

1,2. Convene the Regular Meeting; Introduction of Board Members.

Chairman Binette convened the Board at 7:00 PM in the Nowak Room of the Town Office and introduced other members of the Board: Mr. Joe Pace, Mr. William Campbell, Mr. Lionel Ingram, Mr. Bob Eastman and Mr. Russell Dean, Town Manager.

3. Minutes: July 31st, 2006.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes of July 31st, 2006 and accept the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: 4-0 (Mr. Eastman abstained)

4. Bid Opening: Municipal Trash Bags.

Chairman Binette opened bids for Municipal Trash Bags with the following specifications:

- Bid Item #1: 33 gallon bags with ties, price per thousand bags (for comparison purposes)
 Bid Item #2: 33 gallon bags with drawstrings, price per thousand bags
 Bid Item #3: 15 gallon bags with ties, price per thousand bags
 Bid Item #4: 15 gallon bags with drawstrings, price per thousand bags

Bids received: **The Bag Company**, Greenfield, MA

Bid Item #1: \$184.50 per thousand Bid Item #3: \$111.50 per thousand
 Bid Item #2: No Bid Bid Item #4: No Bid

Resourceful Bag & Tag, Palos Heights, IL

Bid Item #1: \$204.00 per thousand Bid Item #3: \$123.00 per thousand
 Bid Item #2: No Bid Bid Item #4: No Bid

Phoenix Recycling, Murrells Inlet, SC

Bid Item #1: \$179.88 per thousand Bid Item #3: \$103.14 per thousand
 Bid Item #2: \$179.88 per thousand Bid Item #4: \$103.14 per thousand

Two bids written in from Phoenix Recycling:

Bid Item #5: Store door delivery drawstring or twist tie 33 gallon bags - \$209.19 per thousand

Bid Item #6: Store door delivery drawstring or twist tie 15 gallon bags – \$122.56 per thousand

Mr. Campbell moved the Board to return the bids to the Town Manager and the appropriate departments to review and make a recommendation; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Bid Opening: Replacement for Rescue 1.

Chairman Binette opened the sole submittal for the Rescue Replacement bid from Sugarloaf Rescue Vehicles of Carabaset Valley, ME. The total amount for the bid is \$165,944.00. Mr. Campbell asked how many bid requests were sent, and Mr. Ken Berkenbush, Assistant Fire Chief, was present and said that seven were sent. Mr. Berkenbush said that recently there has been such a buying spree for rescue vehicles by municipalities that it has become difficult to find people to bid on the requests.

Mr. Ingram asked if we knew of this company, and Mr. Berkenbush stated we already have two of their rescue vehicles.

Mr. Campbell moved the Board to return the bid to the Town Manager and Fire Chief for review to ensure it meets the required specifications and make a recommendation; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Bid Opening: Thermal Imager.

Chairman Binette opened bids for the Thermal Imager:

The Exeter Fire Department is requesting proposals for (1) Thermal Imager Model K 1000 Elite *or equivalent*. Must include the following items:

- Numeric digital direct temperature measurement
- Sight low battery
- AA adapter
- Long battery life
- Mobile charger

Bids Received:

ISG Thermal Systems , Lawrenceville, GA	Bid Price:	<u>\$11,773.00</u>
C&S Specialty, Inc. , North Smithfield, RI	Bid Price:	<u>\$9,247.00</u>
FireCo, Inc. , Danielsville, GA	Bid Price:	<u>\$11,885.00</u>
Fire Tech & Safety of NE, Inc. , Winthrop, ME	Bid Price:	<u>\$12,688.00</u>

Mr. Pace moved the Board to return the bids to the Town Manager and the appropriate departments to review and make a recommendation; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

7. Bid Opening: ALS Training Mannequin.

Chairman Binette opened bids for the ALS Training Mannequin:

The Exeter Fire Department is requesting proposals for (1) ALS Training Manikin, Mega Code Vital Sim *or equivalent*. Must include the following items:

