



1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Joseph Pace convened the Board at 7:02PM on the above date. Present, in addition to Mr. Pace, were Vice-Chairman Paul Binette, Clerk Robert Eastman, Selectmen William Campbell and Lionel Ingram and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of March 18, 2002.

**Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes as submitted; second by Mr. Eastman.** Mr. Olson noted two changes needed: The Swearing In ceremony consisted of "1" new Trustee, not "2" 5<sup>th</sup> page, it noted Chairman Pace seconded a motion to Mr. Eastman. Mr. Olson's notes shows Mr. Ingram made the second. **Unanimous to accept the changes. Mr. Eastman moved to accept the minutes as amended; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.**

3. Bid Award – Public Works Cargo Van; Fire Department Radios.

Van: Mr. Olson recommended the low bidder of Foss Motors, Exeter, for \$17,935. He noted the bid specified the yellow paint not applied. The next highest bidder included the van painted, but the savings warrants the Town painting. **Mr. Binette moved to accept the recommendation of Foss Motors at \$17,935; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.**

Radios: Mr. Olson explained the radio bids were to be opened this evening but word was received that Motorola was to raise prices by \$200 per set effective April 1<sup>st</sup>. All vendors were notified to submit bids by Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> and bids were opened at 4:30PM by Chairman Pace, with Mr. Binette present. They were reviewed by Chief Comeau and his recommendation was to award the bid to 2-Way Communications for \$11,659 (16 sets). The Board was notified of the recommendation, agreed and 2-Way was awarded the bid. Chairman Pace noted that, because the Board took action last week, no action was needed this evening.

4. Third and final wording of temporary changes to Ordinance 103.1 – Chestnut St. parking.

Chairman Pace read the proposed changes, deleting reference to Chestnut Street under 2-Hour parking. **Mr. Binette moved to approve the change; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.**

5. Third & final reading of addition to Ordinance 301 – One Way Street & Traffic

Chairman Pace read the proposed amendment, noting the prohibition of vehicles accessing Water Street from the municipal lot. There is currently a sign stating "Do Not Enter", but no ordinance to address the prohibition. **Mr. Eastman moved to approve the amendment; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.**

6. Second reading of removal of two-hour parking on portion of Front Street.

This will remove the amendment of last year requiring 2-hour parking on Front Street, enacted during the construction work at Phillips Exeter Academy.

Mr. Eastman noted he spoke with the Building Inspector who noted he and the Town Planner met with PEA regarding parking issues. Mr. Eastman suggested the Inspector and Planner be invited to the next meeting, along with PEA representatives, to discuss the issue.

Martha Pennell, Court Street, spoke as a representative of the Historical Society noting they did not feel the parking change is in the best interest of the Society. With all day parking allow, day students, as well as EHS students, will be parking there early in the day through the afternoon, allowing no 'transient' parking for the Society and Baptist Church. She urged the Board meet with PEA and the High School regarding no on-street parking for students.

Mr. Binette noted his concern over the removal of the two-hour limit, reminding the Board of the same issues some years ago in the Pine Street, Grove Street/Court areas. He asked the Town Manager to contact PEA re parking areas for their day students, and possibly invite them to the next meeting.

7. Arts Committee charge and organization.

The Committee wishes to reform the Board's charge for their existence and to establish membership guidelines and terms. (see attached). ***Mr. Ingram moved to accept the proposed change for the charge and organization of the Exeter Arts Committee; second by Mr. Campbell.*** Mr. Ingram noted this appears to mean the committee is permanent rather than being disbanded in the future. Mr. Olson noted the Board may vote to disband any committee it chooses once the charge is complete. This does give a sense the Committee will exist and volunteers will offer their services. ***VOTE: Unanimous.***

8. Discussion of Ambulance Study Committee Report.

Mr. Olson noted a number of meetings were held last summer concerning the Committee's report. Three issues face the Board: 1) changing the rate we charge to transport individuals; 2) creating an ambulance fund with a charter; 3) directing the Committee to look into a variety of issues raised in the report but not part of the Board's original charge.

