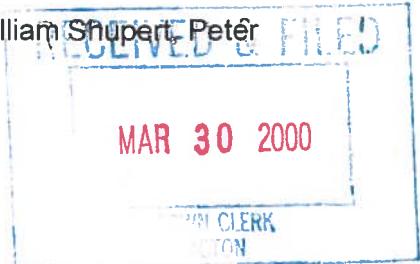


SELECTMEN'S MINUTES
February 29, 2000

Present: Herman Kabakoff, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne Friedrichs, William Shupert, Peter Ashton the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager.
(The meeting was televised)



CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

None expressed

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Street Acceptance- Hearing - Herman read the orders of taking as prepared by the Town Engineer. Town Engineer David Abbt gave an overview of the situation regarding Acorn Drive and the Planning Boards recommendation not to include this year because the street was not ready.

Bill Thistle – Spoke against the acceptance of Lupine Path Guswood Road and asked that they not approve because the developer has not planted the trees with solid evergreen buffer as promised and required under the Planning Board's subdivision approval. Mr. Thistle complained that the builder did not meet his obligations. Dore' wanted to know about any regulations that might be about work done outside of the public way. Dore' felt that town meeting would not approve this street.

PETER ASHTON – Moved to place Guswood on the warrant and make the recommendation later, and further to Recommend the Acceptance of the Carlton Drive Extension, and not to Recommend the Acorn Park Subdivision. DORE' HUNTER.- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. The Board asked that the Street Acceptances be modified into two articles.

Mark White the builder said that the 14 street trees were planted according to the Tree Wardens plan of 50 feet between. Mr. Heitman, of 117 Hosmer Street said that the trees that were planted by the developer on his property were small and further that a house abutting his property had installed a septic system at the lot line and that his house is only 15 feet from the lot line.

Above Ground Storage License – Cappizzi Landscaping, 820 Main Street - Approve subject to Staff conditions of the building, health and the trailer are complied with. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to approve subject to compliance of staff comments. 1,2 3, and the Fire hydrant request by the building Commissioner. HERMAN KABAKOFF – Second. [MOTION WITHDRAWN]

Mr. Conoby asked about the pavement in delivery areas. Staff will be asked to look into the pavement placement and come back in two weeks. The Board asked that this be continued to the next meeting.

Lee Ketelsen – Waste Reduction Resolution - Asked that the town support the resolution. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to sign the resolution. – PETER ASHTON – Second. 4-0 Herman abstained.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

Biker Locker Fees - Herman suggested we put the funds raised by bike lockers in the parking lot meter fund so that it is identifiable when the need comes for replacement of the lockers. Wayne felt we needed to double the fee and increase the monthly fee to \$15.00. Dore' felt we should cover costs, but also felt that anything that takes commuters off the road should be considered. Peter suggested that we needed to go ahead with staff recommendation. PETER ASHTON - Move we increase the Bike locker fees to \$75.00 per year and the monthly fee to \$10/ month, and further to put the revenues from the rental in the Parking Meter Fund. TREY SHUPERT- Second – UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Wayne asked that we look at this again to recover our costs in the future.

Red Cross Proclamation - DORE' HUNTER – Moved to sign the Red Cross Proclamation – WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Banner Request - DORE' HUNTER – Moved to approve the Banner request for Acton Community Chorus for placement in the South Acton display site. PETER ASHTON- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Warrant discussion- HERMAN KKABAKOFF moved to Recommend all articles with the exception of Articles 14, 17, 18, 20, 23, 32, 33, 37, 25, 26, 27, 28 individual recommendations will be made as the Board discusses. TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Article 14 – Capital - Dore' felt that the capital budget should not include the weapons or School Street Culvert and safety improvements to the Playgrounds, he feels that they should be in the budget. Herman said that at last town meeting he represented the culverts and we have put them on the capital budget. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to place the Weapons Replacement into the Budget. Trey Shupert – Second. 3-2 Wayne and Herman No. Motion Passes

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to place the Culvert in the Budget – PETER ASHTON – Second. 4-1 Herman No, Motion Passes

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to fold the Safety Improvements into the budget – TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Land Purchase Carlisle Road – Dore' noted that he wanted assurance that the Recreation Director and Chair of Recreation Commission has a look at the land for possible athletic fields.

Peter said that there are a lot of other questions that need to be looked at and we should defer tonight. He feels we need more information. Herman said that depending on the set of assumptions you can make a case for it or against it. He could not support it he feels we cannot afford it.

Wayne said that he looked at it toward the uses that could be determined. He encouraged every one to dig a little deeper to save the land. He emphasized that once it is developed that it cannot be reclaimed. The Board determined that the recommendation

should be deferred until more information can be reviewed.

Jonah Laufer – Spoke about a 3 acre parcel of municipal land and if the town votes to acquire Carlisle Road land that all the municipal parcels should be within one area. He said that would support having the fields all together.

Lauren Rosensweig suggested that the Board go to the land and walk it to get a better idea of the area.

Senior Center – Trey felt that he would like it deferred until the next meeting as he is continuing to look at other avenues to accomplish this task.

Rail Trail – DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Recommend with a properly written article. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Historic District bylaw amendment. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Recommend the revised revisions to the Bylaw. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

School Budgets – PETER ASHTON – Moved to Recommend the budgets and assessments and Defer on the capital budget articles-TREY SHUPERT – Second.

Minuteman Regional – PETER ASHTON – Moved to Recommend. TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Town Bylaw amendment to include Alcohol at Nara and Senior Center. Dore' wanted the summary improved. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Recommended. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Amendment to change Tobacco Bylaw – DORE' HUNTER – Moved not to recommend in this form. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Citizen's Request for a zoning article – Terra Friedrichs has submitted a request to change the zoning to 2 acres. Dore' did not feel we should accept this within our annual town meeting. He felt it is too important. Dore' felt that we should have a special within the Annual. If we are presented with 200 valid signatures, we could have a special town meeting within the annual. Peter wanted the Planning Board to review and counsel to review and the impact of the article.

