

## **SELECTMEN'S MINUTES**

### **January 18, 2000**

**Present:** Herman Kabakoff, F. Dore' Hunter, Wayne Friedrichs, William Shupert, Peter Ashton the Town Manager and Asst. Town Manager.  
(The meeting will be televised at later date)

### **CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

#### **CATHERINE BLOCK – Interview for Associate Member of the Board of Health**

Herman noted her experience and thanked her for her volunteering. PETER ASHTON – Moved to appoint for a one-year term as Associate Member. TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

#### **HILLARY DORNER**

Ms. Dorner said she is trying to change Mass General Law and has been in contact with many people to discuss this. The conveyances world (banks etc.) are looking toward this as a lien with taxes owed. She said she is here because she believes she needs the backing of the Board so that she can go forward. She has spoken with the Concord Collector who has experience in the last 10 years with betterments. They have some wording that we could use. Herman asked if she was asking to have the entire State Law changed or a Home Rule Petition. She said ultimately she would like the MGL changed. She would like to request a Home Rule Petition. Dore' said if one is talking about this as a State wide process perhaps she should go to the conveyances group to follow up. He thinks the prospect of Home Rule Petition being successful is slim. He was not sure it would have the result they think it would. He was not inclined to support as a Selectmen sponsored article.

Wayne supports a home rule petition and agreed that the Mass General Laws does need to be changed and would be in favor if it were taken off for Refinancing. He feels it will affect the higher and moderate homeowners.

Peter asked about the main reasons to set up the Enterprise fund. He suggested she speak to Corey Atkins and Pam Resor. He encouraged her to continue to try to change the State Law. Herman really wanted her to speak with Town Counsel before he renders a final opinion. Trey suggested a conference call between Mass Conveyances Association who Dore' suggested she should bring this to, he felt that they would be the best vehicle to get this changed. They asked the Town Manager to look at Concord's situation. Herman asked that a conference call with her, Manager, Town Counsel be arranged to discuss the volume of work that needs to be discussed.

#### **RECREATION DEPT. FEES**

Nancy explained the fees that they are proposing. Herman commended them on the work that was done on this project. They recommend fees for the use of the beach at a family membership of \$75 per season, individual \$35.00 per season and senior pass

\$25.00 per person per season, daily rate for residents of \$5.00, non-resident family pass 125.00 per season. They feel the total direct cost of running the facility to be \$70,000. Wayne asked about the numbers in the memo. Nancy spoke about the number of memberships and she said she would have to sell 800 family memberships in the first year, she was not sure it was really possible. Herman stated again that the fees should be zero and feels we should not charge for capital expenditures.

Wayne suggested guest passes be available with season resident passes. Peter wanted to see the fees lower and if we have more than we thought we would get we give back to citizens. Wayne sees all services coming from user fees or tax base. He supports the user fee concept. He will support the motion. Trey asked about Acton residents that cannot afford, would we provide an opportunity for them to use it. He too supports Dore's motion. Hillary Donner spoke about those not able to use it. She said the park is for community closeness. She felt that we would have two groups if fees were charged, the have nots and the haves. Greg Catalano spoke about monitoring issues and how do we handle this. He felt that the user fees were reasonable and felt we could lower it each year but in the beginning we should try to raise the \$70,000 without excluding any one.

Dore' reminded the Board that we presented this to Town meeting with a user fee.

**DORE' HUNTER-** Moved to establish beach fees at Nara for the season 2000 at \$75.00 per family per season, \$35.00 per season, individual \$5.00 per day. **PETER ASHTON** – Second. 4-1 Herman No, Motion Passes.

After more discussion Dore' offered another motion. **DORE' HUNTER-** Moved that the First season (2000) we offer non-residents admission at \$10.00 Per individual per visit with the ability to shut down if beach is too crowded. **WAYNE FRIEDRICH**S – Second. 4-1 Herman No, Motion Passes.

