

1. Convene the Regular Meeting.

Vice Chairman Eastman convened the Board at 7:00 PM in the Nowak Room of the Town Office and introduced other members of the Board: Mr. Lionel Ingram, Mr. Joe Pace, Mr. William Campbell, and Mr. Russell Dean, Town Manager. Mr. Eastman is acting as Chair in Chairman Binette's absence.

2. Appointments: Budget Recommendations Committee, Conservation Commission.

Mr. Pace had two appointments to present to the Board.

Mr. Pace moved the Board of Selectmen appoint Sean Lyons as an alternate to the Conservation Commission, term through April 30, 2009, and to appoint Jim Mansfield to the Budget Recommendations Committee, term to run through next Town Meeting; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Minutes: September 25th, 2006.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes of September 25th, 2006 and accept the minutes as presented; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Bid Award: Steward Park Seawall Project.

Mr. Dean said the Department of Public Works is requesting to award the Stewart Park Seawall Project to Riverbend Masonry of Exeter, in the amount of \$290,400.00. A portion of this amount will be paid by Phillips Exeter Academy. This project has been postponed a few weeks, and DPW is suggesting that the Town retains \$35,000 as a performance stipend.

Mr. Campbell moved the Board of Selectmen to approve the award of bid for the Stewart Park Seawall project to Riverbend Masonry of Exeter, New Hampshire, in the amount of \$290,400. Of this amount, \$255,235 is to be paid by the Town, and \$35,165 will be paid by Phillips Exeter Academy. The Town will retain \$35,000 of their portion until project completion; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

5. Bid Award: 2006 Town Report.

Mr. Dean said the Town is recommending the printing of the 2006 Town Report be awarded to Newburyport Press. Newburyport Press printed our 2005 Town Report and did an excellent job.

Mr. Ingram moved the Board of Selectmen approve the award of bid for the 2006 Annual Report to Newburyport Press of Plum Island, MA in the amount of \$5,110, inclusive of all work; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Unitil Pole License Application: Holland Way.

Mr. Dean stated that Unitil submitted an application for a pole license to locate poles along Holland Way for an electrical upgrade on September 29th. They are here today to discuss the details of this upgrade for the Board to consider approving this permit.

Mr. Chuck Lloyd of Unitil was present to review the plans for Holland Way. Mr. Lloyd brought a map of the area surrounding Holland Way which showed the current lines that are in place, pointing out one circuit that starts on Guinea Road and feeds into Stratham. He explained to the Board where certain lines lead, specifically one that originates from the Exeter switch and goes down High Street, Hampton Road and Route 88. They currently have low voltage on High Street and Route 88, and Unitil is trying to upgrade the voltage on these roads to get a more reliable system.

Mr. Lloyd explained that there is a circuit on Portsmouth Ave, but that circuit is small with a lot of customers on it. They would like to bring it down Holland Way and pick up High Street and parts of Route 88. In the future, they will be able to have the circuit ties, which would give the Town a lot of benefits. Mr. Lloyd also referenced a new proposed commercial park off Holland Way, and Unitil would eventually have to get power out to them anyway.

Mr. Campbell asked if there was any chance of having the lines put in underground, as Holland Way is one of the more scenic routes in Town. Mr. Lloyd said this would be a very difficult, as this line would be the main feeder. They would have to use big wires and multiple runs, and it would be very costly and difficult to do.

Mr. Campbell asked if there was any other way to link up these lines. He asked if it would be possible to connect with the circuit in Stratham. Mr. Lloyd said that circuit is already overloaded.

Mr. Ingram asked if it was designed so that if there was a problem, you could switch from one circuit to the other. Mr. Lloyd said that is eventually how it will work. He explained that the line that feeds Portsmouth Ave substation is a radial line, and if there's a failure, there's nothing to switch to and there would be a very long, extended outage while Unitil made repairs. By adding this line, it allows them to transfer the load to another circuit and pick up another substation while they make repairs. Mr. Lloyd added that the Portsmouth Ave circuit currently feeds most of Portsmouth Ave down to the Globe Plaza. There's a heavy load on this circuit and a lot would be lost if it went down.

Mr. Dean asked if the upgrade in utilities was only needed because of the new commercial park. Mr. Lloyd said that was only one of many considerations. Mr. Campbell said the Planning Board has not seen anything about a new commercial park. Mr. Lloyd added that even if the commercial park was never constructed, it would still be in the best interest of the Town to connect these lines.

Mr. Ingram moved the Board of Selectmen sign the pole license for Holland Way as submitted by Unitil; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: 3-1.

7. First Reading: Parking Ordinance Amendment.

Mr. Dean recalled that recently the Board began discussing parking regulations in Town. Mr. Dean also received a suggestion from the Town Clerk to limit parking in front of the Town Hall during elections. The proposed amendment would limit parking times to 30 minutes for the spaces from the Bandstand to Court Street during state and federal elections, including primaries.

Mr. Campbell asked Mr. Keith Noyes, Public Works Director, if temporary signage would be used during those times. Mr. Noyes confirmed they would.

Mr. Eastman said the next reading on this proposed amendment would be held in two weeks.

8. Town Manager's Report.

- The Hazardous Waste Day was a success. Thanks to everyone who participated and volunteered. They had about 250 cars come through the Transfer Station that day. Towns were able to offset the cost of disposal by about \$2,500.
- Fall Festival went seamlessly and was also a big hit this year.
- Trick or Treating will be held on Monday, October 30th from 4 pm to 7 pm.
- The Transfer Station will have be open Sundays through December 15th. On the weekends, hours will be 8 am to 2:30 pm on Saturdays and noon to 4 pm on Sundays.
- A few items that needed to be read into record from the Assessing Department:
 - Warrant for Excavation Tax for SUR Construction
 - Warrant for Jeopardy Tax for 40 Deep Meadows
 - Two abatements for mobile homes owned by the Town of Exeter:
 - Map 95, Lot 64 Unit 258 for \$4,361.01
 - Map 104, Lot 79, Unit 423 for \$1,416.74
- Congratulations to the Exeter Blue Hawks for their 24-21 win over Bishop Guertin in Nashua on Friday night.

