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Selectmen's Minutes
May 24, 2004
7:00 P.M.

Present, Peter Ashton, Trey Shupert, Robert Johnson, Walter Foster, Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager. Meeting was televised.

CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

Prospect Street Sidewalk Request -. Mr. Prescott, 5 Prospect Street representing the Residents of the Street submitted a petition to the Board asking for their sidewalk to be elevated on the list for construction.
Bob Johnson commented on the petition. Staff is to respond to discuss later.

SEWER COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Peter spoke about the rate and usage. Bob commented that every piece was good news.

ALG REPORT

Peter updated the Board on the last ALG Meeting. We have many serious financial issues. He noted that we probably will need an Operating Override in FY06 and will need to produce a three year plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

LESLIE GERHARDT, CEMETERY COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT- The Board asked several questions. Bob Johnson asked about duties. He noted that is mainly financial. He thinks that budget is a problem, their costs are rising. Trey asked about the Cemetery Master Plan. He said he was not sure, but had concerns about soccer fields. Walter thanked him for is time. TREY SHUPERT - Move to appoint Mr. Gerhardt to fill the unexpired term of Stanley Wray, 6/30/06 BOB JOHNSON - Second. UNAMIMOUS VOTE

JONATHAN AVERY, APPOINTMENT TO EDIC – Jon was asked what he felt the Directors of EDIC role would be. He felt that we need to have formative activities and day to day operations. He sees initial role is to develop a business plan and a goal to increase the tax roll with attraction of business. They will be ambassadors and rehabilitators to accomplish these tasks. Walter wanted EDIC to have a close relationship with the Board of Selectmen. Jon agreed and noted that we needed a close relationship with the Board. They felt it was integral to have Jon on the Committee. WALTER FOSTER – Move to appoint Jon Avery a Director of EDIC with a term to expire: 6/30/07. BOB JOHNSON, Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT PRESENTATION- Doug Halley outlined the Storm Waster Pollution efforts with monies from 319 Grants. They will be trying for more Grants. We will be submitting the required paper work. Part of the program requires his attendance to update the Board yearly. Trey asked what our

neighbors are doing. We are ahead he felt. It was noted it is a non-funded mandate by the Federal Government

Walter mentioned the signs noting brooks and stream names. He urged them to continue. Doug has spoken to Planning Board and they will try to review their bylaws. Peter asked that the Stream Team be sent a letter of thanks.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

TOWNE BUILDING DISCUSSION – Peter updated every one on the status of this building. They are in negotiations with a builder/developer. They set up a meeting today with MHP and others and met to discuss the open issues. They have asked the School committee to change their minds regarding the prohibition in the sale of the land and building. They spoke about additional special legislation that would have to go to town meeting.

He noted we continue to negotiate with the developer MHP was willing to make available monies. Peter noted that we may have to go out to bid again, and if no one was attracted, then we tell the State that the AG's position is killing good projects.

Bob Whittlesy noted the State has funds for seed monies to get the drawings for the filing of permits. He felt this is a good project and a model for the State. He says we need to realize the AG's letter was an Advisory Letter. He said the project is alive and a project gets more advanced the more successful the project. He believes funding agencies will cooperate. .

Walter noted he felt the letter from AG is serious and was not willing to disregard the opinion of AG's Office. He wanted to make it is clear we need to continue to support affordable housing.

Peter stated that his committee had studied alternative uses for 9 months and affordable housing was the best use. He felt we needed to know if the developer could go forward once we hear from developer within 10 days.

OTHER BUSINESS

Walter spoke about CPA and the Recreation Commission – They will be having a meeting this week to get on top of the funding. He also reported that he has meeting with them for a town wide plan.

Trey noted we will be holding interviews for EDIC Board next Tuesday. He is working on the Morrison Property for June 14 meeting.

Life after NESWC Plan June 2nd meeting planned. Bob spoke about TAC and Concord's plan of sharing the road with cyclists.

Peter outlined the Open Space Recreation Committee discussion he had with Andy Magee. He will try to have a meeting with them to see if they want to go forward to act as a Steward for possible open space projects.

Memo from John regarding borrowing for Douglas School heat. Peter felt it is worth it and to contact School and to further discuss this at the next meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

PETER ASHTON – Moved to approve. – BOB JOHNSON - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

TREY SHUPERT – Moved to approve the awning request. BOB JOHNSON – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Additional Consent for Jenks awards and accept gift of services from Palladian Graphics for the New Heli Pad at the PSFC. As well as approve payment of $275 for A Plaque at the Heli Pad, Payable to Standing Ovations.

Trey noted he is on Danny's Place Teen Center. They are looking into the use of the school for a teen center and they are working on reviewing all options.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

BOB JOHNSON –Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real property, and to consider discipline or dismissal. PETER ASHTON – Second. All AYES

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Christine Joyce
Recording Clerk

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Clerk

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Date

May 22, 2004

TO: Board of Selectmen, Sewer Commissioners

FROM: F. Dore' Hunter, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners Report

May 24, 2004

MEETING BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II SEWER COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

1. **FINANCE DEPT. O&M REPORT FOR MAY 2004** – Enclosed please find materials in the subject regard.

III ALG REPORT

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

2. 7:10 **LESLIE GERHARDT, CEMETERY COMMISSIONER INTERVIEW-** Enclosed Please find Mr. Gerhardt's VCC Application and comment from VCC for Appointment as a full member to serve the unexpired term of Stanly Wray, to June 30, 2005, for Board consideration.

3. 7:15 **JONATHAN AVERY, EDIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS INTERVIEW -**Enclosed please find Mr. Avery's letter of interest and resume' and Josh Chernin's request to have Mr. Avery appointed to EDIC, for Board consideration.

4. 7:30 **STORM WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PERMIT** – Doug Halley will provide a brief presentation regarding the Town's annual permit submitted to EPA, for consideration.

V. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

5. **TOWNE BUILDING DISCUSSION**

6. **OTHER BUSINESS**

VI CONSENT AGENDA

7. **ACCEPT MINUTES** – Enclosed please find copies of the March 8, March 22 and April 26 Minutes for Board consideration.

8. **SUSAN M. BROZAK, ACTON'S REPRESENTATIVE TO MINUTEMAN HOME CARE** – Enclosed please find Ms. Brozak's VCC Application and VCC comment for appointment to this position with a term to end June 30, 2007, for Board consideration.

July 12 – Commission on Disability (Transportation Issues) Annual Committee Reappointments
August 16
Sept. 13, 27
Oct. 18

GOALS 2004-2005

1. Establish Protocol for Manager and Supt. of Schools to confer weekly to improve liaison (Dore')
2. Produce Morrison Farm Development Master Plan (Bob/Walter)
3. Improving Intra Board Communication (Dore')

GOALS carried forward

4. Monitor Labor Negotiations (Peter/Trey)
5. Improve Communication with Town Boards (ALL)
6. 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 (Trey/Peter)
7. ALG process be used for purpose of Budget Planning for FY05 (Dore'/Peter)
8. Process Planning for "Life after NESWC" (Bob)
9. Joint IT process-organizational change (Walter/Dore')
10. Middlesex Pension Alternatives (Walter/Trey)