## **SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

**ZONING ARTICLES-** Wayne Friedrichs spoke about the EDC articles and the number of articles and volume of them. They would like to address the EDC articles this year. He felt that they could hold others until later. Herman asked if they should be included, handled by them being imbedded in the Annual and/or a Fall town meeting with just zoning. Dore' said most should go off to Fall and had no problem with EDC as it stands on its own. The bulk of the zoning needs discussion. He said that it lends itself to a long presentation and may be better to discuss in whole. He does not think this should happen at the Annual. He thinks we need to have a substantial ongoing dialogue. He felt we could hand out info at the Spring Town Meeting and hold more meetings before the meeting. Lauren Rosenzweig said that they have not been discussed with the Planning Board. Peter spoke about the articles 1-9 and to hold off with exception of EDIC, which were not included. He feels some of the articles will have a redundant affect. He wanted the Planning Board to come to us to help us decide which ones we act on now and which we move out to a later date. Peter felt the recodification process should be looked at. Ann Chang felt they should have the special before the Annual because of the changes to tax assessments. Herman said we could hope to come to final recommendations at the

next meeting.

#### **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Town Hall lighting – Don suggested we stay at the \$10,000 not the \$35,000. The \$10,000 represents 3 lights. Peter mentioned the responses police phone system and fire doors. He feels we are over budgeting on electricity and under on gas. He still felt we should try to get GUI and asked for update on NESWC

Dore' is satisfied with Police.

Trey and Wayne did not have any concerns at this time. Peter noted he had sent email complementing staff and Herman on the meeting on Saturday.

Town Manager's review- Wayne will have it at the next meeting.

**OTHER-** Side walk at Concord Road. Town Manager to draft letter explaining the delay and making the point our NARA/North Briar decision is not presenting significant delays. Wayne felt we should have given it to TAC. PETER ASHTON – Moved to have the (Town Manager draft letter) WAYNE FREIDRICHHS - Second – UNANIMOUS VOTE

Demographic Study – Peter found it is a fantastic review and very interested in what he had found, but not surprised.

Dore' announced that he had attended an event at Boston College and now has three Ph.D. Children.

League of Women Voter's forum conflicts with ALG.

Wayne announced that he would not run for reelection. He wishes to stay with EDC.

Parking lot letter resident complaint, Herman would like this letter answered.

Skate Park update –Don has reservations about how visible it is from the Fire Station and it is not an easy location as first thought for the firefighters to monitor from Fire Station.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Peter moved to go into Executive session to discuss negotiation and litigation.

The board will come out to adjourn into the regular session.

All AYES

## TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Don updated the Board on the sprinkler head freezing in the upstairs room of the library. The damage was minimal and has been cleaned up.

Peter M. Shaffer  
Clerk  
2/15/00  
Date

Christine Joyce  
Christine Joyce

January 14, 2000

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

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**AGENDA**  
**JANUARY 18, 2000**  
**6:45 P.M. - Room 204**

**6:45 Executive Session.** Will adjourn to regular meeting at 7:30 P.M.

**I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. 7:33 CATHERINE BLOCK – Interview, Associate Member of Board of Health.
2. 7:40 HILLERY DORNER – Ms. Dorner will address the Board concerning the attached correspondence.
3. 7:50 RECREATION DEPARTMENT FEES – The Recreation Department will be in to discuss Beach Fees recommended by the Recreation Commission.

**III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

4. ZONING ARTICLES – Board discussion of proposed Zoning Articles for Annual Town Meeting.
5. BUDGET DISCUSSION – Further Board discussion of FY2000 Budget.
6. TOWN MANAGER REVIEW – Selectman Friedrichs will address the Board regarding his review of the Town Manager for FY99.
7. OTHER BUSINESS

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

8. ACCEPT MINUTES – Enclosed please find the Minutes of December 21, 1999 for Board acceptance.
9. STREET ACCEPTANCES, APRIL TOWN MEETING – Staff will have the Street Acceptance documentation available Tuesday evening. This requires the Board's signature to begin the process of acceptance at the April Town Meeting.

10. ACCEPT GIFT – Enclosed please find a request from Chief Widmayer to accept a gift of money for the DARE Program, for Board action.

## V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

## VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board will have an Executive Session at 6:45 and adjourn into the Regular meeting at 7:30.

### 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 1, 2000 – Acton Garage Site Plan @ Eastern Road Newport Creamery Common Vic.	March 14, 2000 March 28,2000 (8:00 Start time)
February 15, 2000	
February 29, 2000	

### 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)