

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Scafidi convened the Board at 7:39PM on the above date. PRESENT: Paul Scafidi, Joseph Pace, Robert Eastman, Robert Rowe, Paul Binette and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Minutes of Selectmen's meetings of December 17 & 27, 2001.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes of both meetings and to accept them as submitted; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.

Chairman Scafidi moved to item #5.

5. Presentation of Level 3 Police Accreditation.

Chief Richard Kane explained the types of accreditation in New Hampshire: National, through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) and the State of New Hampshire process, of which there are four levels. In 1998, Exeter achieved level one and in October of 2001, they were awarded both levels two and three in the State. The last level to be reached is to become nationally accredited and the department has started the process for 2002. Once accomplished, the department will be one of the minority across the country.

The benefits of become accredited include: deters lawsuits and lowers insurance costs; polices & procedures are in writing (consistent with professional standards and insures consistent performance); forges better relationships with other law enforcement agencies and citizens; the personnel know what is expected of them and selection & promotion systems are fair and job related, and training is performance-based and job-related. He thanked those involved in the team effort of attaining the current level, including employees in the department, the NH Police Standards & Training Council and the Northern N.E. Police Accreditation Coalition and, in particular, Accreditation Manager Officer Dave Nelson and his supervisors, Lt. Chris Fenerty and Lt. Steve Dockery.

Earl Sweeney, Director of NHPSTC presented the award to the Chief noting, in part, the process insures "citizens calling at 3AM are receiving the same response as those calling at 3PM". He was proud to present the award to the Department and noted his delight at having Kim Roberts (former Exeter Sgt) on his staff. She is a quality person and is a credit to the Exeter Department.

3. Bid opening: Great Bridge reconstruction.

Of the five qualified to submit a bid, two were received:

SPS N.E.	\$2,086,669.
E. D. Swett	\$1,771,627.50.

Mr. Binette moved to refer the bids to the Town Manager and Public Works personnel for review and to return with their recommendation; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. Bid awards: property taken for non-payment of taxes.

Mr. Olson recommended both properties be awarded to the highest bidder. Shady Lane (Map 85, Lot 26), to Paul A. Young, 1 Pumpkin Circle, for \$100.00, and Carroll Street (Map 74, Lot 1) to Sandra Driscoll, 16 Cottage Street, for \$5,280. ***Mr. Binette moved to award the two bids to the two highest bidders and for the Town Manager to execute the proper paperwork; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***

6. Board action on recommended 2002 budget and warrant articles.

This item is postponed till Wednesday, January 9th at 4:30PM.

7. Agreement to form Seacoast Emergency Response Team – Chief Kane.

Chief Kane explained this enhanced level of mutual aid proposed for the region's police departments and asked the Board for support. The Seacoast Emergency Response Team has been in the planning stages for 2-3 years and will serve as a multi-jurisdictional team. The "Team" will respond to critical incident emergencies, such as acts of terrorism, hostage situations, high-risk apprehensions and warrant services. The Chiefs of each town involved desire that the Team be formed as a voluntary corporation (pursuant to NH RSA 292), with a Board of Directors and By-laws. It will be non-profit.. Three of Exeter's officers have passed testing for the "Team".

Mr. Rowe asked if money has been added to the budget for training? Chief Kane noted yes, as well as some overtime. Costs, to date, are minimal. Dues will be collected, though if a Town participates with officers, the cost will be less. The Chief of the town with the incident maintains control deciding if something should be done, by the Team would decide how something should be done.

Mr. Pace asked if the pool of dues pays for the cost of response? Some, though the bulk of the money in the fund will go toward training. Mr. Pace asked where the surplus funds will go. Chief Kane was not sure. ***Mr. Pace moved to authorize Chief Kane to sign the Agreement; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.***

8. Temporary amendments to Town one-way street and sign ordinance – Great Bridge project.

Chairman Scafidi read the proposed changes (attached) to coincide with the Great Bridge project. This is the first of three readings.

9. Permits:

- Ron Goodspeed requested permission for a banner across Water Street from January 16th through January 26th to announce the 'Visioning Sessions' for the Master Plan. ***Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***
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10. Town Manager's Items:

- Visioning Sessions for public involvement and comments on land use, recreation and the community will be held on January 23rd from 6-9PM and January 26 from 9AM-12noon at the Jr. High Annex on Linden Street.

- Next Selectmen's meeting will be Wednesday, January 9th beginning at 4:30PM to complete the Work Session. This will be followed by a Non-public Session to discuss union and personnel issues and will be followed by a Selectmen's meeting to vote on the budget and warrant articles.
- Public Hearing on the budget and warrant articles will be Monday, January 14th beginning at 7PM in the Nowak Room.
- The Deliberative Session will be held Saturday, February 9th beginning at 9:30AM at the Town Hall.
- Town Clerk, Linda Hartson, announced candidates for elective office must file at her office between January 23rd and February 1st.

11. Selectmen's Committee reports:

Mr. Rowe: Council on Aging meeting was held with nothing to report.

Mr. Binette: Recreation Advisory meeting on Tuesday, January 08th.

Mr. Eastman: Planning Board continues to meet on the Zoning amendments.

Mr. Pace: Conservation Commission meetings Tuesday, January 8th; the Arts Committee will meet on the 19th for their seasonal lottery of spaces for artists to hang their artwork.

Mr. Scafidi: Cable TV Committee meets Monday, January 28th; Wednesday, January 9th at 9AM to hold Water/Sewer rate study interviews.

12. Public Comments: None.

Mr. Rowe noted a call concerning the increase of trucks using Buzell Avenue and asked if the police could monitor this area.

Mr. Binette moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara A. Blenk

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