- CPR Performance Evaluation
- ECG Monitoring/Pacing/Defibrillation
- Intubations/Airway Management
- IV Drug Therapy
- ACLS Rhythm Generation
- BP, Pulse Generation
- Remote ACLS Control Module

Bids Received:

Moore Medical LLC , New Britain, CT	Bid Price:	<u>\$3,610.00</u>
Bound Tree Medical, LLC , Dublin, OH	Bid Price:	<u>\$6,542.00</u>
<i>Accessories:</i>		
		<i>Trauma Module – \$1,479.93</i>
		<i>WMD Module – \$908.82</i>
		<i>Small Pox Module – \$103.50</i>

Armstrong Medical Industries, Lincolnshire, IL Bid Price: \$6,528.00

Mr. Campbell moved the Board to return the bids to the Town Manager and the appropriate departments to review and make a recommendation; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.

8. Appointments: Council on Aging, Arts Committee.

Mr. Pace made a motion to appoint Frank Kozacka as a member of the Council of Aging, term to expire April 30, 2009, and also to appoint Francesca Fay to the Exeter Arts Committee, term to expire April 30, 2009.

Mr. Ingram asked if we needed to appoint Mr. Kozacka since the Board appointed him as a life member. Chairman Binette confirmed it was unnecessary.

Mr. Pace amended his motion to appoint Francesca Fay to the Exeter Arts Committee, term to expire April 30, 2009; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

9. Meeting with the Board: Mike Favreau, re: Playground Equipment Update.

Mr. Mike Favreau, Parks & Recreation Director, began by distributing pictures to the Board of the proposed new equipment. He proceeded to explain that with the revolving fund, Parks & Rec has a long-term plan of what they would like to do with those funds. The Water Department pleasantly surprised them this spring by helping them install the splash pads, which in turn saved the Town a great deal of money.

Mr. Favreau would like to propose the purchase of a piece of playground equipment for the 30' x 30' area near the purple dinosaur in Kids Park on Front/Winter Street. Mr. Favreau was looking for a piece of equipment that is different, that would involve creative play and free play. Three major manufacturers were contacted, and one proposal was received.

The piece of equipment being proposed goes up four meters (12') and allows kids to climb up as high as they can. It is very safe, and the layout is such that it prevents kids from falling all the way down. There is a similar piece of equipment in Freemont that has gone over well in the community.

Mr. Campbell asked how this would affect our liability insurance, as the equipment looks more challenging to what we currently have. Mr. Favreau assured him it would be covered by the Town's insurance. Mr. Favreau explained that there are a number of regulations in place that equipment needs to follow, and all equipment has to be certified. This proposal meets every national requirement. Years ago, you could take old equipment and move it without thinking of these rules and regulations, but now the rules are much more stringent. Mr. Favreau also reiterated that with the web of ropes and netting in this piece of equipment, it makes it virtually impossible to fall all the way down.

If this equipment is purchased, it would leave a balance of \$5,655.30 in the revolving fund. Mr. Eastman had a question for Mr. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director. He asked what the balance in the impact fee fund is. Mr. Sheehy said he did not have an exact figure with him but he believes there is one to two thousand dollars in the account.

Mr. Pace moved the Board to approve the expenditure of \$16,600.00 from the revolving fund; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Meetings with the Board: Dan Stockbridge

Mr. Dan Stockbridge of Stockbridge Funeral Home was present to discuss the culvert situation behind the Stockbridge Funeral Home. Mr. Stockbridge has been working with the Town Engineer on a redesign of a culvert located behind his property.

Mr. Stockbridge began by thanking the Board for giving him the opportunity to speak with them. He also thanked the Exeter Fire Department, Jennifer Perry, Town Engineer, family, friends and other general contractors who have helped him during this difficult time.

Mr. Stockbridge distributed some pictures to the Board, and explained the first set were from the flooding in 1996. At that time, Mr. Stockbridge met with the Town Manager and the Director of Public Works and advised them of the problems he had at that time.

