION** – Enclosed please find correspondence from Town Counsel concerning a possible alternative solution for the Assabet Crossing Sewer Betterment issues, for Board consideration.

III PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

3. **7:05 OPERATIONAL MINUTE** The Town Manager will give the Board a brief update on various topics
4. **7:30 SUSAN BENSON, SIDEWALK REQUEST AT ARLINGTON STREET BETWEEN ROUTE 2 AND NEWTOWN ROAD** - Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.
5. **7:45 ACTON COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION REQUEST FOR SUPPORT** – Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.

IV SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

6. **FY07 BUDGET DISCUSSION** – Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.
7. **7:45 2006 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT DISCUSSION** - Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.
8. **HAARTZ CORPORATION – REQUEST FOR RE-ZONING OF 7.6 ACRES OF LAND** - Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.
9. **MARGARET HEATH COX MEMORIAL PARK BENCH** – Enclosed please find a request from Mrs. Cox' family for permission to place a Memorial Bench at a suitable location on town property, for Board consideration.
10. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VI CONSENT AGENDA

11. ACCEPT MINUTES, BOARD OF SELECTMEN, DECEMBER 19, 2005
Enclosed please find minutes for Board acceptance.

12. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST, ACTON BARN COOPERATIVE PRESCHOOL – Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.

13. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE REQUEST, Le LYONNAIS RESTARUANT – Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard, for Board consideration.

VII TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VIII EXECUTIVE SESSION

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.

February 13 & 27	March 13 & 27
	April: Annual Town Meeting

GOALS 2004-2005

1. Produce Morrison Farm Development Master Plan (/Walter)
2. NARA Park
3. Pursue Commercial Tax Base
4. Master Plan review meeting once per year

GOALS carried forward

5. Monitor Labor Negotiations (Peter)
6. Improve Communication with Town Boards (ALL), Improving Inter-Board Communication (Dore')
7. Revisit 2020 planning process for direction to make this process more beneficial towards implementation of long-term vision, and to get a first rough cut of what happens next year before school is out for the summer (Peter)
8. ALG process be used for purpose of Budget Planning for FY05 (Dore'/Peter)
9. Process Planning for "Life after NESWC"
10. Middlesex Pension Alternatives (Walter)