

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Campbell convened the regular meeting, following the public hearings on the bond issues and 2005 budget and warrant articles, at 9:00PM on the above date. Also present: Lionel Ingram, Paul Binette, Robert Eastman, Joseph Pace and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Minutes of Board's meeting of January 3, 2005.

Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of January 3, 2005 as submitted; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: 4-0, with 1 abstention..

3. Ambulance bids.

Only one bid was received by 4PM this date. It was noted, however, there was no mail delivery today due to the holiday. ***Mr. Eastman moved to postpone the opening of the bids till the January 31st meeting and to grant a 24-hour extension for receipt of bids till 4PM January 18th; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.***

4. Chemical Bids:

Mr. Olson read the list of recommended companies, referred from DPW (attached). ***Mr. Ingram moved to accept the recommendations as submitted; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***

5. Thanks to Barbara Blenk and Carole Mitchell from 1st Battalion, 172nd Field Artillery.

Chairman Campbell asked Mrs. Blenk to come to the microphone where he read from a letter she and Ms. Mitchell had received, thanking them for the eleven cartons of donated items sent to Iraq. (Ms. Mitchell was unable to attend the meeting.) The money for the items was raised by their sale of the yellow magnetic ribbons. There were also donations of items and money from area citizens. Mrs. Blenk thanked the Board and thanked the Exeter Lions Club for their donation of \$100 to assist with the mailing of the packages.

6. Correspondence to Chief Justice Broderick re District Court facilities in Exeter

Chairman Campbell noted the State has not yet decided whether to build two courts (Exeter & Hampton) but is leaving the Town Hall on February 7th and their last rent payment will be for February.

Richard Kane, Chief of Police, stated he has been having discussions regarding the problems with the Exeter District Court moving and the many issues it will cause, with sending officers out of town to court. He will be attending another meeting, along with the Town Manager, concerning further discussions. He is hoping the letter the Board is signing tonight will be taken to heart.

Mr. Eastman noted there is State-owned property on Watson Road that they are trying to sell. Chief Kane stated he has pulled all State-owned properties in Exeter and has passed along the information to them. The property at Watson Road has some issues that may not be conducive to the Court.

Mr. Ingram moved the Board sign the proposed letter and send along to the Chief Justice; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Planet Aid boxes at Town Transfer Station – Ronald Dellmuth, site rep.

Chairman Campbell noted the Town has received requests from residents to remove the boxes from Town property and not to support the agency. He noted he has reviewed their annual report and finds only 10% is given to aid. There appears to be a mystery surrounding the issue and noted they are not listed under several charity websites he has viewed. He also referred to a recent article concerning negative aspects of the agency.

Ronald Dellmuth stated the recent article referenced by Chairman Campbell was written by a very negative journalist. The goal of Planet Aid is to help cities and towns keep items from the landfills and transfer stations, as well as providing funds for agencies. He noted recently in Lancaster, 135,000 pounds of recycled textiles were kept from the transfer station. The agency is working very hard with Governor Romney (Mass) and the Governor has forwarded a letter to all municipalities to use their service.

There are 14 recycling companies in the New England area, with only two legitimate ones associated with charity (Salvation Army and Planet Aid). Planet Aid has given \$2 million to funding, noting they have 1130 boxes in Massachusetts (at a cost of \$600 per box) and have recently provided funding for the Tsunami disaster. He even noted Oprah Winfrey has come on board with support for Planet Aid, noting they have a great reputation, provide savings for the Towns, are convenient for customers and they are the only one doing it right.

The Exeter site averages 800 pounds of clothing/textiles per week. They sell most of the clothing and are obtaining money for schools, funding, doctors, etc. Mr. Campbell asked why 90% goes to program services. Mr. Dellmuth noted they are building the program throughout the area. They have grown from 125,000 pounds per week to 525,000 pounds per week, and growing. They don't give to charities, hence why they are not listed on those websites. They deal with fire and police departments, with emergency response of clothes when necessary. They also clean up their areas immediately so they don't become unsightly with a build-up of bags, etc. all around the box.

Mr. Ingram asked if they were non-profit and tax exempt. Yes and he can provide updated figures for last year. Mr. Ingram noted if they are useful for the town via recycling, he does not feel it is for the board to say whether they are beneficial or not. Mr. Olson noted the Aid boxes provide residents with an opportunity to get rid of textiles and many agency boxes in the area have diminished of the years. Mr. Ingram suggested keeping the boxes on site till there is a problem.

Mr. Binette asked for insurance information, noting we should have their liability statement on file.

8. Board action on petition warrant articles, requesting additional support for New Outlook.

As a follow-up of the public hearing on the warrant articles, the Board is required to vote whether to support the article or not, in order for proper wording to be listed on the article. **Mr. Pace moved not to support the New Outlook article due to the request being outside the normal process; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.** Mr. Pace noted the Board supports the Agency but this is not the

normal process for funding, particularly when \$2,000 has already been placed in the Town's budget figure for 2005.