On May 14th of this year, we experienced a major storm as we all know. The way that water flows on Epping Road and in the surrounding areas, and adding the industrial development behind his property, all of the water flowed onto his property and caused some major damage.

Mr. Stockbridge met with the Town Manager shortly thereafter and explained the problems they had and the measures they had to take. They had to cut 2'x2' holes in the floor of the building to help keep it on its foundation, because of the flooding and the pressure on the walls. They had two of their own pumps going to try to keep up with the water. Mr. Binette came to the property to witness what was happening. The Fire Department came out the next day and pumped 15,000 gallons per minute for 8 ½ hours to the other side of Industrial Drive.

The Town Manager sent the Town Engineer out to survey the situation. She agreed there is a problem out there that needs to be corrected. The proposal from her is a 7' long by 4' high culvert with a lot of construction to do on both sides of the road. The projected cost for this is \$87,000. Mr. Stockbridge understands this is a concern to the Town because they are unsure where these funds will come from, but he also sustained \$60,000 in damage to his building, which he has submitted to the Town's insurance company. He is unable to get flood insurance since technically the building is not in a flood zone by the Town, but this is the second time in 10 years this has happened since he's owned the property and he feels the Town needs to do something.

Mr. Eastman asked Mr. Stockbridge if, back in 1996 when he met with the Town Manager and Director of Public Works, it was determined at that time that the culvert was too small for that area. Mr. Stockbridge said the feedback he received from the Town Engineer is that it is insufficient because of the significant growth that has gone up behind the funeral home. The retention pond from the rink, which was put in correctly, let go; in addition, there are several business that did not have retention ponds, and all of that water came down through the woods into the brook.

Ms. Jennifer Perry, Town Engineer, has been excellent and has come out during every storm to witness it and take pictures of it. She has pictures that can show how the water flows through the area. Mr. Stockbridge also spoke with the previous owners of the building, and they stated that they did not have any flooding issues until Industrial Drive was built.

Mr. Campbell had a question about Watson's Brook. When it rains, is the water supposed to drain to Watson's Brook between the funeral home and the ice rink? Mr. Stockbridge explained there is a Town drain about 75' into his lot, but there is such a high volume of water that it is not able to handle it. Ms. Perry has proposed there should be at least 1-2 more drains for the water to go into.

Mr. Stockbridge pointed out that Industrial Drive is roughly 6-8' above his parking lot. The other side of Industrial Drive is also about 4-5' above stream level, so there is more space for water to go. The proposal puts a basin on each side of Industrial Drive to evenly distribute the water. There was concern about causing flooding on the other side of the property, but when the Fire Department pumped 15,000 gallons per minute for 8 ½ hours, they received no complaints about flooding.

Mr. Ingram thought that when new construction occurs, it could cause problems with previous construction. As a Town, we may want to look to ensure we are attending to our duties and that we are not creating more problems when we approve new construction.

Mr. Stockbridge explained that his intention for meeting with the Board was to make them aware of the situation and hope that they can find a solution for this. After meeting with the Town Manager, the Town Engineer and FEMA, they found out that FEMA may reimburse up to 75% of the cost. Mr. Stockbridge understands there is not an extra \$87,000 in the Town's budget but he also knows there is not an extra \$50,000 in his budget either.

Mr. Ingram clarified that this claim has also been submitted to the Town's property liability insurance, and Mr. Dean confirmed that it was and that they will be assigning a representative to the claim. Mr. Stockbridge added an adjuster is scheduled to assess the damage on August 21st.

Chairman Binette, referencing the last line in a memo written by Ms. Perry to Mr. Dean, asked if the letter of intent required from the Town outlining projects to be considered for Hazard Mitigation funding is in the works, and Mr. Dean said this letter is currently in progress as this situation is one of a number of claims that is being submitted for this funding.

