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**MINUTES EXETER BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING 01/14/02**

Chairman Paul Scafidi opened the meeting at 7:40PM, immediately following the Public Hearing on the 2002 Budget and Warrant Articles. Also present were Vice Chairman Joe Pace, Clerk Bob Eastman, and Paul Binette. Also present was Town manager, George Olson. Absent: Robert Rowe.

With the Board introduced at the Public Hearing, Chairman Scafidi asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the January 7th and 9th meetings. ***So moved by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Binette, with the request that if the information is available that the votes on each of the budget items discussed on 7th and 9th be so noted in the minutes. SO VOTED.***

Chairman Scafidi turned to the second reading of the temporary one-way street and regulatory sign ordinance. Following the reading, he noted that the Board would be acting at the meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> to implement the ordinance.

Chairman Scafidi next turned to Mr. Olson regarding the award of bid for the Great Bridge reconstruction project. Mr. Olson recommended that the bid be awarded to E. D. Swett in the amount of \$1,771,627.50. Mr. Olson noted that the bid included the work on the wall adjacent to the Great Bridge, but that the work would not be undertaken if the warrant article failed on March 12. He went on to note that the State DOT had agreed to come up with the additional funds to cover the almost one third cost increase reflected in the low bid as compared to the engineer's estimate. Mr. Binette asked if the state was covering all of the overage. Mr. Olson stated that no, just 80% and that the Town would have to pay 20%. Fortunately, the State has agreed to put money up front on the project so there is enough money authorized by Town meeting so that the project can proceed on schedule.

***Moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Pace to award the bid for reconstruction of Great Bridge to E. D. Swett, in the amount of \$1,771,627.50. SO VOTED.***

Chairman Scafidi asked Mr. Olson to address the Community Development Block Grant application. Mr. Olson reported that the grant had been received and that this evening he would ask the Board to vote to authorize the Chair to execute the necessary agreements with the Office of State Planning pending review by Town Counsel. ***So moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Pace. SO VOTED.***

Chairman Scafidi asked Mr. Olson to speak to the Pleasant St. Parking ban. Mr. Olson reported that the ban was due to go back into effect on the 15<sup>th</sup>, but that as yet the contractor had no need to use the spaces in the evenings. He asked the Board to ***extend the lifting of the ban for two more weeks with the understanding that the ban would go back into effect once the Town was informed that the spaces were needed for mobilization and equipment. SO MOVED by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Eastman. SO VOTED.***

Chairman Scafidi asked Mr. Olson if he had any permits for the Board to consider. Mr. Olson responded that he did not. The Chairman asked if there were any announcements the Town Manager would like to make. Mr. Olson reported that the next meeting of the Board would be on January 28 and then read from a press release from Town Clerk Linda Hartson indicating that the filing period for Town official positions was January 23 to February 1 and that 15 positions were open.

Chairman Scafidi turned to Selectmen's Reports. Mr. Pace noted meeting with the Conservation Commission and an upcoming meeting with the Historic District Commission and the Master Plan

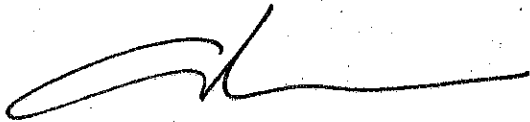
Steering Committee. He reminded the audience of the upcoming visioning sessions for the public to provide input to the plan in the areas of land use, recreation and community facilities. He also noted that he was in charge of soliciting membership on the Budget Recommendation Committee and was looking for interested individuals. He asked that those interested in serving send a letter to the Town Offices indicating a willingness to serve.

Mr. Binette reported on last weeks meeting with the Recreation Advisory Committee and Chairman Scafidi reported on his meeting to interview candidates to undertake a rate study for the water and sewer utility.

Chairman Scafidi asked if there were any public comments. There being none he read the following "On March 12, 2002, I finish my 9<sup>th</sup> and final year as an Exeter Selectman. Over the last couple of weeks, I have been asked by many people if I was going to run again for a seat on the Board and after a lot of thought and discussion, I have decided it is time for me to let others take a leadership role in Exeter. To those who asked me to continue on the Board, I thank you very much for your kind words. For those of you who can't wait for me to leave, hang in there for a few more weeks."

***Moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman, to adjourn. SO VOTED. Time: 8:00PM.***

Respectfully submitted,



George N. Olson  
Town Manager