

3. Reconvene Regular Meeting.

Chairman Ingram reconvened the Board at 7:00PM, following a non-public session per RSA 91:A for discussion of compensation of public employees and an interview for a Committee.

4. Introduce members of the Board.

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

5. Minutes:

Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of the October 11, 2005 meeting as submitted; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Bid Award:

Mr. Dean recommended the low bidder of Newburyport Press, Newbury, MA at a cost of \$4,100.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the recommendation of Newburyport Press for \$4,100; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Bid Opening: Demolition of 3-bay garage

Five bids were received to demolish the 3-bay garage at 109 Portsmouth Avenue (bid #1), as well as removing the slab foundation (bid #2). They were:

American Service Group, Exeter	(1)	\$5807.50	(2)	\$2438.00
Danley Demolition, Fremont		\$2400.00		\$1500.00
Durell Enterprises, Kensington		\$4450.00		\$1500.00
Kidder Wrecking, Plaistow		\$2250.00		\$1000.00
Kevin Fuller, Brentwood		\$3300.00		no bid

Mr. Binette moved the bids be reviewed by the Town Manager and appropriate department and return with a recommendation; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Public hearing – RSA 31-05:b – expending private developer contributions toward intersection improvements at Holland Way & Hampton Road (\$20,000)

Mr. Dean reported DPW is working out details for a private company who has offered to provide in-kind services to handle this project. Public hearing is postponed.

9. Review Splash Pad Project: Parks & Recreation

Mr. Dean noted the FY2006-11 CIP recommends the funding of a splash pad for the Town pool. The Parks & Recreation Department is seeking authorization from the Board to move forward with the design phase of the project utilizing revenues from the revolving fund. This will ensure the project is ready for construction in time for the summer pool season of 2006.

Mr. Campbell, a member of the budget sub-committee reviewing that department, stated this is a good thing and should improve both the safety of the children but also provide less work for the filters to ensure a sanitary area. The department has done quite a bit of research of the project.

Mr. Pace moved to authorize the Parks and Recreation Director to bid the project as stated in the Scope of Work, including design and obtaining state approval; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

10. 2005 Reassessment Update: Renewal of Motion

Chairman Ingram noted he would entertain discussion toward a motion to renew last Tuesday's vote to not perform a reassessment update.

Mr. Binette reviewed the attached copy of "Renewal of Motions" from Rules of Order In Brief as provided the Board. He noted it does not say the Board can re-do the process if one person was absent. It should be a dead issue, as it ended in a 2-2 tie. He assumes no one anticipated the vote would be 2-2 but would be 3-1. Because it did not pass he feels this is a 'back door' way of discussing and voting again.

Mr. Pace reviewed Roberts Rules noting a full membership has recourse following a "temporary majority", as was the case last week. There are a variety of means to do so, including:

- "Reconsider" but can only be made by the prevailing side (Mr. Eastman or Mr. Binette would have to move the motion) and this is made at the same meeting. Once the meeting is adjourned, it ends the session.
- "Rescind" when a motion is adopted and later called back. This could not be done here.
- "Renew" can be done at a separate session but does not speak to a temporary majority. If introduced and failed, a motion can be renewed to reconsider the actions but the decision is made by the Chair.

Mr. Campbell stated that, due to the magnitude of the issue, it should require a full board hearing and a full board vote.

Lively discussion followed and Chairman Ingram declared proper reconsideration of the motion.

Mr. Pace moved the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town Assessor to update the Town's valuation consistent with RSA 75:8-b; second by Mr. Campbell.

Mr. Pace explained the motion was concurrent with procedures followed by the Board and was not a 'back door' action. The item was posted on the agenda for discussion. Some further discussion followed concerning phone calls placed by members of the Board, as well as the Exeter News-

Letter article stating the “Board announces it will reconsider the vote”. Mr. Binette questioned “what members”... as he certainly did not agree. Chairman Ingram noted the phone calls were from a colleague to inform him of the circumstances of the meeting and vote. Mr. Dean, when questioned about the article, noted he told the reporter “motions to renew will be discussed first, followed by any vote”.

It was clarified the agenda was posted 10/13.

Mr. Campbell clarified that last week’s meeting was out of sequence to when the Board usually meets; hence Mr. Ingram had a pre-scheduled event and could not attend. He noted the Board had, at the September 12th meeting, voted 4-1 for Mr. DeVittori to begin the process and he assumed the support would be there for the vote at the last meeting.

Mr. Eastman inquired why the refined adjustments of 10/11/05 had increased to 97% in one month from 91% on 9/1/05. The Median Appraised has increased 21,000. Mr. Dean noted the Board voted for the Assessor to proceed with the process and has prepared figures in anticipation of the 10/11 vote in the affirmative. The Assessor is using the same procedures used for the past 13 years. Mr. Pace noted the 97% is a hypothetical figure, prior to incorporating abatements, etc. into the process, whereas the 91% is reality.

VOTE: 3-2 to proceed with the process.

Mr. Binette stated the next time there is a hot issue on the agenda and a full board is not present, the vote should be held till there is a full board.

11. Second/Final reading of SOP F-05-03 – mileage reimbursement.

Chairman Ingram explained this change would adjust our current mileage reimbursement rate from 40.5 cents to 48.5 cents, temporarily from September 1 through December 31, 2005 in response to the recently enacted emergency increase by the IRS.

Mr. Binette noted he was happy to see more use of Town cars following the last meeting’s discussion. **Mr. Binette moved to not allow employees to use their vehicles for town use; second by Mr. Pace, for discussion.** Mr. Pace noted there are many areas, particularly when in use by the Building Inspector, that the Crown Victorias would not be able to get to for inspections and an exception to this proposed motion should be made on those occasions. Mr. Eastman stated the DPW SUV, currently used by the Highway Superintendent, could be used by the Building Inspector, with the Superintendent using one of the DPW pick-ups.

It was suggested the Board pass the original proposal in the interim, allowing employees to be reimbursed for their vehicle use since September and have the Town Manager review a policy to cut down on personal vehicle use. **Mr. Binette withdrew his motion and Mr. Pace withdrew his second.**

Mr. Pace moved to amend SOP F-05-03 to increase the mileage rate to 48.5 cents through October 31, 2005; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Authorization for LGC billing administration for COBRA & Retiree health costs.

Mr. Dean explained the Local Government Center (LGC) Health Trust is offering to provide billing services for both COBRA and Retiree health care premiums. Approval by the Board would take it “off the plate” of the Admin. Assistant/Human Resources Director and allow for third party administration of this item at no additional cost to the Town.

Mr. Pace moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign an agreement with the LGC Health Trust to provide billing services for COBRA and for the billing of Retiree Health Premiums and confirm membership in the LGC Trust for 2006; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

13. Town Manager’s Report:

- Trick or Treat is October 30th from 4-7 with the Fire siren sounding at beginning and end;
- Halloween parade is Friday, October 28th.
- DPW has offered the Board a tour of the structure at the Simpson property related to the CIP program, in order to get a sense of what is happening.

14. Permits: None.

Selectmen’s Committee Reports:

Mr. Pace: HDC meets Thursday; Fire & Police negotiations continue, with Mr. Binette, Mr. Dean and himself representing the Town.

Mr. Campbell: Last Wednesday the W/S Advisory met regarding the W/S proposed budget.

Mr. Eastman: None.

Mr. Binette: Negotiations continue this Tuesday and he is unable to attend.

Mr. Ingram: River Study meeting is Thursday morning, to continue discussion of the Town-State co-operative program.

15. Public Comments: None.

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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