

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Pace convened the Board at 7:08PM on the above date. Also present: Paul Binette, Robert Eastman, William Campbell, Lionel Ingram and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Recognition of EHS Soccer Team's second straight State Championship.

Coach James Tufts and his team were present to receive a proclamation from the Town, which Chairman Joseph Pace (copy attached). The team was well received with applause from the audience and congratulations were expressed to all.

3. Minutes of Board's meeting of November 4, 2002.

*Mr. Binette moved to accept the minutes of the meeting as submitted; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.*

4. Bid opening – chemical bids.

Eleven bids were received from vendors, with Chairman Pace opening and reading them all (results attached). *Mr. Binette moved to forward the bids to the Town Manager and DPW representatives to review and report back with their recommendations; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.* Mr. Binette asked if the process was in place to purchase each item from a separate vendor: yes.

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

Mr. Ingram suggested it was time for the school to seek out answers to their parking problems for students. He noted the Board has to review what is the benefit for those who cannot move (i.e. the residents in their homes) vs. those that can (the vehicles). Parking is a problem and, if parking is done poorly, it affects residents and the Board is required to react. *Mr. Ingram moved to accept the changes to Section 103.2 of the Town's ordinances as proposed; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous* (copy attached). Effective 7 days after passage.

6. Third & final reading of changes to downtown traffic control.

Chairman Pace read the proposed changes. There were not comments from the public. *Mr. Ingram moved to accept the changes to Chapters 1, 3 and 4 as proposed; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous* (copy attached). Effective 7 days after passage.

7. Action on request for installation of fourth stop sign at intersection of Forest & Oak Streets.

Mr. Binette stated he viewed the area this weekend and prepared a diagram of the area which he referred to during his presentation. He reported there are currently 7 stop signs within the two intersections on Oak Street, one at the end as it intersections with Park Street and the Board is proposing a 9<sup>th</sup> with a 4-way stop at Forest. He suggested moving the stop sign, now at Oak Street Extension/Forest Street to the fourth side at Oak/Forest and not having a sign coming from the

Extension, even though there is blind sight coming from that direction. He also commented on his remarks at the last meeting (as quoted in the Newsletter) that the neighbors wanted to "use the street as a private playground", noting when he was driving through the area there was a parent with 3 children in the street on skateboards.

Mr. Campbell felt a sign is still needed coming from the 'spring' and, even though common sense would be to pause coming from there, he would not wish to leave it to the drivers to decide. He believes it warrants having a 9<sup>th</sup> stop sign on the street. Mr. Binette noted Chief Kane and DPW Director Noyes disagreed with placing a sign there. Mr. Campbell reminded Mr. Binette they disagreed with placing the sign there for the reason of speed; it has since been determined it would be more for the safety factor.

Mr. Ingram stated he understood Mr. Binette's thoughts on not adding a 9<sup>th</sup> sign but the other "intersections" that were noted were actually "T" stops, where as these allow drivers to go straight through with no stop if signs were not there. ***Mr. Campbell moved to place a stop sign (and appropriate 4-way sign) at Forest and Oak Streets; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: 3-2.*** This is effective as soon as the sign can be placed.

#### 8. Limited parking on Cass Street.

Mr. Olson reported correspondence has been received concerning the parking and traffic situation on Cass Street as it intersects with Main Street. DPW and the Police have reviewed the area and agreed with parking control on the east (right as you enter from Main Street) side of the street. An issue still remaining is whether it would just be during school hours or 24 hours.

Mr. Eastman stated he viewed four cars parked on the sidewalk on that side of the street, past the center point of the walk, and suggested increased parking control and issuance of tickets in that area (for parking on a sidewalk).

Mr. Campbell concurred with the no parking as proposed but suggested the Board also view Green Street, as those who park on Cass may move to Green and, being colonial streets, none in that area are wide enough to handle traffic and parking.

Sally Ward, Cass Street, noted there are two issues: 1) people using Cass Street to cut through to the highway, and 2) parking to drop off and pick up children at Main Street. Those that park are predominantly not residents of Cass Street. She noted you cannot park on both sides of the street and allow for two lanes of traffic, hence why drivers park on the sidewalk. Mr. Binette stated with cars parked on both sides it leaves 16 feet available for passage and, with a travel lane at 12 feet, vehicles cannot pass.

Arthur Baillargeon, Tremont Street, reported an instance when he had to back out of Cass Street in order to allow a truck to pass, traveling on Cass Street from Park to Main. He noted there are often functions at the school during the evening hours and the issue would continue then, suggesting the no parking area be 24 hours.

Susan Scannell, Cass Street, asked what the school has said about the parking, and whether there is limited parking at their facility. She believes some of those parking all day are faculty and staff. Mr. Pace noted when the parking changes take effect, the school will have to adjust their instructions for parking.