Mr. Campbell was unsure if this was the place to raise this, but he thinks we should consider checking with the Planning Department and the Planning Board to go back and take a look at how we are approving these projects. Mr. Ingram explained that they look at things item by item. You try to make sure the amount of water that comes off after construction is not greater than the water that comes off the site prior to construction. You may have no water change coming off the site, but if the creek itself has changed in some fashion, it leads us to look elsewhere for the reason this happens.

But Mr. Ingram feels he brings up a good point in that there are issues outside of the point-by-point, with factors like creeks and rivers and things, outside of Planning's control. These issues need to be researched and addressed, and we need to be sure we are doing our due diligence when approving new developments.

Mr. Stockbridge expressed concern because he is currently in the process of remodeling the funeral home, but he is holding off on certain upgrades because he wants to make sure something is done before he makes more investments into the property.

Mr. Dean explained that our budget is set in March, and there is not money in our current budget. We could request from the Department of Revenue Administration to move funds to help with this

situation. Chairman Binette thought the only other option is to have Mr. Stockbridge add a warrant article for next March. Mr. Eastman suggested Mr. Dean should work with Mr. Noyes and Ms. Perry to add it to the Capital Improvement Program.

Mr. Ingram thought it made sense for us to speak with the DRA and try to find the money to pay for this ourselves. We can't wait for an answer from FEMA because who knows exactly when that will come. If FEMA comes back and says they will pay for 75%, then that is great, but we should be prepared to find the funds ourselves so we can move forward on repairs.

11. Initial Review of CIP project listing for FY07 – FY12.

Mr. Dean said that the Planning Board held its initial public hearing on the CIP on August 10, 2006, and he wanted to review some of the projects that were presented.

The two big ticket items for Fiscal Year 2007 are the Town Office/Town Hall Renovation Project and also the Downtown Historic Restoration "redesign." The Town Office/Town Hall Renovation Project would cost \$4.8 Million, while the Downtown Historic Restoration, which is similar to the previous proposal except it does not include burying the utilities and it only involves a portion of the downtown area.

Other projects are vehicle replacements for the Fire Department; the Library is hoping to have some masonry repair done to the building, Public Works has various replacements, including \$30,000 for sidewalks and \$50,000 for Phase II of the Exeter River Study. They are also requesting to put \$50,000 in the Capital Reserve Fund for the next seven years. Mr. Dean said we are still in the preliminary stages of the process, but based on these initial estimates the tax rate impact for all of the projects would be \$0.89.

Mr. Dean was hoping the Board would look through these projects and give him their feedback and rank their priority. He added that he would like to use this process to begin looking at years down the line, to discuss not only what the Town needs this year but also what we will need for future years.

Mr. Campbell questioned a few of the numbers in the spreadsheet that was given in the Board's packet, as he had different numbers after meetings with the Planning Board. He also questioned a line item at the bottom regarding the Exeter Elms Campground, as it was never presented to the Planning Board. Mr. Dean noted it was included in error and there are no plans on moving forward on this item.

Mr. Dean also explained how he is essentially breaking the CIP into two categories. One would focus on vehicles, equipment and replacements, the other would cover town buildings and infrastructure. He envisions a town-wide vehicle replacement program, and Mr. Dean hopes this year will be the beginning point to get there.

Mr. Ingram asked what it would take to start this program, and Mr. Eastman said we would need to develop a Capital Reserve Fund for vehicles. If you look out to future years and see what replacements will be needed down the line, we can put funds aside now in anticipation for these long-term plans.

Mr. Dean added that we will be continuing to crunch the numbers and will be coming back with more detailed figures.

Mr. Ingram pointed out if you look at the Town Office project it shows the entire amount of the project in one year. Doing that does not show the actual impact year by year. If you spread it out to show what it would take from the General Fund year by year, you can see exactly how it will impact over time and we can then even things out and avoid hills and valleys in our budget.

