

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Paul Binette convened the Board at 7:00PM on the above date. Also present: William Campbell, Lionel Ingram, Robert Eastman, Joseph Pace and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Read and approve minutes of November 24, 2003 meeting.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept them as submitted; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Proclamation honoring Exeter High School Boys Championship Football Team.

Chairman Binette called Coach Bill Ball to the microphone, along with the 29 seniors of the team, noting it was a full team effort and congratulated them on their second straight State Title. He read the attached, proclaiming the week of December 1-7, 2003 as EHS Football Week. Coach Ball thanked the Board, thanked the community for their support, and thanked Chief Kane for arranging for the parade through Town following their State Title win on Saturday, November 22nd. Coleman Peeke, Captain of the team, accepted the proclamation on behalf of the team.

4. Third & final reading of 2-hour parking – school hours – Rockingham Feed parking lot.

Mr. Pace moved to approve the amendment to the ordinance, adding the area noted; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous (copy attached).

5. Third & final reading – permitting hunting on Raynes Farm property.

Mr. Eastman moved to approve the amendment to the ordinance, adding the area noted; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous (copy attached).

6. Request to dig in the streets – Hampton Road.

Following receipt of a request to continuing digging in the street (attached) from Houghton Buildings, on behalf of Dr. Vrees' project, Mr. Olson noted Ordinance 504.2 limits excavating in the streets between November 15th and March 15th unless the Board waives the prohibition. He reported hot top is still available and Public Works does not see a problem with issuing a waiver.

Ron Houghton, was present to answer any questions. Mr. Eastman, noting last year's experience at High Street/Buzell Avenue continuing throughout the winter, asked how long they would need. Mr. Houghton stated they are hoping to punch under the road, with minimum impact to the surface, and should be complete by December 12th. He noted the urgency as Dr. Vrees' building should be ready by spring and heat is needed at the site during the build. *Mr. Pace moved to waive the requirements of 504.2 through December 15, 2003; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.*

7. Presentation of 2004 recommended budget.

Mr. Olson reported the Board received a full copy of the budget this afternoon with included 'adjustment's to consider. He read from the attached memo, recapping the Budget Recommendations Committee's actions and recommendations. The department heads will be present on December 15th to answer any questions the Board may have.

8. Permits:

- Exeter PTO requested permission for a 5K Road Race on May 15th beginning at 8:30AM. Chief Kane has approved the race route. **Mr. Campbell moved to approve; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.**

9. Town Manager's Items:

- Parking ban begins tonight at midnight and continues through March 15th. No parking on streets between 12 midnight and 6AM.
- Christmas lighting in the downtown takes place on Thursday, December 4th beginning at 5PM. Santa will also be available at 5PM.
- The Christmas parade is December 6th beginning at 4:30PM, with the route proceeding from Osram Sylvania, down Portsmouth Avenue to High and Water Streets to the Parkway.
- There are two permits remaining for Pleasant Street parking, which allows overnight parking on the street in the 8 spaces along Founders' Park.
- The next meeting is December 15th.

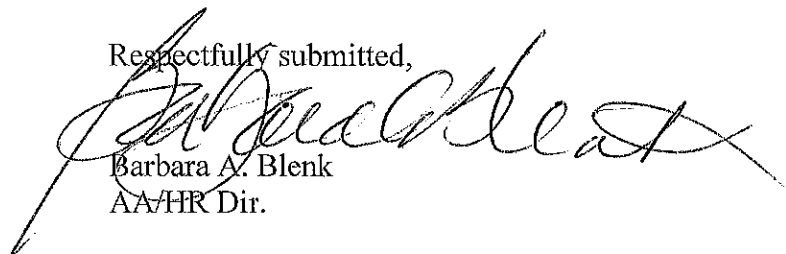
10. Selectmen's Committee Reports.

- Mr. Eastman – none.
- Mr. Campbell Conservation Commission meeting Tuesday, December 2nd.
- Mr. Pace – Saturday, December 6th at 11:30AM is the dedication of the elevator at the Town Hall. The Board will also be participating in the parade that afternoon. He noted, with the seniors from the football team in this evening, it's been 10 years since he graduated and celebrated their 10th reunion this past Friday – one-half looked great!
- Mr. Ingram – Linden Street Re-Use Steering Committee will meet this Tuesday.
- Mr. Binette – none. He did, however, urge everyone to come out for the parade and hopes it is a huge success, particularly with it almost not taking place. He has heard wonderful things are in store, including the Boston Firefighters Band being 1 of 5 participating. He thanked the group at the school for undertaking the parade events.

11. Public Comments: None.

Mr. Pace moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous. TIME: 7:29PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara A. Blenk
AA/HR Dir.