

1. Call Meeting to Order

Chairwoman Julie Gilman convened the Board at 7:00 pm in the Nowak Room of the Town Office Building. Other members of the Board present were: Mr. Matt Quandt, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. Bobby Aldrich, Mr. Don Clement and Town Manager Russ Dean.

Ms. Gilman announced that the first order of business was to congratulate the Exeter High School Girls Soccer Team, whose members were present this evening, for being Division I State Champions. The Blue Hawks beat Londonderry 1-0 on November 6, 2010 to win the Division I Title. This is the Blue Hawks 4th State Title win in the past 5 years. Ms. Gilman said that the Exeter community is very proud of them and it shows what good sports programs can do for the community. Mr. Aldrich presented the team and their coaches with a Certificate of Achievement and Ms. Gilman presented them with a soccer ball signed by the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager. Mr. Dean presented a Certificate of Winning Goal for Abby Short who scored the winning goal in the championship game and a Certificate of Winning Assist for Alyssa George who had the assist for the winning goal. These certificates were accepted by head coach Megan Curran as both Short and George were not present due to having prior commitments. Mr. Aldrich noted that there are 4 Exeter High School graduates on the Board of Selectmen.

2. Public Comment

Ms. Gilman asked that anyone who wished to comment on the cable TV contract and tax rate setting please hold their comments until the point at which that topic is discussed in tonight's meeting agenda.

Mr. Gerry Hamel said that he knows that the 2011 budget process is starting and he has a lot of concerns. He feels that some things went through last year that shouldn't have, especially in this economy. He feels that the Budget Committee rubber stamped a lot of things that should come out and he hopes that the Board of Selectmen really considers everything. Some things like cars and land purchases may not truly be necessary in this economy. He feels that the \$ 550,000 roadwork presentation is very important and hopes that the Board will consider carefully the funding for the roads this year. It is so important to have good roads in town. Ms. Gilman said that the Budget will be discussed in pieces and that the public will have opportunity to comment on them. Mr. Clement said that the Budget Committee has not yet made their final recommendations to the Board and they still have one more session.

3. Minutes & Proclamations

a. Regular Session Minutes of November 15, 2010

Mr. Aldrich and Ms. Gilman pointed out several grammatical corrections.

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of November 15, 2010 as amended. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

b. Regular Session Minutes of August 21, 2010

Mr. Clement moved to approve the Regular Session Minutes of August 21, 2010 as presented. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: 3-0 Mr. Campbell and Mr. Aldrich abstained.

c. Non Public Session Minutes of October 4, 2010

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Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Non Public Session Minutes of October 4, 2010 as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

4. Appointments - None

5. Departments Reports - Assessing

Town Assessor Mr. John DeVittori said that the tax warrant is done. Tax bills were mailed out last Friday and are due on December 20th. The new 2010 tax rate is \$ 24.61 per \$ 1,000.

He has recently completed that State DRA 2010 Equalization ratio study for Exeter using approximately 300 sold properties. He unofficially estimates the new ratio to be 98%. This ratio represents the relationship between market value and the new assessments as of April 1, 2010. It should be noted that this is an overall ratio for all taxable property in Exeter and therefore not every assessment will be at 98% of market value. Usually during a reassessment about 1/3 of properties go up, 1/3 stay about the same and 1/3 go down. The point of this year's reassessment was to create equity and proportionality among property types, so that all taxpayers would be paying their fair share of the tax burden.

The overall tax base of the town has gone down by 4%. This is because the largest population of property type is single family residential with 2,774 properties out of a total of 6,200. Mr. DeVittori passed out some comparison data sheets to the Board and explained the summarized changes by property type.

Mr. Aldrich said that he was speaking to a new resident of Exeter the other night who bought her home before the new value assessments for significantly less than the appraised value. When the new assessments came out, her new value was within \$ 700.00 of what she paid for it. Mr. Aldrich said that it was good to see an example of the new assessments being essentially right on.

Mr. Aldrich asked Mr. DeVittori to go over the procedure for abatements and exemptions. Mr. DeVittori said that owners who feel that their property is over-valued must get an abatement form and apply in writing from December 1st through March 1st. They are advised to really do their homework and provide as much backup to support their abatement request as possible. Backup support would be facts, figures, pictures, comparable sales data or anything that they feel helps prove their case. The time frame for requesting Veteran's Credits and Elderly Exemptions is from January 1st through April 15th. Forms are available from the Assessing Office or on-line. Mr. Clement said that people should still pay their bills even if they intend to request an abatement.

