

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Pace convened the Board at 7:03PM on the above date and introduced the Board. Present: Joseph Pace, Vice Chairman Paul Binette, Clerk Robert Eastman, William Campbell, Lionel Ingram and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Read and approve minutes of May 13, 2002.

Mr. Olson noted a correction to #5: "proscribe" should read "prescribe". *Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes as corrected; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.*

3. Notice of bid award -- blue bags.

Bids were opened by the Chairman, in public in the lobby, on May 20th, with recommendation made by Public Works and Board approval. Resourceful Bag & Tag, Inc. of Palos Heights, IL was the successful low bidder at \$121.00 per thousand 30 gallon bags. In addition to the 'Town of Exeter' printed on the bags, Resourceful will also be placing the Bandstand logo, at no additional charge.

4. Request to address the Board -- Peter J. Goodwin, Administrator, Bureau of Court Facilities.

Mr. Goodwin was present to discuss the District Court lease for July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003. He has been negotiating with Mr. Olson for some time and asked if the Board had any further questions. He presented 3 amended pages to the Agreement, as requested by Mr. Olson.

Mr. Binette asked Mr. Goodwin if he prepares his budget? He works with the Business Director of the Department, noting they wish to hold the amount at status quo as in past years. Mr. Binette asked if the department knew of the extensive repairs the Town has made to the building? He was, in recent months, through his discussions with Mr. Olson. Mr. Binette asked what the Agency's reason to hold the line on increases was, as he has read other towns are receiving increases for other courts? Mr. Goodwin replied he is negotiating leases with 19 other towns, cities, counties and private contractors for June 30th. No one has received an increase in rates except in Jaffrey for that District Court, noting a fire took place in their new court building that was 90% complete and were able to continue in their current space for another year, but at an increased rate.

Mr. Pace asked if this is the first or second year of their biennial budget and if that explains why their rates are fixed? July 1st will start the second, and yes. Mr. Pace noted the Town values the relationship with the District Court here in Town and wishes to keep it local, and perhaps it is worthwhile to continue the one year agreement at the current rate but to plan on an increase for the 2003-2004 years, based on the \$26,000+ figure originally proposed this year. (The rates have, historically, been based upon 40% of the Town's yearly maintenance costs for the building.)

Mr. Ingram stated it was obvious Mr. Goodwin could not negotiate further with us and to accept the existing revenue, knowing negotiations for an increase will follow. Mr. Campbell referred to Mr. Goodwin's May 15th letter explaining his good faith efforts to seek an increase for future years.

Mr. Campbell moved to authorize the Town Manager to sign the Agreement for the District Court for fiscal year July 1, 2002 through June 30, 2003 for \$19,632.96; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Binette asked that negotiations begin well before the end of the lease, in order to seek another tenant should it be necessary and to "not be under the gun" time-wise. Mr. Ingram asked Mr. Goodwin when he would need to present the budget for the next fiscal year but Mr. Goodwin could not give a clear answer.

5. Third & final reading of change to parking at Front Street & Tan Lane.

This pulls back parking from the Front St/Tan Lane intersection, at the request of the Fire Department. Parking will be prohibited within 80 feet of the intersection to provide for better sight distance at the crosswalk. **Mr. Ingram moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.** This is effective seven days after passage.

6. Permits:

- Phillips Exeter Academy requested parking 6 buses easterly on Elliot Street on June 6 from 12N-3P and for 2-3 buses along the northerly side of Front Street from the First Baptist Church westerly to the first fire hydrant, without blocking access to the Historical Society or PEA buildings from 6A-2P for loading students and luggage. A security officer will be present. George Bragg, representative from PEA, was present to answer questions. Mr. Binette asked if they were blocking off the streets or would a security officer be available? Officer at both locations. **Mr. Campbell moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- PEA requested the parking of 10 buses southerly side of Front Street from Elliott Street to Elm Street for loading of students for their Prom, from 3-6:30PM. Security personnel will be present. **Mr. Campbell moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- PEA requested permission to reserve parking on June 7th for one bus along the easterly side of Elliott Street from 1-2:30PM and one bus on the northerly side of Front Street near the "Arches" from 6AM until 2:30PM for loading students and luggage. Security personnel will be present. **Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- PEA requested permission to reserve parking for three 15-passenger PEA buses along the easterly side of Elliott Street on June 9th from 1-2:30PM, with a security officer present. **Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- Emily Kerr, 1 Plouffe Lane, requested permission for a block party on June 15th from 2-7PM from 1-4 Plouffe Lane (the Hartman Place end of the street). **Mr. Ingram moved to approve; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- The Chamber of Commerce requested use of the Town Hall main floor from December 2 through 6, 2002 for the Festival of Trees to benefit the Chamber's Children's Fund. The event is on December 5th from 2-9PM. **Mr. Eastman moved to approve; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.**

