BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MINUTES MARCH 18, 2002

1. Convene the meeting

Chairman Joe Pace opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

2. Swearing in ceremony

Chairman Pace invited Town Clerk Linda Hartson to come forward to swear in individuals to a variety of Town positions. Ms. Hartson proceeded to swear in 3 newly elected Library Trustees, 2 new Trustees of the Robinson Fund, a Supervisor of the Checklist, the Treasurer and 2 new Selectmen. All were congratulated.

Chairman Pace introduced the Board of Selectmen, Vice Chairman Paul Binette, Clerk Bob Eastman, Lionel Ingram and Bill Campbell. He also introduced Town Manager George Olson.

3. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of March 11, 2002

It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman to waive the reading of the minutes of March 11 and to accept them as presented. SO VOTED with Chairman Pace voting and Messer's Ingram and Campbell abstaining.

4. Results of the preceding Work Session

Clerk Eastman read the following appointments:

Planning Board – Bob Eastman; Alternate, Lionel Ingram
Historic District Commission- Joe Pace
Council on Aging – Lionel Ingram
Benefits Review Committee – Paul Binette
Exeter Development Commission – Bill Campbell; Alternate Paul Binette
Conservation Commission – Bill Campbell
Water and Sewer Advisory Committee – Bill Campbell; Alternate Bob Eastman
Rockingham Planning Commission – Lionel Ingram
Emergency Management – Paul Binette
Cable TV – Joe Pace
Safety Committee – Lionel Ingram
Capital Improvement Program – Bob Eastman; Alternate, Bill Campbell
Library Trustee Meetings – Joe Pace
Recreation Advisory Committee – Paul Binette
Parks Advisory Committee – Paul Binette
Exeter Area Arts Association – Joe Pace
Ambulance Fund Committee – Lionel Ingram; Alternate Bob Eastman

5. Bid openings – Public Works Cargo van and Fire Department pumper

Chairman Pace opened the bids for the cargo van.

Tri-City Dodge, Somersworth, NH - $18,455
Rochester Dodge, Rochester, NH - $23,062
Donahue Motors, Salisbury MA - $21,285
Foss Motors, Exeter, NH - $20,635

It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman, to turn the bids over to the Town Manager for review and recommendation at the next meeting. SO VOTED

Chairman Pace proceeded to open bids for a new fire pumper.

Greenwood Fire Apparatus, No. Attleboro, MA - $360,000
C & S Specialty Inc., No. Smithfield, RI - $374,225
Blanchard Fire apparatus Inc., Woodville, MA - $386,934

Mr. Binette asked Chief Comeau what the plans were for the 1979 pumper that is being replaced. Chief Comeau responded that the Department would like to keep the old pumper and use it as a reserve unit for those times when front line equipment is out for repair. He estimated that this would occur 3 or 4 times a year. He went on to explain that when the next piece of equipment is up for replacement in 2006, the 1979 pumper would be sold and the piece of equipment replaced in 2006 would become the backup.

It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman to turn the bids over to the Town Manager and the Fire Chief for review and recommendation at a later meeting. SO VOTED

6. Bid Award: Parks and Recreation fencing

Chairman Pace asked Mr. Olson for his recommendation. **Mr. Olson recommended that the bid for Parks and Recreation fencing go to the low bidder, CG Triple A Fence of Dover for $7,990. So moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman, SO VOTED**

7. Second reading of temporary change to Ordinance 103.1 – Chestnut St. parking

Chairman Pace read the change noting that this was the second reading and that the third and final reading will take place at the next meeting.

8. Second reading of addition to Ordinance 301 – One Way Streets and Traffic Circles

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9. Reconsideration of two hour parking on Front St.

Chairman Pace noting Reverend Jamie S. Moynihan's letter re the subject matter asked her to come to the mic. Rev. Moynihan outlined the events leading up to the two-hour limit on one side of Front St., characterizing the Board's action as an effort to address the parking of construction workers employed in the building of the Phelps Science Center. She requested that the Board remove the two-hour parking limit, explaining the negative impact it has had on parishioners.

Mr. Binette, reading from excerpts from the March 19, 2001 meeting, noted that the change was not a temporary one and would remain in place until action was taken to change the ordinance. Mr. Ingram asked if the ordinance was written in this manner in the absence of an end date. Chairman Pace responded that the Board's action was not predicated on the presence of construction workers alone and that there were safety issues associated with Front St. parking apart from the congestion created by construction workers. There was no discussion of the change being temporary.

Mr. Binette noted that the two-hour parking did keep one side of Front St. less crowded and that it had removed PEA day student's cars from the street.

Chairman Pace stressed that the two-hour parking limitation did not address the issues of safety that had been raised since vehicles continued to park on both sides of Front St.

Mr. Campbell asked Rev. Moynihan if making both sides all day parking would not be worse for her parishioners in that the current two-hour spaces would not turn over as often?

