

1. Convene the meeting

Chairman Campbell opened the meeting of the Board at 7:00 PM on the above date in the Nowak Room. Also present: Paul Binette, Robert Eastman, Joe Pace and Town Manager George Olson. Absent: Lionel Ingram.

2. Minutes of the Selectmen's meetings of June 7 and June 28.

Mr. Eastman moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 7, 2004, second by Mr. Binette. SO VOTED.

Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2004, second by Mr. Eastman. Mr. Binette noted the requirements placed upon RiverWoods associated with the fiber optic cable installation as described in the Town ordinances. **Passed, 3 in favor, one abstention.**

3. Bid Awards

Mr. Binette moved to accept the low bid of \$341,400 from Apex Construction for the upgrading of the Belmont and Front St. pump station. Second by Mr. Pace. Mr. Olson noted that RiverWoods would pay the cost of the work in its entirety as the upgrades were necessitated by the construction of The Ridge. Mr. Eastman indicated that he would be voting no on the bid award because the cost was not appropriated in the 2004 budget. Mr. Pace noted the similarity between the RiverWoods project and the work being done at the soccer fields...improvement of town facilities at no cost to the Town. Chairman Campbell noted that the pump station improvements were not improvements that the Town planned to make, that they were only being made because of The Ridge development and the cost was exclusively RiverWoods'. **Passed 3 in favor, one opposed.**

Mr. Olson recommended that none of the bids for the portable air compressor be accepted in that only \$4,000 had been budgeted for the purchase and the low bidder was just under \$12,000.

4. Previously awarded bid: Lincoln St. Storm Sewer

Chairman Campbell read from a memo from Town Engineer Perry indicating that the low bid received from Durrah, Ltd., Inc of Bow NH, \$37,187.50, had been accepted for the Lincoln St. storm sewer project.

Mr. Binette asked Mr. Olson how active he was in the review of bids directed to him by the Board. Mr. Olson replied that he was most involved in those instances when the department recommended a bidder other than the low bidder, but that in most instances he accepted the recommendation of the department head.

5. Update – Exeter Development Commission

Chairman Campbell invited Mark Moeller, Chairman of the Exeter Development Commission to the mic. Mr. Moeller address the efforts of the Commission in the creation of an enhancement to the Town's web site that would allow for 360 degree views of 60 sites in Exeter. The images will be added to the Town's Maps on Line. The cost of the pilot project is \$5,000 and will be paid from EDC funds.

Mr. Moeller showed the Board two example of the technology, a 360-degree shot of the downtown from near the Town Offices and the interior of the Water St. Bookstore.

Chairman Campbell asked how the 60 sites would be chosen? Mr. Moeller answered that there is an EDC committee charged with this undertaking. He noted that while the Commission was paying for the pilot, there was an effort to gain interest from local businesses that would be willing to help defray expenses. The plan is to take photos in the fall.

Chairman Campbell asked if there were any plans for audio being a part of the project. Mr. Moeller indicated that this was a possibility.

Mr. Moeller next turned to the matter of the Historic Downtown Restoration Plan and the effort on the part of the Exeter Development Committee to assist. Specifically, the EDC has agreed to fund a more detailed look at the transportation aspects of the Plan with an eye to addressing the pros and cons of a roundabout at the Bandstand. The hope is that when the analysis is complete, planning efforts will continue with a decision made for or against the roundabout. The consultant will report to both the EDC and the Board of Selectmen.

There being no questions, Chairman Campbell thanked Mr. Moeller for his presentation and for the efforts of the EDC to keep the Board apprised of its activities.

6. Sale of Bandstand Plaques to support new Swasey Parkway Pavilion

Chairman Campbell noted the Board's discussion of two weeks ago regarding plans to make plaques out of the copper removed from the Bandstand as part of the recent roofing work. Mr. Eastman had suggested that the profits from the sale of the plaques go toward the cost of the proposed Swasey Parkway Pavilion. Chairman Campbell shared a couple of the prototype plaques. The cost of producing the plaques will be covered from the sale of the first plaques, with revenue from further sales going to the Swasey Parkway Trustees for use in covering a portion of the cost of the new pavilion. Mr. Pace asked how many plaques were going to be available. Answer, approximately 1000.

It was moved by Mr. Pace to sell the plaques to the public and that after the cost of production was covered subsequent proceeds from sales would go the Swasey Parkway Trustees to help pay for the construction of the new Swasey Parkway Pavilion, second by Mr. Eastman. SO VOTED.

7. Permits

Mr. Olson readout the following permit requests:

Phillips Exeter Academy – Parking of 4 coach buses on Tan Lane on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:15 to 5:45, between July 19 and August 7.

Phillips Exeter Academy – Parking for 4 coach buses on Elliot St from 10 to 11AM on July 23.

Phillips Exeter Academy – Parking for 9 buses on Tan Lane from 5:00 to 10:30 AM on August 7.

Phillips Exeter Academy – Parking of coach busses on Eliot, Elm and Tan Lane on 8 days from July 14 through August 8.

Green St. residents – To hold a block party on Green St. from 3 to 8PM on July 17.

Seacoast Progressive Alliance – To use the Town Hall main floor from 5 until 10 PM on July 18.

Home and business owners along the Exeter River – to use the Nowak Room from 7:30 to 9:30PM on July 22.

Squamscott Chapter #13 DAV – To use the sidewalk by Gerry's Variety from 8 until 5 on August 20 and 21.

Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce – To use the back room on the second floor of the Town Hall, in the event of rain, from 5:30 to 7:30 on September 22.

It was moved by Mr. Eastman, second by Mr. Pace to approve the above permit requests. SO VOTED.

Stephanie Goldstein – To sell jewelry at the Monday night band concerts.

Concern was expressed over allowing private sales at the concerts. To this point only sale on behalf of non-profit organizations have been allowed in the past. Mr. Binette noted the considerable insurance requirement associated with such sales. Chairman Campbell expressed concern over seeing a number of private vendors at the concerts.

It was moved by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Eastman to reject the permit request. SO VOTED.

8. Town Manager items

Mr. Olson reported that the Board would next meet on July 26th at 7:00 PM

9. Selectmen's Committee Reports

Mr. Eastman reported on last Thursday's meeting between the Department Heads and the Planning Board as the initial step in the CIP review process. Mr. Pace reported that the first meeting of the Town Manager Search Committee will be held on the 15th, noting that the job will be advertised this summer. Chairman Campbell reported that the Conservation Commission would be meeting in the Nowak Room on July 13th.

10. Public Comments

Mr. Timothy Hyle asked to speak and was recognized. He expressed an interest in the Town establishing a department of health and human resources and that it be located in the Foster's building on High St. now that the building was for sale. He has spoken with attorney Tucker who has put him in touch with Mr. Anderson, the realtor. Mr. Hyle asked that the Board form a sub-committee to look into the creation of the new department.

It was suggested that Mr. Hyle put his thoughts on paper for the Board's review so the matter of creation of a sub-committee could be considered.

It was moved by Mr. Eastman, second by Mr. Pace, to adjourn. SO VOTED. Time: 8:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,



George Olson
Town Manager