Mr. Pace feels there are three pieces to consider. A fund ongoing for vehicle and equipment replacements, there is a fund for building maintenance, and then there is debt service for major projects that need bonding. If we develop a budget in which a certain percentage is set aside for debt services, we can manage proposed projects to help us stay within this percentage and help reflect a stable budget. Mr. Pace feels it is important that we move to a steady overall figure as we move forward.

Mr. Dean asked the Board to review the projects and give him thoughts and feedback on this list so he can get a feel for the Board's priorities.

Mr. Ingram asked Mr. Dean to put together at least two proposals on how to structure a debt service program as well as the vehicle replacement program. Mr. Pace agreed, and he would prefer to be more comfortable with the idea prior to presenting the ideas to the Budget Committee.

12. District Court Update.

Mr. Campbell attended a meeting on the District Court recently. The State and Municipalities want to find a location that is easily accessible, ideally close to Route 101 between Freemont and Hampton. The committee is currently looking at three properties. The first property is the old News Letter building in Stratham. This is a great location, but the owner would like to know if this is the chosen location within 30 days.

The second location is near the Hampton water tower. The Town of Hampton owns the land and they could do a land swap. The downside is it has a very tricky entrance, and it is located in a residential area so increased traffic would not be good.

The third location is on Route 85 in Exeter, which used to be private land until the Department of Transportation purchased the property and did not end up making use of it. It is assessed at \$200,000. It would be virtually impossible to split this amount among the towns and to have residents of every town pass the warrant article.

Mr. Ingram could not believe the State owns it and wants us to buy it from them. Mr. Campbell clarified that federal funds were used to purchase this land, and that is why we need be required to buy it.

Mr. Campbell said the most promising option at this time is the land in Hampton. Residents were present and offered to create an alternative way to enter the property to help avoid increased traffic in their neighborhood.

At the end of the meeting, it came out that this project is 8th on Chief Justice Broderick's list of priorities. Chief Justice Broderick feels the temporary situation is working out well. He will be providing the Board with a copy of this list of priorities, which has not yet been received.

13. First Reading: Amend Fee Schedule for Voter Checklist.

Governor Lynch recently signed into law HB1238, which includes a fee change for the voter checklist, becoming effective August 18th, 2006.

Mr. Pace suggested we conform to statute. Mr. Eastman felt the Board did not need to do a second reading, since the 18th is a few days away. He did not feel there would be much concern from citizens on this change.

Mr. Ingram moved the Board to waive the normal requirements of a second reading and approve the change of the fee for the voter checklist, to take effect with the implementation of the new law on August 18, 2006; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

14. First Reading: Review of Permit Policy.

Mr. Dean explained that currently there are certain permits that the Board authorizes while there are others that the Town Manager is allowed to issue. On occasion there have been issues with contractors who come in and request permits that they need within 24 – 48 hours. While we have worked hard to accommodate these requests, Mr. Dean is attempting to provide a temporary approval without compromising the approval process.

Mr. Pace thought the nature of the work with contractors is such that residents and business owners typically do not know until last-minute that the contractors are available. He would hate to cause hardship to those who are waiting for work to be done. Mr. Pace feels the bottom line is that we are responsive to the needs of the residents and business owners.

Mr. Campbell felt the proposed policy would essentially give the Town Manager the authority to issue all permits aside from Banners and Road Races. Mr. Campbell agreed with Mr. Pace but he also thinks we've had questions arise in the past about who is using buildings and things of that nature.

Mr. Pace believed the important permits that should be affected by this change in policy are the ones for putting structures on the sidewalk and to block parking spaces. Typically all other permits are far enough in advance that they can wait for the Board to approve them.

Chairman Binette remembers in the past the Town Manager would handle approving all permits. He also remembers coming across an RSA that stated all public permits shall be voted on by the legislative body.

Mr. Ingram thought Mr. Dean should rewrite the policy to allow him to approve the last-minute requests. He asked Mr. Dean to revamp the policy and present it again at the next meeting. The Board agreed, as did Mr. Dean.