The Board will call a special Selectmen's meeting to handle this if the signatures are gathered and verified by the Town Clerk to address this petition. Trey and Peter indicated they would not be available next week.

Senior Residence – Wayne suggested that the Planning Board have handouts prepared for this article. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Moved to Recommend – WILLIAM SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Police/Fire Feasibility - Don Johnson noted that the feasibility study for the Police and Fire buildings needed to be added to the Warrant. Dore' said to include an article on the Warrant and to Defer the Board's recommendation. Dore' said we need to speak about it even if no money is voted.

West Acton Sewer Study – DORE HUNTER – Moved to recommend. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Trey Shupert the Selectman Assigned.

Rail Road Street/Maple Street Sewer Easement – DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Recommend. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Dore' Hunter – Selectman Assigned.

Mass Ave/Francine Road Sewer Easement –

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Recommend. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Dore' Hunter – Selectman Assigned.

Mass Ave/Francine Road Sewer Easement –

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to Recommend. PETER ASHTON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Dore' Hunter – Selectman Assigned.

BOND DOCUMENTS - HERMAN KABAKOFF – Moved and the Board Voted to approve the sale of a \$22,350,000 4/40% Bond Anticipation Note of the town dated March 6, 2000 and payable March 5, 2001, to State Capital Markets, LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$66,197.64. DORE' HUNTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE all responding in the affirmative.

RECREATION SPONSORSHIP POLICY – Peter Ashton asked about the billboard and if it met the sign bylaw and Master Plan. Staff will review.

FEDERAL RAILROAD – Peter Ashton spoke about the Horn blowing issue and asked if the Board wanted to file testimony or what the Board's pleasure was. Wayne felt we should leave it alone, and the rest of the Board agreed.

NAMING TOWN FACILITY -DORE' HUNTER – Moved to adopt the draft policy as included in the packet. WAYNE FRIEDRICHES – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Dore' wanted to have the request about naming the field was brought back to next meeting and also asked if this organization requesting the naming of the field were involved with the lighting and subsequent use injunction at that field.

Clarification regarding letter to Herman from School committee chairman. There was a discussion about use of interest and the school building committees proposed use to purchase furniture and furnishings. A brief discussion followed about the need for better minutes at ALG, and better communication back to the Board.

Trey spoke about the lighting report in the packet and asked Don to have Roland look into it.

CONSENT

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to approve WAYNE FRIEDRICHES Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE REQUIRED

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

LAND REQUEST Heather Hill Road -- Staff recommends that we keep it in the town's possession and open for the public. PETER ASHTON -- Moved to take no action on the request -- TREY SHUPERT -- Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE



Clerk

3/28/00

Date

Christine Joyce

February 25, 2000

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Herman Kabakoff, Chairman
SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

AGENDA

February 29, 2000
7:30 P.M. - Room 204

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNs

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

- 1. 7:33 STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARING** - Enclosed please find staff Recommendations.
- 2. 7:34 ABOVE GROUND STORAGE LICENSE – CAPPIZZI LANDSCAPING** - 820 Main Street – Enclosed please find staff comment.
- 3. 7:35 LEE KETELSEN** – Ms. Ketelsen will be making a brief presentation to the Board with regard to her request that the Board sign a Waste Reduction Resolution.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

- 4. BIKE LOCKER FEES** – Enclosed please find a memo from staff regarding the proposed fees for this year for Board review.
- 5. RED CROSS PROCLAMATION** – Enclosed please find a Proclamation declaring March Red Cross Month for Board action
- 6. BANNER REQUEST** – Enclosed please find a request for placement of a banner.
- 7. WARRANT DISCUSSION** – Final recommendations of the Board must be voted in order to be printed in the Warrant.
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

- 9. ACCEPT MINUTES** – Enclosed please find the Minutes of February 1, 2000, for Board acceptance.
- 10. ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE** – Enclosed please find request for a One Day Liquor License from St. Elizabeth's for the St. Patrick's Day dance for Board action.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

11. HEATHER HILL ROAD – REQUEST TO PURCHASE MUNICIPAL LAND – Enclosed please find materials and staff comment in the subject regard.

VI. 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.

March 14, 2000

March 28, 2000 (8:00 p.m. Start time)

FY 2000 GOALS

1. Resolve the Audubon Hill problem/issues (Shupert)
2. Establish or reconstitute a Computer Advisory Committee for Municipal issues (Hunter)
3. Review the structure and organization of the ALG and establish a definite, periodic meeting schedule (Kabakoff)
4. Develop a comprehensive Beaver Nuisance policy (Friedrichs)
5. Improve communication among the various boards, particularly Fincom, SC and BOS. This seems to have been lacking to some extent during the last year (especially ALG process) (Kabakoff)
6. Continue to search all alternatives for a viable sewer solution that is timely and fiscally workable (Hunter/Shupert)
7. Form a task force to investigate ways of achieving greater coordination, efficiency and utilization of resources between the schools and the town (Ashton)
8. Continue the work of the Senior Tax Relief task force and also investigate ways of assisting others who may need tax relief (Ashton/Hunter)
9. Develop early on an ALG plan and budget; i.e. have general agreement on budgetary parameters by October/November before formal budgets are developed. Continue to update, refine and modify as needed the five year budgetary plans which we initiated this year (Kabakoff)
10. Work with the Planning Board to implement the goals, objectives and strategies of the Master Plan update (Ashton/Shupert)
11. Conclude the work of the Kelley's Corner working group and bring to the Planning Board a final set of recommendations (Ashton)