Mr. DeVittori said that 2009 sales data were used to adjust 2010 assessments.

Mr. Herb Moyer asked if some of the exempt properties make payments in lieu of taxes. Mr. DeVittori said no. Exempt properties are totally exempt. Phillips Exeter Academy pays their full amount of taxes due, but does have some properties that are exempt by statutory requirements which depend on the use of the buildings.

Mr. Campbell said that the 3 largest taxpayers in town are the Academy, Riverwoods and Exeter Hospital. Mr. Dean said that there is one property in town that makes a payment in lieu of taxes. The Housing Authority pays \$ 37,700 per year in lieu of taxes.

Deb Johnson, an Exeter resident, asked Mr. DeVittori if the new assessments were currently in the

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Vision Appraisal system which is in the assessing office and also available on-line. Mr. DeVittori confirmed that this was indeed the case. Ms. Johnson said that she had a problem with some of the new assessments. She went through a list of properties on High Street for which she had looked at sales data for different years in the past. She gave a brief description of the property, sale year, sale amount and current assessment value. Ms. Johnson feels that these properties are not currently appraised at their market value.

Ms. Johnson encouraged people to go through the abatement process. She did it when she first moved to Exeter. She said the Town was easy to work with and she did get some funds back. However, she still didn't feel that this was enough so she appealed to the State. She wants people to know that the State process is not scary, but it is a lot of work and takes a long time to complete.

Mr. DeVittori said there are always outlier properties and those who get great deals on real estate. Also you cannot compare 2004 and 2006 sale prices to those in 2009 and 2010.

6. Discussion/Action Items

a. New Business

i. RFP Opening: Dam Removal Study

Bids for dam removal were accepted by the Board from the following six companies:

1. Dubois and King, Bedford, NH
2. Wright Pierce, Portsmouth, NH
3. Gomez and Sullivan, Henniker, NH
4. Vanas Hangen Brustlin, Bedford, NH
5. Clough Harbour and Associates LLC, Keene, NH
6. EA Engineering, Warwick, RI

Mr. Campbell moved that the Board of Selectmen return these proposals to the Public Works Department for review. Mr. Quandt seconded. Vote: Unanimous

ii. CATV Franchise Renewal

Ms. Gilman said that the town has completed negotiations on a new franchise agreement which proposes a new EXTV setup with 3 channels – one for government, one for public access and one for education. The education channel would be regional in nature. The town has had one local access Channel number 22 since 1995 and is definitely due for renegotiation.

Mr. Dean said that it is the first time in many years that the contract has been completely re-done. He recognized the following members of the Cable Committee who have been working on this for the past 3 to 4 years: Jim Fellows, Sam Bruno, Andy Swanson, Joe McCarthy, Candace Hoene and Herb Moyer.

Mr. Sam Bruno, a CATV Committee member, said that it has been a long process and the committee has taken it seriously. They feel it is important to Exeter to move forward and into the future with local TV. Comcast was asked to do surveys about local TV and discovered that people watch Channel 22 a lot in this community. Channel 22 is a limited access government only channel. The goal is to change to true full service PEG programming where Comcast would provide 3 separate channels for public, educational and governmental purposes. The new franchise renewal agreement proposal would also expand local origination sites and improve infrastructure. In exchange for the elimination of the current I-Net, which is not used, Comcast would construct 2 new origination sites. The new origination sites

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would be located at 25 Lincoln Street and 20 Court Street. This would give the community a total of 6 local origination sites.

This proposal asks Comcast to establish an educational channel that is available to all 6 Co-op towns. This is a unique situation and there is no other place in the state of NH that does this. The Committee feels that the contract is a model and is something that may be copied by other towns in the State. Exeter deserves a first-rate, full-time public, educational and government channel.

Mr. Clement said that he thought that they had hit the high points of the new contract proposal and that it was very exciting for Exeter to go to a 3 channel setup. He also noted that there is an opportunity for senior citizens to get a small 2% discount on their basic cable bills as part of the new agreement. He asked Mr. Quandt to comment on the proposal since Mr. Quandt served on the Cable Committee.

Mr. Quandt said that he thought it was a good, fair agreement. He always hates to see any increases in fees or taxes but he feels that it is warranted in this case. Under the new agreement, the franchise fee would go from 1% to 3% and then would increase to 5% over a several year period. Many other towns are already at 5%. This fee would only be charged on the cable portion of Comcast bills.