15. Optional Fiscal Year Adoption (RSA 31-94-a).

Mr. Dean said in the past, the Board has discussed changing the Town's fiscal year from the calendar year to July 1st to June 30th. The voters could vote on the budget in March (or later, if they chose to change that date as well) and the new budget would be implemented on July 1st. There are many advantages to making this change. Our challenge is explaining to the public the 18-month budget for the transition year. Mr. Dean feels it would be very beneficial, but the question is how the Town would fund the \$4 Million to get us through the six month transition period.

Mr. Campbell likes this idea very much, and he thinks it only makes sense to approve a budget before the fiscal year begins. In addition, making this transition would also allow them to discuss potentially moving Town Meeting from March to May, which could increase voter turnout.

Mr. Pace felt it would make sense to have the voters approve the idea in March of 2007, in March of 2008 they can vote on a method to get there, and in March of 2009 they have their first vote for a July 1st budget.

Mr. Ingram clarified that it will not cost residents \$4 Million extra; it means that we would have to pull the funds out early to help get us through.

Mr. Campbell asked how this would impact the school, and Mr. Eastman stated the school is already on a July 1st to June 30th fiscal year. Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Dean if he has had discussions with the school about the idea of moving the election. Mr. Dean said he has not but he will.

Mr. Ingram wondered if this would be the best year to move on this. He thought it was important to look at the projects identified in the Capital Improvement Program to make sure the timing is right to proceed with this change.

16. Review FY07 Budget Calendar.

Mr. Dean reviewed the budget calendar for events occurring over the next few months (see attached). Mr. Ingram recommended someone contact the Budget Committee to make sure they are on board and available during these times. Mr. Dean added he has met with Mr. Chris Moutis, Budget Committee Chair, and they have began discussions on the budget season as well as potential candidates for any open budget committee positions.

17. Town Manager's Report.

- Next Board of Selectmen Meeting will be held on August 28, 2006.
- The Squamscott Community Property was approved. They will be holding a visioning meeting and members of the Board are invited. It will be held the last Saturday in September.
- Mr. Dean met with Mr. John Schafmaster regarding the Epping Road property. There are mixed-use options for this property. Industrial zoning was discussed. There is a desire by the developer to put a residential and retail combination on the property. It was left in the hands of the developer to come back with schematics for their vision. Mr. Dean said part of the discussion was to determine what the Town wants to do with this property. Mr. Dean wanted to know if we should let it develop over time or if we should be proactive and have an idea of what we would like to see in that area. Mr. Eastman feels it will be a decision of the Planning Board since it will affect zoning. Mr. Campbell feels the Board should be involved in the decision since it could be a drastic change. He would like to have input on the decision. Mr.

Pace feels Mr. Dean should not kill himself to create an idea of what to put in there. Mr. Pace feels he should let it develop over time. Mr. Ingram feels this would be a role for the EDC. He agreed with Mr. Pace that this is not something he would like to see the Town Manager spend a lot of time on. Mr. Ingram thinks they should tap into the developer's ideas and see what they come up with. Then they can determine if they think it is a good idea or not.

18. Permits.

Mr. Dean presented the following for action:

- Congressman Jeb Bradley requested to use the Wheelwright Room on August 29th from 9 – 10 am for constituent outreach.
- Spoerl & Strathern Real Estate, LTD requested to block off the street behind 187 Water Street for a grand opening party on Saturday, September 30th from 3 – 6 pm.
- Spoerl & Strathern Real Estate, LTD is also requesting to hold a raffle at their grand opening party on September 30th from 3 – 6 pm.
- H.E. Pike & Sons, Inc. requested to put a 60' lift on the sidewalk to paint the Major Blake Hotel. They are requesting from August 18th to the 30th, but the actual work will only take two days to finish. They are requesting an extended window of time in case weather becomes an issue.
- Philips Exeter Academy is requesting to block off parking spaces on Elliot Street from Front Street toward Bancroft Hall to load students and luggage onto buses for their departure for Winter Break. They are requesting to do this on December 14th and 15th from 6 am – 2 pm. They are also requesting to block off parking spaces along the northern side of Front Street from the First Baptist Church Westerly to the fire hydrant.
- Philips Exeter Academy is requesting to block off parking spaces on Elliot Street from Front Street toward Bancroft Hall to load students and luggage onto buses for their departure for Thanksgiving Break. They are requesting to do this on November 18th from 6 am – 2 pm. They are also requesting to block off parking spaces along the northern side of Front Street from the First Baptist Church Westerly to the fire hydrant.

Mr. Pace moved to approve all permits as advised; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

19. Selectmen's Committee Reports.

Mr. Pace Cable TV Committee will be meeting on Wednesday.

Mr. Campbell: Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Ingram: River Committee continues to discuss issues with the River. They discussed getting a survey out to homeowners on recent flood issues.

Mr. Binette: Nothing to report at this time but he had a question for Mr. Dean. He wanted to verify that extended hours at the Transfer Station were over and that we had notified residents that was the case. Mr. Dean confirmed that we had been conveying that message to residents.

20. Public Comments:

Mr. Brian Griset spoke to a number of topics. First, he wanted to ensure the Board was aware that the Water/Sewer proposals for the CIP will be sent shortly.

In regards to the proposed Fiscal Year change, he wondered if instead of charging the higher tax rate, would it be feasible to propose an 18-month budget and have three tax bills to help the fixed-income residents.

Mr. Griset also had issues he wanted to discuss regarding the flooding in the Exeter River. First was about a letter Mr. Dean sent to Mr. Griset about Mr. Griset's behavior during the flood. Mr. Dean accused him of going to an employee's house, which Mr. Griset admitted he went to Mr. Keith Noyes' house, but it was because the Town was not operating under proper procedure. Mr. Griset would like to have his name cleared.

Mr. Griset also spoke about obstructions in the river, as this has been an ongoing problem. Mr. Dean commented that these items should be included in the budget, but now he's asking residents to handle this process. Mr. Griset asked the Board to look into these matters. Mr. Griset said he spoke with FEMA in Raymond, and FEMA said they have funds available for river clean-up. Mr. Griset wondered why we are asking citizens to put together a petition to deal with this problem when the federal government has agreed to pay 100% for these issues.

Mr. Eric Waleryszak of Exeter Elms Campground, was present also and had concerns about obstructions in the river. He had a large tree from the Gilman's property fall into the river in his property. Luckily it was at an accessible portion of land and they could get to the tree. There is another tree hanging out there and he is just waiting for it to fall. Mr. Waleryszak understands the flood was not in anyone's control, but he's been attending these meetings for 10 years talking about the river and he feels changes need to be made to avoid this from happening again. He's very frustrated that the process is taking so long, and that he had to get affected citizens to sign a petition just to get attention to the matter.

He understands changes have been made to the operating procedures, but the landowners were not advised even though it affects them. Again, he understands there are things out of your control, but to have water backed up for weeks on his land, his livelihood, is extremely frustrating.

Mr. Griset said the petitioners who have been flooded have been very patient and they appreciate the Town's efforts, but there are agreements in place that are not being followed. Fish & Game is supposed to hold the citizens harmless for repairs to the dam, and Mr. Griset would like to see Fish & Game pay their share.

Mr. Ingram said their feeling is that Fish & Game does not have enough money to pay for these damages. By adding this as a CIP item, it's saying citizens *may* have to pay for this *if* we are unable to find money from other agencies. He would like to see it in the budget, and if it can be reduced by other agencies, great, but we have a responsibility to deal with dam safety issues.

Chairman Binette added that the non-public session listed on the agenda has been cancelled.

Mr. Eastman made a motion to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A Lund
AA/HR Director