Rev. Moynihan responded that it would be better if it were all day since parishioners now have to keep looking at their watches to make sure they are not parked for more than two hours. She also added that PEA had promised to make as part of each construction project provisions for contractors to park other than on the street.

Mr. Ingram asked Chief Comeau to address the safety issue on this section of Front St. Chief Comeau responded that the biggest concern is at the cross walks and the narrowness of the lanes where the pedestrian signs are placed in the roadway. He expressed some doubt about contractors working on the PEA library windows parking on Front with Court St. being closer. He closed by noting that his personnel are aware of the narrowness of Front St. and the presence of many pedestrians and have come to deal with the situation.

Mr. Campbell asked if it could be determined if the PEA contact for window work at the library included the provision for off street parking for contractors. Mr. Olson will investigate. Rev. Moynihan reminded the Board that some of the parking on Front St. during the construction of the Phelps Science Center was the result of not allowing parking on Tan Lane.

Chairman Pace suggested that the parking issue be placed on the next agenda for discussion. Mr. Ingram opined that since the two- hour parking does not address the safety issue, it made ~~since~~ sense to do away with the two-hour parking and allow all day parking on both sides of Front St. Mr. Campbell agreed.

Recognizing the support for making this change in the ordinance, Chairman Pace stated that this evening's discussion constituted the first reading of a change in the ordinance and directed the Town Manger to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting as the second reading of an amendment to the parking ordinance to permit all day parking on that portion of Front St. made two-hour parking in March of 2001.

10. Release of funds from Water and Sewer fund balances for Public Works Office construction

It was moved by Mr. Eastman, second by Mr. Pace, to remove $60,000 from Water reserves and $60,000 from Sewer reserves to supplement the $130,000 raised at the March 12 Town Meeting for the purpose of constructing office space at the Public Works complex. SO VOTED

11. Permits

Chairman Pace asked Mr. Olson to address this matter.

It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman to permit the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce to use the Town Hall main floor for a photo session in support of their Crosswinds publication, from 8:30AM until 3:00PM on March 28, 2002. SO VOTED

It was moved by Mr. Eastman, second by Mr. Ingram, to permit the Exeter Area Junior Women's Club to sell daffodils on the Town Hall steps in support of the American Cancer Society on March 29, 2002 from 10 to 12 noon. SO VOTED

It was moved by Mr. Ingram, second by Mr. Eastman, to permit the Exeter Presbyterian Church to use the Town Hall steps for a prayer service in support of the National Day of Prayer on May 2, 2002 from noon until 1PM. SO VOTED

It was moved by Mr. Eastman, second by Mr. Ingram, to permit the NH Estuaries Project to use the Nowak Room for a Shoreland Protection Act Workshop on June 12, 2002 from 6 until 8 PM. SO VOTED

It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Campbell, to permit the NH Department of Transportation to use the Town Hall main floor for a regional safety conference on June 12, 2002 from 9 until noon. SO VOTED

It was moved by Mr. Ingram, second by Mr. Binette, to permit the Granite State Designers and Installers Association to use the Town Hall main floor for a program on the impact of septic system on water feeding into Great Bay in fulfillment of a grant award from the NH Estuaries Program. Mr. Binette noted that they were requesting a waiver of the $75 fee. Discussion followed on how to insure that the hall was properly cleaned following use. It was agreed that the applicants would be required to deposit $75 in the name of the Town to be returned upon a positive inspection of the hall. **SO VOTED**

12. Town Manager's items.

Mr. Olson reported on the placing of docks off the Stewart Park on March 25 and the closing off of parking in the adjacent lot while this work goes forward; the closing of Park St. bridge beginning on April 1, for repairs by the NH DOT; and that the next Selectmen's meeting would be held on April 1, 2002.

13. Selectmen's Committee reports

Mr. Binette noted that fishing and hunting licenses could now be applied for electronically by accessing www.wildlife.state.nh.us.

Mr. Eastman reported on the Planning Board approval of a 128-unit housing project off the Guinea Rd and the limitation placed on the developer allowing for no more than 32 certificate of occupancy per year. He also noted that a proposal has been distributed for the development of a methodology for the implementation of impact fees with a request that the prospective consultant divide the cost of the study among the Town, the Water and Sewer utility, the Exeter Schools and the regional school.

Chairman Pace thanked the voters for coming out in such great numbers on the 12th and welcomed new Selectmen Campbell and Ingram to the Board of Selectmen. He thanked Paul Scafidi and Buckey Rowe for their years of service to the Town and for their work, efforts and care for their community, stating that Exeter is a better place for their years of involvement.

14. Public Comments

There being none, it was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Ingram, to adjourn. SO VOTED 7:52PM

Respectfully submitted,

George Olson
Town Manager