Mr. Campbell asked if the educational programs would be viewable just at school or also at home. Mr. Bruno said that they would be seen in all 6 Co-op towns.

Mr. Campbell asked if the contract was exclusive and what would happen if another company were to come in to provide cable service. Mr. Dean said that New Hampshire has a level playing field statute which basically means that this agreement sets the bar for service. If another company came in they would have to supply the same level of service.

Mr. Campbell asked about the infrastructure improvements in the contract which would be provided at no additional cost to the town. Mr. Bruno said that the agreement calls for these improvements to be done within 12 months of the signing of the contract. Mr. Campbell asked how that would be monitored and Mr. Bruno said through Mr. Dean's office and the attorneys. Mr. Dean also said that it was governed by the language of the contract and anything other than that would be a contract breach.

Mr. Jim Fellows, a CATV Committee member, said that the town gets a check for the amount of the franchise fees collected. Comcast keeps records of the amount of franchise fees collected, at 1% or whatever the percentage is, and issues checks to the town.

Ms. Gilman asked Mr. Bruno to explain the channels in more detail. Mr. Bruno said that right now the town has one government channel. The proposal would call for a change to PEG programming. PEG stands for Public, Education and Government. The P and G channels would be for Exeter only. The E (Education) channel would be seen by all 6 towns in the Co-op. Ms. Gilman asked what channel the current channel 22 would become and what numbers the new channels would have. Mr. Bruno said that Comcast will not advise what the new channels will be until after the contract is signed.

Mr. Clement said that if his understanding of the contract was correct, the education channel would be the first to be implemented following contract signing. Mr. Bruno said that it is correct that the education channel would be implemented first and the public access launch date would be second. The launch date for the public access channel would depend on how quickly they get the public access studio up and running. Mr. Dean said that it is helpful to know that following contract signing, the CATV Committee will switch its focus from contract negotiation to implementation. The public access studio

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is slated to be at the high school. It will be available to the public at least 30 hours per week. The town will work with the Co-op to establish operating guidelines for this.

Mr. Aldrich moved to open the public hearing on the CATV Franchise Renewal contract. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Renee O'Barton, an Exeter resident, said that she agrees with Mr. Bruno that Exeter deserves better. She clarified the involvement that Mr. Quandt and Mr. Dean have with respect to the CATV Committee. Mr. Quandt is the Selectman's Representative to the CATV Committee and Mr. Dean is a staff representative to the committee whose role is to advise and give input. Mr. Dean is not a voting member of the CATV Committee.

Ms. O'Barton handed out copies of a committee status report that she obtained from the website and asked why the educational channel would be able to be viewed by 6 towns, but all of the cost would be borne by Exeter taxpayers. Mr. Dean said that the current Channel 22 can be seen by every other community in the SAU. This has been an accepted practice and tradition. Mr. Bruno said that Channel 22 has been able to be viewed by the other towns in the SAU since 1994. The other towns gave permission for Channel 22 to be seen in their areas so that they could see educational events such as football games, school board meetings and graduations.

Ms. O'Barton asked if there is a way to block the other towns access to the channel or get some of their franchise fees to help fund it. Mr. Bruno said that Mr. Dean is currently in meetings with the Superintendent of the SAU about the educational channel being funded by the SAU budget. Ms. O'Barton asked if that mean that the SAU is going to fund the educational channel in totality. Mr. Bruno said that they are going to be able to fund it through franchise fees coming from other towns via the SAU budget. This would mean that all of the SAU towns are sharing in the cost of the educational channel.

Mr. Dean said that funding is the Board's prerogative. The Board of Selectmen would decide how much of the franchise fee goes to the SAU to fund the educational channel. This would be an agenda item and a discussion would have to take place about this. Mr. Quandt asked if the channel would be shut down if the SAU opts not to fund it. Mr. Dean said that if there was no money for the channel, then it would effectively be out of business. The Board has control via the funding.

Ms. O'Barton commented that she doesn't feel like the Cable TV Committee has welcomed public involvement and input. None of the meetings were televised. Some of the meetings were not noticed on the website and meeting minutes are not available for many of the meetings. Mr. Dean said that there is an issue of limited resources with respect to televising meetings. The Cable TV meetings have never been televised. Ms. Gilman said that to properly notice a meeting, it must be posted in a public place and it is not a requirement that the notice specifically be on the website.

