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BOARD OF SELECMEN MEETING

MINUTES

January 28, 2008

1. Call Meeting to Order

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

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Minutes

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes of January 14, 2008 and accept the minutes as submitted; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Appointments

None.

5. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Sign 2008 Town Warrant, MS6 and Default Budget Forms-

Mr. Campbell moved to remove Warrant Article 10; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

Citing Warrant Article 19, Mr. Eastman is concerned that the wording is in need of being changed due to an opinion from the Department of Revenue which states that the Board of Selectmen would not be agents of land purchases. Mr. Pace believes that this would not affect the capital reserve account or the ability of the Board to be agents of the other functions, and believes that removing the words "land purchases" would be sufficient.

Mr. Ingram moved to change Warrant Article 19 (Which will become Warrant Article 18) to be consistent with the opinion of the Department of Revenue; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

- b. Betsey Crespi, Exeter Historical Society re: Front Street Parking - Ms. Crespi would request a change in parking in front of the Historical Society to a 2 hour parking limit. The spaces from Spring Street to the crosswalk at the beginning of PEA grounds. Mr. Pace states that the parking on Front Street has been changed repeatedly over the years. Mr. Peter Smith of the Historical Society thinks the parking in front of the Historical Society is very convenient for students and faculty at PEA, so they use it. He states that the Historical Society has many patrons that are seniors, and he would like to see open spaces for them. The Board agrees to have Mr. Dean draft a Parking Ordinance for the review of the Board. Mr. Pace requests a map to accompany the ordinance. Mr. Dean asks the Board if PEA should be invited. The

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Board agrees that there needs to be a conversation, as a separate agenda item, that would address the area parking issues.

- c. State Senator Maggie Hassan, re: Exeter/Hampton Courthouse Update – Senator Hassan gave an update to the Board regarding the possibility of a new courthouse. The State has identified a parcel of land in Hampton that is a possibility, but there is currently no funding for the purchase of the land but if a parcel is agreed upon, an application for funding can be filed in the next budget cycle. The State has been supportive of this project and understands the reasons to prioritize this project for these 14 communities. The next budget cycle begins in May.
- d. Street Naming: Blue Hawk Drive – Dan Rowe and the Exeter High School Alumni Association has requested the Board approve a name change of the road leading to the Exeter High School. The Exeter Cooperative School Board had voted previously that they concur with the name change.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the naming of Blue Hawk Drive; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

- e. Bid Award: Sodium Hypochlorite –

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the bid from Borden Remington of Fall River, MA for a rate of \$.805 per gallon; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

- f. Discussion of Values Statement – Mr. Dean would like to begin discussions with the Board to develop a common mission for the town as an organization. Mr. Ingram would like to make sure that this is a focused statement, and that it is not too lengthy. Ms. Gilman thinks this is a good opportunity to rejuvenate communicate with departments. Mr. Dean would like to have a direction for the coming years.

6. Public Hearings

None.

7. Permits & Approvals

a) Abatements and Exemptions

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the land use change tax, elderly exemptions, and veteran's credits as presented but to wait to approve the presented abatements until the next meeting. Mr. Ingram seconded. VOTE: Unanimous.

b) Permits

None.

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8. Reports

a) Town Manager's Report-

There have been 2 tax deeds for mobile homes and they will be published shortly. On the website, there is a copy of the entire Budget and Warrant Articles, original text of the petition articles and Budget Committee minutes, and he encouraged everyone to review them prior to the Town Meeting on Saturday.

b) Selectmen's Committee Reports

Ms. Gilman: The Town Building Advisory Committee is mailing a town wide survey later in the week, continues to interview department heads for input, and is looking at special allocation for a new Human Resources Director. The Committee reviewed interim changes for the Town Office, and welcomes input from the Board. The Historic District Commission hosted a meeting regarding preservation issues. There is a lot of material distributed by the State regarding preservation and contractors. The Recreation Advisory Committee will meet some time in March.

Mr. Ingram: The Safety Committee met and decided that they are interested in taking on the issue of the health of the employees. The annual survey is coming up. The Committee thinks that safety items in the Town should be examined in accordance with the opinion of the Town Manager. The Council on Aging gave the Boston Post Cane to Margaret Schwartz last Thursday.

Mr. Pace: The Cable TV Committee will meet on Thursday, and he encourages the viewing public to participate in the Town Meeting this Saturday morning.

Mr. Campbell: The Planning Board had a public meeting regarding the Linden Street subdivision and The Boulder. No decisions were made.

Mr. Eastman: There will be a number of Board and Committee vacancies at the end of March, and the Board is accepting applications at this time. Anyone wishing to run in the Town elections must submit their intention to the Town Clerk before Friday, February 1 at 5:00PM.

9. Public Comment

None.

10. Non Public Session-

None.

11. Adjournment-

At 8:20 PM Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kelly Geis
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