Vincent Pascucci, member of the Committee, was present to review the presentation made last year. It was noted they proposed adopting the Medicare rates, currently higher than our present \$100 charge. Many of the surrounding towns use the rate structure (see attached). Assistant Chief Berkenbush noted there are other factors figured into the rates, including an urban mileage rate (all of NH is considered "urban"). He noted we are not required to charge the Medicare rate and may charge less but, if we charge 20% over the Medicare rate, we would get full price. He cautioned the Board with approval of the exact rates noted as they fluctuate and, perhaps, the wording should be generic in accepting the Medicare rates.

Mr. Binette noted the 2003 rate is less than the 2002 rate. Assistant Chief Berkenbush noted it was a typo (though @ 'press time' this is being researched).

Mr. Eastman had provided the Chief a spreadsheet last year, with figures based on runs and expenses, on basic and advanced life services with a 4.26% growth. His estimate of \$150 per run would allow the Town to accumulate enough funds for both a new ambulance and continuing purchase of related equipment. He suggested the Chief and Finance Director prepare an updated spreadsheet to include station coverage.

Discussion followed concerning functions of the positions in determining rates, keeping figures low enough to cover expenses and not developing a 'cash cow' and continuing to keep costs low enough for citizens. The matter will be discussed further on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Regarding the Ambulance Fund Charter, the Board was asked to provide their recommended drafts/suggestions to the Town Manager or Barbara Blenk by this Friday in order to pass along to Mr. Pascucci who will develop a draft Charter for action on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Pace asked the Board to also consider drafts to continue with the Committee and to 're-charge' them with a direction, also for the 15<sup>th</sup>.

9. Permits:

- Sen. Gregg's office requested use of the Wheelwright Room on April 11<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM to meet with constituents. *Mr. Eastman moved to approve; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- Project Prom/Graduation 2002 requested the Town Hall for their auction on May 10 & 11, requesting a waiver of fees. *Mr. Campbell moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- ECCA (Arts) has requested use of the Town Hall on August 2 & 3 for an Art Show. *Mr. Ingram moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.*

10. Town Manager's Items:

Mr. Olson announced the following:

- The next meeting is April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Spring Clean-up is the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 3<sup>rd</sup> on a resident's rubbish day, with stickers available for \$2.50 each at the Town Office.
- The Town Clerk announces that April is the last month to license dogs without penalty. Residents should provide the dog's updated rabies certificate.
- Several Boards and Committees will have openings effective April 30<sup>th</sup> and residents are urged to volunteer to participate. Letters of interest should be directed to the Board.

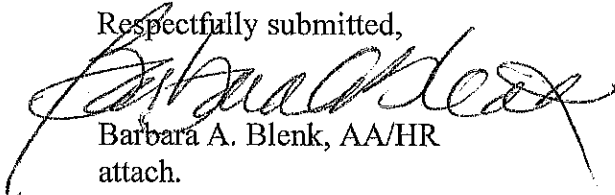
11. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Mssrs. Campbell, Binette, Ingram and Eastman had no reports. Mr. Pace noted the Master Plan process continues and, by the end of May, reports should be to the Planning Board and Selectmen.

12. Public Comments:

Mr. Binette wished Mr. Olson a 'Happy Birthday' for tomorrow (4/02). *Mr. Campbell moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.* Time: 7:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Blenk, AA/HR  
attach.

**TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO TOWN'S ORDINANCES:**

**Amend Section 103.1      Chestnut Street**


Delete reference to Chestnut Street

[This now allows for all day parking on the west side of Chestnut Street from String Bridge for 380'.]

Signed this 1 day of April, 2002.



Paul A. Binette



Kevin T. [unclear]

William E. Campbell

Board of Selectmen

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