7. Town Manager's Items:

- The Dept. of Transportation and Dept. of Safety will conduct their Regional Safety Conference on highway related safety issues on June 13th beginning at 10AM at the Exeter Town Hall. The meeting will give local police, public works personnel and the general public an opportunity to discuss safety issues affecting the community.
- The compost bin at the Public Works complex will not be reopened this fall due to the inability to efficiently dispose of the material. Extended hours will be offered at the transfer station from October 15th through December 15th: Saturdays 8A-2:30P; Sundays 12N-4P.
- The Annual Firefighters' Memorial Sunday will be held on June 9th at Stewart Park. Along with celebrating in the memorial to firefighters and meeting those on hand, the 1873 Eagle Steam Pumper will be featured and exercised several times between 11 & 1.
- The Exeter Public Library was named NH Library Trustees Association 'Library of the Year' at their annual conference on May 29th. Any NH public library may be nominated for this award. The evaluation criteria includes maintaining an ongoing and vibrant interaction between the library and community, fulfilling the mission statement of the library and providing programs and services appropriate to the community. An open house to thank the Town and celebrate the award will be held in the Library Meeting Room on Saturday, June 22 from 10AM to 1PM. Light refreshments will be served. Mr. Campbell asked if the Board sends letters of congratulations to organizations and departments on their awards. It was suggested a proclamation for "Library Day" be prepared for the next meeting.
- Boy Scout Troop #322 will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony on Flag Day, June 14th beginning at 6:30PM at the Swasey Parkway. All American flags that are torn and faded, particularly if flying since 9/11, should be brought to the ceremony for proper disposal. For further information contact the Town Office.

8. Selectmen's Committee Report:

Mr. Ingram attended a Council on Aging meeting with transportation and taxi tickets being discussed, with Mr. Dacey to review the rates currently being charged elsewhere. Tracey McGrail (Chamber) will be discussing transportation with the Committee at an upcoming meeting. The CIP program was discussed and comments will be reviewed in September/October.

Mr. Campbell attended a water workshop conducted by Camp, Dresser & McGee concerning treatment techniques, along with a site walk. The Conservation Commission is continuing their discussion of management of the Raynes' property, now under the Commission. The Exeter Development Commission viewed the downtown parking situation presentation.

Mr. Binette has a Recreation Advisory Committee meeting Wednesday night.

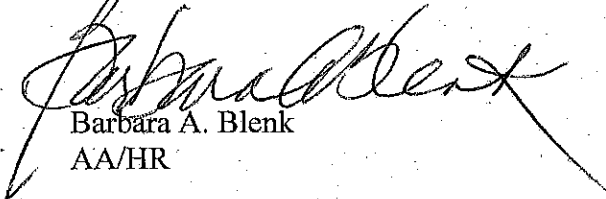
Mr. Pace attended the Historic District Commission on May 16th and this past Monday the Board marched in the Memorial Day parade. In his 3 years of attendance, this was the best. The Board was very impressed with the Fire Department personnel in full dress garb and noted the large crowds at each memorial they stopped. Mr. Binette added the highlight was the two jets flying overhead at Gale Park in a timely manner.

Mr. Ingram added the Master Plan Committee is attempting to merge everything together and, though not required to do so, has recommended the Plan be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

9. Public Comments: None.

Mr. Ingram moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 7:42PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Blenk
AA/HR