9. Permits.

Mr. Dean presented the following for action:

- The Exeter River Local Advisory Committee requested to use the Nowak Room on November 28th from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm for a presentation to the Conservation Commission.
- Key Club of Exeter High School is requesting to use the front of Town Hall for a bake sale to raise money for challenged children. They are requesting to hold this event on November 19th from 8:30 am – 12:30 pm.
- Exeter Area Interfaith Crop Walk requested to hand a banner across Water Street to promote the Crop Walk and to raise money and awareness to fight hunger. They are requesting to hang the banner from October 19th through 23rd.
- Donahue, Tucker & Ciandella, PLLC, is requesting to use the Town Hall – Main Floor with stage use on December 2nd from 9 am – 1 pm for a yard sale to benefit the Swasey Park Pavilion. They will also have a small jazz band on stage for background music.
- The Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce requested to use the Nowak Room on December 14th at 11:00 am for a Chamber Children's Fund press conference.
- The Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce is also requesting to hang a banner across Water Street from December 11th through 26th saying 'Exeter's the Place to be Thursday's in December.'
- Phillips Exeter Academy requested to use the easterly side of Elliot Street for parking during Parent's Weekend. They would prevent parking on the easterly side of Elliot Street within 150 feet of Front Street to prevent congestion at the Front Street/Elliot Street intersection. They would also assign a security officer to monitor throughout the two day period. Dates requested are October 20th and 21st from 6 am to 8 pm daily.

- The Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce is requesting to use the Wheelwright Room on December 11th at 11:00 am for Chamber Children's Fund voucher distribution.
- Project Prom/Graduation 2007 is requesting to block off parking spaces in front of the Town Hall on October 28th from 8 am to 1 pm to collect electronics for recycling, to benefit Project Prom.
- Friends of Swasey Park Pavilion requested to use the Town Hall – main floor with stage use on May 19, 2007 from 7 am to 10 pm for a Wet Art Auction.
- Exeter High Band Boosters is requesting to use the patio area in front of the Town Hall only on December 2nd from 10 am to 6 pm for a bake/drink sale during the day and during the Christmas Parade.
- Oyster River Players requested to use the Town Hall – main floor with stage use on Jan 5 – 14, 2007 to put on a play.
- Friends of Swasey Park Pavilion requested to use the Town Hall – main floor with stage use on February 16 from 8 am to 6 pm and on February 17th from 7 am to 3 pm for a yard sale fundraiser for the Pavilion.
- The Exeter Area Interfaith Crop Walk for Hunger is requesting to hold a walk on October 22nd to raise money for world hunger relief and local food pantries.

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

10. Selectmen's Committee Reports.

Mr. Ingram Thursday the Safety Committee and the River Committee are both meeting in the morning. They still need volunteers for the Council of Aging if anyone is interested.

Mr. Pace: Thursday the Historic District Commission is meeting. Yesterday Exeter hosted Making Strides for Breast Cancer and he was able to participate in this walk. They were able to raise over \$200,000 in Exeter alone for this cause.

Mr. Campbell: Last Tuesday night the Conservation Commission met and had a presentation from the Rockingham Planning Commission on their Water Shed Plans. Planning Board also met on Thursday night.

Mr. Eastman: Nothing to report at this time.

11. Public Comments:

Mr. Arthur Baillargeon asked if there was a completion date for the Stewart Park Seawall project at this time. Mr. Noyes said that they are still in limbo because they are working to get various permits approved so a definite date of completion is not known yet. Mr. Baillargeon also asked what time Trick or Treating would be held. Mr. Dean said it was from 4 pm to 7 pm.

Mr. Brian Griset had a few questions for the Board. He asked for clarification on the \$35,000 being held from the Stewart Seawall Project – was the Town holding this money or Phillips Exeter Academy?

Mr. Griset also asked if they received an estimate from Unitil on how much it would cost to put the lines underground. He added that he hopes they will ensure that the location of the poles being put in will not be in a place that will interfere with future water/sewer plans.

Mr. Griset asked for an update on the Wetlands Complaint he brought forward at the last Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Mr. Griset also asked for a status update on the Attorney General's "hold harmless" clause. Mr. Griset understands nothing has been done on this, and he was under the impression that Mr. Dean would be moving forward and contacting the Attorney General's office for further clarification but it seems Mr. Dean was not under the same impression.

Mr. Eastman confirmed that the \$35,000 being held on the Stewart Park Seawall Project would be held by the Town. The Board did not receive a cost estimate from Unitil for putting the lines underground, but there is nothing in writing that the Town can require Unitil to put the utilities underground. As for the Attorney General, Mr. Eastman said it was reflected in the minutes that Mr. Ingram agreed and Mr. Dean can schedule this topic for a future meeting. Mr. Eastman said the Board can sign off on the Wetlands complaint after the meeting tonight and Mr. Griset will be able to pick up the paperwork at the Town Office in the morning.

Mr. Campbell made a motion to move to non-public session under RSA 91:A to discuss a personnel issue; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 7:42PM.

Mr. Pace did roll call. Mr. Ingram – Yes. Mr. Campbell – Yes. Mr. Pace – Yes. Mr. Eastman – Yes. The Board then moved to non-public session.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A Lund
AA/HR Director