Ms. O'Barton asked how much thought has been given to expanding air time on the current Channel 22 instead of expanding to 3 channels. She handed out copies of Comcast survey results and noted that only part of the survey is available on the website. She asked why the full survey was not put on the website. Ms. O'Barton pointed out that on one of the pages not posted on the website, the survey said that 58% of people polled said that their satisfaction with cable would remain the same if Channel 22 were no longer on the air. She stated that she doesn't understand how this establishes a strong community need for Channel 22. Mr. Clement pointed out that the same survey also said that 40% of Comcast customers polled said that their satisfaction with cable would decrease if Channel 22 were no

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longer on the air. Ms. O'Barton went on to read from the Cable Related Community Needs and Local Initiatives sections of the survey. She demanded to know why the Local Initiatives page of the survey was not on the website. Mr. Dean said that they were focused on the PEG channel programming and so the survey portions that related to this were posted while 3 other survey pages were left out. The survey finding that 88% of Comcast customers are aware of Channel 22 and that 58 percent watch it on a regular or occasional basis is an off the charts number.

Mr. Clement asked Mr. Quandt to confirm that the Cable Committee had reviewed this survey report and still voted to move forward with the current franchise agreement proposal. Mr. Quandt said yes and also stated that he was not responsible for the content that appears on the town website.

Ms. O'Barton referenced the language of the 2010 warrant article # 37 that set up the separate revolving fund for franchise fee revenues. She was concerned that funding was allocated properly as the article stipulates that 50% of franchise fee revenues must be put into this fund. Mr. Aldrich said that in their budget they are budgeted at 50%.

Ms. O'Barton asked about the new employee that the proposal includes at 30 hours per week. She did not think that 30 hours per week is enough to get this up and running. Mr. Dean said that this employee will be a Co-op employee and not a town employee. The arrangement would be similar to the school resource officer at the high school where the SAU pays the officer's salary. The town would essentially buy services from the Co-op.

Ms. O'Barton said that she took the liberty of contacting several other towns to get their current franchise fee rate. Of those she contacted, 4 were paying 5%, 6 were paying 3%, one was paying 1.5%, one was paying 1% and 4 were paying zero percent. Ms. Gilman pointed out that the towns paying zero percent were not getting any services. Mr. Aldrich said the average of those rates was 3.3% with the zeros excluded. The towns with no service must logically be excluded from the analysis because they are not comparable.

Ms. O'Barton discovered that Fremont sent a cable survey out to all of their residents recently asking for their opinions and input. She wondered why Exeter's Cable TV committee didn't do a similar thing.

Mr. Herb Moyer, a committee member, said that he felt that the committee did do a good job of getting input. All of their meetings were posted and open to the public and they have been operating for the past almost 4 years. The committee members were all volunteers. He can appreciate that Ms. O'Barton has recently done a lot of work researching this issue, but it would have been really nice if she had chosen to present it at one of the Cable TV meetings or at any earlier point before now. She also would have been a welcome committee member.

Ms. O'Barton said she was very offended that the full Comcast survey was not posted on the website. She holds Mr. Quandt and Mr. Dean to a higher standard of responsibility since they are elected officials. In her opinion, she feels that Mr. Dean has not upheld Sections 2,3,4,5,7 and 9 of the code of ethics that appears on the town website.

Mr. Quandt said that he feels the only failure the Cable Committee has was not getting all of the meeting minutes posted online and that he will try to rectify this. Mr. Dean said that he stands by his performance and that he is part of an international association and he certainly feels that he does the best that he can under these guidelines.

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Mr. Jim Knight read from the original 1991 contract with Continental Cable Vision which provided for one public access channel. He said that when there was discussion about this expansion at a Budget Committee meeting last November 2009, there had been concern about the equipment that would be needed as well as the costs to get this up and running. At that time, the Budget Committee had been advised that the town was pursuing Comcast for a grant to help with these costs. Mr. Knight wanted to know if Comcast had come through on any of this grant money. Mr. Dean said there is quite a lot of non pass thru capital in the new agreement. The town has negotiated non pass thru capital in exchange for allowing Comcast to drop maintenance of the I-network.