9. Addition to Town Ordinances – possession of drug paraphernalia – first reading.

Chief Kane has presented a new ordinance to make it a violation to possess paraphernalia used in the manufacturing, use or possession of illegal drugs. He proposed the following, to be placed under 712 of the Town's ordinances:

712 It shall be a violation of this section for any person to retain or possess Drug Paraphernalia with the intent to use, sell, employ or allow the same to be used, sold or employed for an unlawful purpose. An Unlawful purpose shall mean any act prohibited pursuant to RSA 318-B:2.

Drug Paraphernalia means any tool, equipment, product or implement adapted or designed to make, store, dispense, ingest or conceal a controlled substance. The definition of Drug Paraphernalia includes all equipment, products and materials as described by RSA 318-B:1, X-a.

A controlled substance means any controlled drug or controlled drug analog as defined by RSA 318-B:1, VI and VI-a.

The District Court having jurisdiction may order Drug Paraphernalia forfeited and destroyed in the manner of controlled drugs prescribed by RSA 318-B:17. “

The second reading will be at the next meeting (January 31st).

10. Request from Brentwood to receive Channel 22 programming.

The attached “Memorandum of Understanding” was provided between the Towns of Exeter and Brentwood in order for residents of Brentwood to view programming on the Exeter channel, pertaining to school activities, as they are part of SAU 16. ***Mr. Pace moved to authorize Brentwood to receive Exeter's transmission; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.***

11. Report on Town Manager Search.

Chairman Campbell noted the Board is still in negotiations and an agreement is expected soon.

12. Permits:

- Seacoast Progressive Alliance requested use of the Town Hall on January 24th from 6-10PM to feature a guest speaker.
- Exeter Farms Homeowners Association requested use of the Nowak Room on April 20th from 6-10PM for their annual Association meeting.

Mr. Pace moved to approve the permits as proposed; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous..

13. Town Manager's Items.

- The Board's next meeting will be January 31st.
- The Town Clerk has announced filing dates for Town positions from January 19th through 28th at 5PM. Registered voters may apply for the positions and must supply a photo ID. Positions available include: 2 Selectmen for 3 year terms; 1 Town Clerk for 3 years; 1

Treasurer for 3 years; 3 Trustees of the Library (3 years); 1 Trustee of the Trust Funds (3 years); 1 Robinson Fund Trustee (7 year term) and 1 Parkway Trustee (3 years). School positions are filed at the SAU #16 office on Front Street.

- The Town Clerk announced dates the Supervisors of the Checklist will be in session: January 18th from 7-8PM; January 29th from 11AM to 12 noon. Residents may also register during regular hours of the Town Clerk's office. February 26th is the last day to accept voter registration and to correct parties, prior to the March 8th Town Meeting. Exeter does have same day registration at the polls.

14. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

- Mr. Pace: Wednesday, the Library Long-Range committee will meeting; HDC will meet Thursday and discuss the proposed building by Citizen's Bank.
- Mr. Ingram: River Committee met on Thursday and a guest speaker from Fish & Game was present. Both sides found discussion very useful. Rock. Planning Commission has discussed coastal water conservation plan and has been passed on to the Conservation Commission, for eventual inclusion in their Regional Master Plan.
- Mr. Eastman: None.
- Mr. Binette: Parks & Recreation Advisory Board met and discussed "Park Discovery Day". They'll have more information at a later date but it looks as if it will be a fun day to visit Exeter's parks. The Committee is short of volunteers to serve on their Board.

Mr. Eastman asked if there is a Winterfest for this year. Mrs. Blenk stated we have been asking but no one has responded, so she assumes there is none.

15. Public Comments:

Alan Bailey, Green Street, provided the Board (each) with a booklet he has developed revisiting the Open Space vote of the 2003 Town Meeting, including warrant articles, motions, minutes, properties considered, deeds, etc. His conclusion:

- a) The purchase method is not supported by warrant article or Board votes;
- b) The Baglin and Callahan easements went to Rockingham Land Trust and that is not supported by motions made;
- c) Land "bought" is not through easements but the Town has first option/first refusal on the land;
- d) Public access;
- e) Burdens within the easements to Rockingham Land Trust and they can assign to another "like" organization/tax organization such as RLT.

Mr. Bailey noted he comes to the Board with these problems and he believes it is a far cry from what everyone thought they were getting. Mr. Campbell noted the Board will get back to him.

Mr. Eastman stated, through a quick review earlier this evening, there are some legitimate concerns.

Mr. Bailey also noted an effort should be made to train people on the various Committees on how to correctly hold meetings, post meetings and the taking of minutes. That would protect everyone.

Mr. Eastman asked the item to be on the 31st agenda. Mr. Ingram asked if it concerns legal matters perhaps it should be run by Town Counsel. Mr. Eastman also suggested a work session.

Mr. Pace moved to adjourn to a non-public session under RSA 91-A to discuss a personnel matter; second by Mr. Eastman. Mr. Binette took a roll call vote: 5-0. Time: 10:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Blenk
AA/HR Dir.

attach.