

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Binette convened the Board at 6:40 PM in the Board of Selectmen's Office to meet with a volunteer applicant.

2. Appointments: Exeter Arts Committee.

Ms. Donna Dennehy of Newfields Road was present to interview for a spot on the Arts Committee. Ms. Dennehy expressed interest in many different areas of the Arts and would like to see the Gallery flourish as a destination spot for visitors. She asked about funds and how they were raised by the Committee. She mentioned the Town budget allocation to the Arts Committee was small. She has been involved in the Arts for a long time and is excited about the possibilities.

The Board then discussed an abatement application, the appointment of Police Officer Joseph Byron, and the request by resident Dan Stockbridge to appear before the Board in non public session. The Board then moved upstairs to continue the meeting.

3. Introduction of Board Members.

Chairman Binette introduced the Board at 7:07 PM in the Nowak Room of the Town Office and introduced other members of the Board: Mr. Lionel Ingram, Mr. Bob Eastman, Mr. Bill Campbell, and Mr. Russell Dean, Town Manager.

Chairman Binette acknowledged that the Board did not have a chance to discuss their interview with Ms. Donna Dennehy and would be making a decision on the appointment at their next meeting.

Mr. Eastman asked Chairman Binette if he would entertain a motion to nominate another candidate the Board had previously met with, and Chairman Binette agreed.

Mr. Eastman moved to appoint Mr. Kenneth Knowles as an alternate of the Planning Board; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Minutes: June 12th, 2006.

Mr. Eastman moved to waive the reading of the minutes of June 12th, 2006 and accept the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: 3-0 (Mr. Campbell abstained since he was not present at this meeting)

5. Review Draft Charge: Water & Sewer Advisory Committee.

Mr. Dean noted that the Board appoints several advisory committees, and the Board also entertains new charges for these committees. Mr. Dean has discussed updates to the charge for the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee with Mr. Bob Kelly, Chairman of the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee. Mr. Dean pointed out this was only the first draft of this of the proposal, and he outlined the highlights of the charge, making special note of the final item in the charge which is "The Water and Sewer Advisory Committee will provide other advice to the Board of Selectmen regarding the water and sewer systems of the community as requested" which is purposely an open-ended item and

will give the Board of Selectmen authority to add additional responsibilities as necessary. Mr. Dean also stated that the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee has not yet had a chance to review and discuss this draft.

Mr. Eastman recommended the Board pass this draft along to the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee for their review and deliberation. Other members of the Board were in agreement, so Mr. Eastman proceeded with a formal motion.

Mr. Eastman moved the Board of Selectmen pass the draft charge along to the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee for review and deliberation; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Review Town Hall Use Regulation.

Mr. Dean explained that the Fire Department had brought forth some ideas to change the requirements for the use of Town Hall. Many groups use the Town Hall and Mr. Berkenbush, Assistant Fire Chief, was present to discuss some clarifications on the regulations for future events.

Mr. Berkenbush started by pointing out they are not proposing any changes to the rules of using the Town Hall, but it is instead providing clarity for applicants and will allow them to review the regulations and plan accordingly. Some of the items outlined include no open flames or pyrotechnics, groups must ensure they do not exceed the occupancy limit, groups cannot block entryways, and it outlines the type of decorations that can and cannot be used.

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Berkenbush, just out of curiosity, why no spray paints are allowed while other paints could. Mr. Berkenbush explained this was a two-fold concern. Anything aerosolized and under pressure that reaches any type of a flame source can catch on fire. That coupled with the potential for paint in the air to get on the walls and floors of the Town Hall make it a concern.

Mr. Ingram asked about political campaigns. Candidates cannot hang anything on the outside of the building, but it does not say you cannot hang things inside the building. Mr. Berkenbush stated this type of situation was covered by Mr. Kevin Smart's, Maintenance Superintendent, section of the regulations. Candidates would be able to hang signs provided they follow all appropriate regulations. Mr. Eastman noted that if it during a voting time, it is the moderator's responsibility to uphold the rules and regulations.

Mr. Campbell asked if they could have a sandwich sign, and Mr. Berkenbush said they are allowed to have free-standing signs as long as they follow the outlined regulations.

Chairman Binette asked Ms. Julie Lund, Admin Assistant/Human Resources Director, if when an applicant is given an application if they are also given a copy of the rules and regulations. Ms. Lund confirmed the two are stapled together and given to all interested applicants.

Mr. Campbell moved the Board of Selectmen approve changes to the Town Hall Regulations as presented by the Town Manager and the Fire Department; second by Mr. Ingram.

Mr. Eastman clarified that these changes are not tied into a change in the Town Ordinances and all fees remain the same. Mr. Dean confirmed this is accurate.

VOTE: Unanimous.

12. Town Manager's Report.

- Next Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on July 17th, 2006.
- Mr. Dean read a Warrant on behalf of the Town Clerk regarding unlicensed dogs.
 - Pursuant to NH RSA 466:14, entitled "Warrants, Proceedings," you are hereby directed to proceed with the issuance of a civil forfeiture for EACH unlicensed dog, or seize any unlicensed dog for holding in an appropriate holding facility for a period of seven (7) days, after which title to the dog shall pass to the said holding facility.
 - Pursuant to NH RSA 466:16, entitled "RETURNS," you have until July 30th to return this warrant with a statement as to the number of owners who received and paid the civil forfeiture, and the number of dogs who have been seized and held under the provisions of RSA 466:14, and the number of owners who have received summons to DISTRICT COURT for failure to pay the civil forfeiture pursuant to RSA 466:13, or to license the dog(s) pursuant to RSA 466:1. All fees collected shall be turned over to the Town Clerk for processing.
- We received three RFP's for the Fire Management Study that was approved at Town Meeting this year. We will be developing an evaluation procedure for this and he encouraged a member of the Board to be involved in this process.
- Parks Discovery Day was a big success. There was a high turnout, the pool opened on time, and he feels this will become one of the Town's premier events in the future. Mr. Dean recognized Mr. Steven Tucker and his crew who did a lion's share of the work to get the splash pads installed and ready for this day.
- Over the past month, we have been involved in a situation that is a part internal/part external event. We have been auditing files from the Water Treatment Plant and found that over the past three years there have been a number of instances that inaccurate data has been submitted to the Department of Environmental Services. We have found numerous instances that the turbidity and chlorine residual figures reported were altered. Mr. Dean's main reason for sharing this with the public is to ensure everyone understands that these two measurements are **not** things that measure bacteria and the water is safe to drink.

18. Permits.

Mr. Dean presented the following for action:

- American Independence Museum requested use of the Town Hall Main Floor on Saturday, July 22, 2006 from 7 am to 7 pm for the American Independence Festival. Mr. Dean noted this is a good time to promote the Independent Festival!
- Exeter Area GFWC requested to hang a banner across Water Street from November 13 – 20, 2006, to promote the Yuletide Fair

Mr. Campbell moved to approve all permits as stated; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

19. Selectmen's Committee Reports.

Mr. Campbell: Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Ingram: Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Eastman: Planning Board met last Thursday to discuss two projects. One is a proposal for two buildings on Continental Drive. The other is to modify a plan on Watson Road. The original proposal called for four duplex-houses, and instead they would like to replace that plan with building eight cottage-style homes.

Mr. Binette: As Mr. Dean mentioned, Parks Discovery Day went very well. This event is still in its infancy and mistakes were made but they have corrected them and they are already working to make improvements for next year. Mr. Binette told a comical story about Steven Tucker getting the splash pads ready and he again thanked Mr. Tucker and his crew for all of their work.

Public Comments: None.

Mr. Eastman made a motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A Lund
AA/HR Director