Mr. Knight asked if there is an estimate of how much money the 3% franchise fee would generate in the first year. Mr. Dean said that under the current agreement, franchise fees are paid out by Comcast to the town one year in arrears. Under the new agreement, Comcast would prepay \$ 125,000 within 60 days of the effective date of the contract and then pay quarterly. Mr. Dean said the rough expected gross revenues over a 12 month period would be \$ 140,000. Mr. Knight asked if the initial \$ 125,000 would be directed to the startup of the new stations and Mr. Dean's answer was yes. Mr. Knight said that this would appear to violate the warrant article conditions that 50% of franchise fees be directed to cable and the other 50% go into the general fund.

Jim Fellows said that his understanding is the warrant article language requiring 50% of the franchise fee revenues to go into the revolving fund does not prevent the Board of Selectmen from voting to put more than 50% into the cable operations if they so choose. The amount spent over the 50% would just be expended from the general fund instead. Mr. Aldrich pointed out that any unanticipated money in the general fund can be spent however the Board chooses. Mr. Dean said that they could treat the entire \$ 125,000 as unanticipated revenue if they chose to. Mr. Dean said that it had been decided that getting the \$ 125,000 prepayment was the best way to go to get seed money for the startup costs.

Mr. Knight said that from what he can see the survey does not support the grand plan of PEG programming and that some people don't have the option to not have Comcast cable. He looks at the franchise fee as more like a sales tax and feels that the town is essentially raising taxes at a time of recession and rising food prices.

Mr. Knight requested some additional clarification about the education channel setup. Mr. Bruno said that the idea of an SAU channel that can be seen in 6 towns is brand new. In order to do this, a host community was needed. Exeter was the host contract used to get this new educational channel started. Comcast asked that there be at least 3 town contracts supporting this. Stratham and Kensington's contracts include support for this, so combined with Exeter the required support exists. Mr. Bruno said that all 6 towns are on board with this.

Mr. Knight said that subscribers could be held liable for additional costs associated with this expansion to 3 channels. He feels that more research is needed. He is disappointed that there is only going to be one public hearing on this. He is not sure why small communities need to be in the business of creating public television stations, especially when the town just received notice from the EPA that there is a big problem with the water treatment plant and the town needs major water sewer upgrades.

Mr. Aldrich moved to close the public hearing on the CATV Franchise Renewal contract. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement asked if the town currently has a contract with Comcast. Mr. Dean said no. The contract is expired.

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Mr. Clement asked the members of the CATV Committee if they feel that there have been any issues raised here at tonight's meeting that require more time or research. Mr. Quandt said that he is comfortable with the franchise agreement as is, even in light of tonight's discussion. Mr. Fellows said no. Mr. Clement said he would like to see franchise fees capped. Mr. Campbell said that the committee has done a great job over the past 3 years bringing the contract forward.

Mr. Quandt moved that the Board of Selectmen approve the new cable TV franchise agreement between the Town and Comcast. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

iii. Water Sewer 2011 Rates Hearing

Ms. Gilman read the proposed new water/sewer rates for 2011.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the water/sewer rates for 2011 as stated on the Agenda Fact Sheet to become effective with the March 31st water/sewer billing. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: 4-1 Mr. Quandt opposed. Motion passes.

iv. 2010 Tax Rate Update

Mr. Aldrich attended the tax rate setting meeting with the Town Manager and Finance Director this year. The new 2010 town tax rate is \$ 24.61 per \$ 1000. Mr. Aldrich made a powerpoint presentation (see attached) which explained the components of the new tax rate and compared it to 2009. He said that other funding sources were backed out when doing these calculations.

Deb Johnson thanked Mr. Aldrich for a great report. She implored the Board of Selectmen to not spend so much next year. She asked them not to build a new train station and to consider very carefully their TIFT negotiations. Ms. Johnson asked them to consider people less fortunate than themselves to whom the cost of two additional TV stations may make a big difference in their life. She believes that the town is capable of creating a level funded budget. She pointed out that the SAU budget is much more complicated than the town's and they worked hard to come up with a budget that has an increase of only about 2%.

Gerry Hamel said that he has the same problem with rising prices and valuations. He notes that the town portion of the pie has been expanding relative to the school portion.

Renee O'Barton said that she saw in the paper that Stratham is asking their department heads to come up with a budget that is 5% less for next year. She asked what it would take to get this town into the same mentality. The small increases all add up and she feels that it needs to slow down a bit so that people can catch up. She said that she appreciates the vision that the members of the Board have for the town, but asks them to consider spending less right now.

