

1. Non-public Session under RSA 91-A – Collective Bargaining.
2. Convene regular meeting – 7PM.

Chairman Ingram re-convened the Board at 7:00PM in the Nowak Room following adjournment of a non-public session to discuss an issue with the Police Association issue, to which the Board agreed unanimously to support.

3. Introduce Members of the Board of Selectmen.

Chairman Ingram introduced the Board present: Paul Binette, Robert Eastman, William Campbell, Joseph Pace and Town Manager Russell Dean.

4. Proclamation: Kiwanis Week in Exeter, 25th anniversary.

Clerk Eastman read the proclamation, attached, and it was signed by the Board, proclaiming the week of July 18th as Kiwanis Week in Exeter.

5. Minutes:

Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of June 13, 2005 as submitted; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of June 20, 2005 as submitted; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: 4-0, with Mr. Campbell abstaining (not present).

6. Bid Award:

Town Manager Dean recommended an award for the Gasoline and Diesel field bid, opened June 20th, to Dennis K. Burke of Chelsea, MA, at the fixed price of 1.895 per gallon for both the diesel fuel and 89-octane fuel, for one year commencing 7/15/05 through 7/15/06.

Mr. Campbell asked whether the budget could cover the increase. Mr. Dean noted it helps that the Town's calendar fiscal year covers half the year and he will keep the Board updated on the impact, noting it may be necessary to "rob Peter to pay Paul" within the accounts.

Mr. Pace asked if variable pricing was considered. The fixed pricing of '03-'05 worked well as prices continued to soar while we held steady at the contract rate but he does not want the Town caught buying high if prices drop. Mr. Dean noted the RFP called for fixed rates. Mr. Binette asked Mr. Dean to review any fine print in the contract to be sure higher fluctuation of rates doesn't occur. Mr. Dean noted the Town may cancel if certain action requires this but there are no other stipulations.

Mr. Eastman moved to approve awarding the bid for diesel fuel and 89-octane fuel to Dennis K. Burke of Chelsea, MA, at the fixed price of 1.895 per gallon for both products, for the 1-year period of 7/15/05 through 7/15/06; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Board Appointments: Peter Richardson, Local River Management Advisory.

Mr. Eastman moved to appoint Peter Richardson to serve as a Town representative to the Local River Management Advisory Committee; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous. It was confirmed that Mr. Richardson will serve along with Donald Clement, not replacing him.

8. CIP – Planning Board process.

Mr. Dean reported the draft Capital Improvement Plan has been completed and the Planning Board has scheduled its initial public hearing on July 14th. He noted soon after taking office, he focused on CIP, noting it is such a big part of the budget and infra-structure planning and the cornerstone of most of what we do. A sub-committee was formed (Selectmen’s Representative, Town Manager, Town Planner, 2 Planning Board members, Budget Committee Chairman, School Business Administration rep) and they have worked diligently with Department Managers and staff to cover all projects. The meeting on July 14th will be the public’s first look at the listing. After the public hearing, questions will be answered, comments received, issues will be re-reviewed and a final public hearing is tentatively scheduled for September 8th. Draft copies are available at the Planning office and, later this week, on the Town’s web-site.

Mr. Dean noted the two largest items include the downtown restoration and the Town Office/Town Hall project, and the three areas of concern are those affecting the General Fund, the Water projects and how to fund them (fund balance, reserves or revenues) and sewer projects – also how to fund them). Of great concern, also, is the water supply and what can be done in the near future – it is a major community issue.

The Board chose not to enter into a discussion this evening on items, noting Planning Board will be introducing them Thursday, at the first public hearing on the matter. Mr. Dean clarified the CIP projects consist of those costing at least \$25,000 and having useful life of 5 years or more.

9. Sale of Town property: Epping Road.

Mr. Dean reported one bid was received for the lot on Epping Road (Tax map 55, Lot 67) for sale as authorized by the 2005 Town Meeting. Seacoast Credit Union of Hampton submitted \$250,000, over the minimum set at \$225,000. Their plans include a 2300 square feet building with drive-through and would like to begin construction soon, upon receipt of special exception by ZBA for their business at that location (entrance to Industrial Park). He noted the bid includes stipulations regarding the permitting process.

Mr. Pace moved to authorize the Town to enter into an agreement with Seacoast Credit Union at the bid price of \$250,000, pending approvals of permits of the Town and State, and to include the offer letter of 6/20/05 and its conditions as part of the motion; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous. Mr. Dean noted an estimate of \$10,000 per year would be added to the Town’s tax revenues.

10. Town Manager’s Items:

- Beginning August 15th, Public Works will begin street reconstruction (full depth, down to the dirt) on the following streets: High Street to Buzell Avenue, Buzell Avenue, Prospect, Auburn and Highland Streets. Work will be from 7AM to 5PM.
- The Water & Sewer Consumer Confidence report is out, describing quality of the town's system. If not yet received, please call the department between 7-3:30PM at 773-6157 or 778-0591 after hours.
- The Census Bureau is replacing their long form with a condensed form and sending to homes more often. However, the data won't be released before the scheduled 2010 though larger cities and towns will receive sooner. Mr. Dean urged residents to participate in the census.
- Vision Appraisal is out in Town as part of the appraisal updating for the tax rate computation for fall. Should residents have questions, they may call the office. [The Vision employees have identification available].
- Condolences to the Dan Healy family for their loss. Dan was a graduate of EHS in 1986 and a Navy Seal. Town flags were lowered over the weekend during his services in California. A memorial service will be held this Sunday, July 17th beginning at 10:30AM at Rye Harbor State Park.

11. Permits:

- The Gideon International has requested permission to distribute flyers (New Testament) in the downtown area on July 13th from 10AM to 2PM.
- Exeter Elementary PTO requested permission for a banner across Water Street from October 14 through 24 (banner down on 24th), to advertise the Wizards Basketball fundraiser on October 22;
- Rockingham Community Action requested use of the Wheelwright Room on August 17, September 21, October 19 and November 16th from 8:45-11:45AM for Head Start Policy Council meetings;
- Senator Hassan requested use of the Town Hall main floor for a Town Hall meeting from 7-9PM;
- Exeter Professional Firefighters requested permission to block off parking spaces by the Bandstand for their annual MDA "Fill the Boot" drive on August 20, 2005 from 8AM to 12 Noon;
- Heartwood Media requested permission to block off a section of the Waterfront Boardwalk for filming on July 21st for 2 hours. They will be shooting a video.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve all permits as requested; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Selectmen Committee Reports

Mr. Pace: none.

Mr. Campbell: Conservation Commission Tuesday, July 14th.

Mr. Eastman: Planning Board on Thursday to discuss CIP.

Mr. Binette: None, however, before the last meeting he had received a phone call concerning the meeting of 6/13 not appearing on live TV in great condition. He assured the caller the issue had been corrected. BUT, the meeting of 6/20 was on for a brief moment and then showed a blank screen. The problem was attributed to a Comcast technician doing an upgrade and didn't reconnect the live feed from the Town Office. Comcast has apologized for the inconvenience.

Mr. Ingram: A public hearing concerning the State/Town river concerns will be held this Thursday, July 13 at the Library Community Room beginning at 7PM. He also has a safety committee meeting Thursday.

13. Public Comments: None.

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 7:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara A. Blenk
AA/HR Dir.

Attach.