Ms. Gilman said that they did ask for a level funded service budget this year. Mr. Aldrich said that there is a big difference between a level funded budget and no impact. He agrees that no one wants to spend more, but pointed out that every single warrant article passed last March. Revenues have decreased and some things can be a bit hard to predict.

Deb Johnson said that Mr. Aldrich's point about the warrant articles all passing is well taken. Many people do not realize that this is additional spending on top of the budget they already have. She feels that people are often not paying attention to the small details and that perhaps there needs to be conversation about preparing people for the idea of sacrificing some services. Residents could be

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surveyed at voting in March to get some data on what services people in town really like and what services they don't really care about. People could be given options between services versus lower tax rates. She is very worried about the working people in this town and wants to be sure they are getting good quality services for their tax dollars. People need to better understand the tax impact of items they are voting on.

Mr. Campbell gave credit to people in town who cut out quite a bit of spending from last year's budget. He feels that people do want to keep this town looking nice. They don't want their roads to have potholes and be falling apart.

Mr. Knight reminded everyone that the Board just raised franchise fees on cable earlier on in tonight's meeting. He said that he would like to see the Board set an example if they really want to keep the tax rate low, especially if there are more pressing issues like infrastructure in town.

Mr. Gerry Hamel said that it is not just all of the warrant articles that we have to worry about. There are other things that creep in internally after the Budget Committee cuts, such as the \$ 15,000 that was recently spent on 2 new brass handrails for the Bandstand.

v. Budget Committee Update – None.

7. Regular Business

a. Bid Openings – None.

b. A/P and Payroll Manifests

a. Accounts Payable and Payroll Manifests

Mr. Clement moved to approve a special payroll warrant for week ending 11/14/2010 for library longevity checks dated November 17, 2010 in the amount of \$ 7,750. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve a weekly payroll warrant for week ending 11/14/2010 for payroll checks dated November 17, 2010 in the amount of \$ 150,863.46. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Mr. Clement moved to approve a weekly accounts payable warrant for checks dated 11/19/2010 in the amount of \$ 198,092.36. Mr. Aldrich seconded. Vote: Unanimous Big Ticket Items: \$ 15,000 for Fuel, \$54,000 to Northside Carting, \$ 12,500 for work on the bath house by River Bend Masonry, \$ 47,968 to TCS Communications Corp for a radio system.

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Tax Collector's Warrant in the amount of \$ 19,472,784.55 with bills due on the 20th day of December at a rate of \$ 24.61 per thousand. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

c. Budget Updates – None.

d. Tax Abatements & Exemptions – None.

e. Water/Sewer Abatements – None.

f. Permits

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Mr. Clement stated that he has a Notice of Intent to Cut for Map 70, Lot 101 and 103 and for Map 66, Lot 1. This is located off of Holland Way. Start date is 12/1/2010. They expect to cut 600 tons of wood chips and 10 cord of hardwood. It has been approved by the Town Planner.

Mr. Aldrich moved to approve the Intent to Cut as presented. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous.

g. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Dean and staff from the DPW are headed to Boston tomorrow to meet with the EPA. He'll have a report on this meeting next week. His office is now working on end of year budget projections. Final version of the audit should be here within a week. They already have a draft. They also need to make their responses to the latest management report. Mr. Aldrich would like to see this done as early in December as possible so that 2009 can be closed out.

h. Legislative Update – None.

i. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Mr. Campbell said that the Planning Board approved a new 7 unit development last Thursday on the old VFW site off Columbus Ave.

Ms. Gilman said that the Economic Development Commission met last Thursday for organizational purposes. Next meeting is a week from Tuesday.

Mr. Aldrich had no committee reports. He got the final cost of the Pine Road project which is \$ 106,401. Thanks to Bell & Flynn and Jay and Paul of the DPW staff who calculated the additional cost of \$ 19,519. That is what will be in the letter to Brentwood.

Mr. Clement recently attended an EDC meeting which was very good.

j. Correspondence

Mr. Aldrich said that the Selectmen received an email that the Southeast New Hampshire Region was recognized at the 2010 Community Transportation Summit in Concord on November 18, 2010. Two out of four individuals recognized were from Exeter.

8. Review Board Calendar

No meeting next Monday 11/29/2010

9. Non Public Session – None.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Aldrich moved to adjourn at 10:16 pm. Mr. Campbell seconded. Vote: Unanimous

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Mancinelli
Recording Secretary