Chairman Pace asked if the Board wished to include limiting parking on Green Street during this process of change for Cass Street, as well as determining the hours of no parking on Cass Street. Mr. Olson noted the public has been put on notice of a parking change on Cass Street, so this would constitute the first reading of three for a change. Determination of hours could be stated at the next meeting. The wording will be to eliminate parking on Cass Street on the easterly side.

9. Change in ordinance to prohibit dogs at the Powder House.

Mr. Olson reported Kevin Smart, our Maintenance Superintendent, has met with the grounds keeper of the Powder House and they have noticed the walking area in the immediate area of the House and driveway is difficult as people do not 'scoop' after their dogs, even with the signs posted. Because of this, it is recommended Section 910 of the Animal Control ordinance be adjusted to add "(f) North, from access gate, to Powder House grounds".

Mr. Pace stated he has received some calls from residents in the area regarding this proposal noting this area is such a great area to walk dogs and hate to see a couple of people ruin the walk for all others. Mr. Campbell asked if the Pond could be accessed from this area without crossing by the Powder House. No, but it may be accessed by the path by the Mill, from String Bridge. Mr. Ingram suggested enforcement is the issue here, in order to not punish those who abide by the law.

Eric Anderson, Hall Place, reiterated this is a great spot to walk the dogs, being out of the way and not affecting other areas. He urged the Board to allow dog walking in that area. Mr. Campbell agreed, noting laws are usually made for the 10% who don't obey and he would also like to keep it open to dogs.

It was suggested that dog walkers self-police the area and if they see someone not 'scooping' after their dog, tell them the practice may be prohibited if not taken care of. Mr. Campbell suggested the Board leave the issue as is to see how the situation evolves, with Mr. Smart monitoring the issue and have a report at the next meeting.

10. Providing parking on Linden Street, opposite the Annex.

Mr. Olson reported on correspondence received from Dick Wendell, Maintenance Supt. of Schools, requesting that vehicles be allowed to park on Linden Street opposite the Annex, with the school being responsible for removal of the signs. Mr. Olson researched the matter and finds there is no restriction for parking opposite the Annex, only "no parking extending 299' south of Gill Street". Parking is allowed opposite the Annex and signs will be removed.

Patrick Fleming, EHS student, asked for confirmation on the area where parking would now be allowed – from the main entrance to the cemetery down Linden Street. Even with the signs posted, it is not enforceable. Mr. Fleming stated students need to park somewhere and he was trying to direct them to where they could. (some on Lincoln Street and a few past the Annex till the road narrows). Mr. Pace stated the parking issue is the responsibility of the School but suggested Mr.

Fleming note how an area is posted and pass that information along. Mr. Ingram suggested the students check with the School District regarding the parking at 131 Court Street, as he had heard they would be allowing parking there.

Judy Dufour, Superintendent of Exeter Cemetery and representative of the Board of Trustees, spoke of their disfavor with parking on Linden Street. Their concerns include ingress/egress to the Cemetery for services by the hearse and equipment at all three gates, blocking hydrants, damage to grass, trees and gates. There is no additional snow plowing along there to provide spaces and any diagonal parking would deteriorate the grass and fences. The Cemetery personnel currently picks up the area to maintain the aesthetics and a few weeks ago a vehicle had to be towed as it got stuck in the mud. There has been no contact from the school concerning lot lines, as she was informed of the parking sign issue by Chief Kane. She urged that if parking is allowed on Linden Street that it be parallel and enforced, with protection for their fences and allowing entrance and exit to their property.

Ms. Dufour noted a brief survey plan, by Parker Survey, shows the boundaries of the Cemetery as outside the fence at different widths along Linden Street. She suggested the Selectmen, Public Works and School representatives conduct a site walk with the map to review what's available.

Mr. Eastman agreed, noting the slope of the land is also of concern and students may not be able to park entirely off the road. Mr. Ingram suggested not a lot of people walk the space, but the Town Manager and Keith, along with representatives of the school and bring a proposal forward to the board in order to protect the cemetery property and gates, and to recommend where parking could be allowed. Mr. Campbell offered to be the Board's rep. Chairman Pace asked for a report at the next meeting.

11. Permits:

- Exeter Chamber of Commerce requested the Bandstand for Santa to sit with children on December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-8PM, along with blocking Front Street from Water to Court Street. **Approved.**
- Exeter Chamber of Commerce requested permission to "Decorate the Town" with lights across the roads on Water Street from November 29 through January 15<sup>th</sup>. **Approved.**
- Exeter Chamber of Commerce requested permission to "Decorate the Town" with decorations and banners from November 29<sup>th</sup> through January 15<sup>th</sup>. **Approved.**
- Dorothy Milbury, representing the Rotary Club, requested permission to place luminaries along Front Street from the Bandstand to Gale Park on December 24<sup>th</sup> and to shut off street lights on the 24<sup>th</sup> through December 26<sup>th</sup>, or when Unitil can arrange for turn-on. **Approved.**
- Bob Spoerl of the Winterfest Committee requested a Kid's Party at the Town Hall on February 15<sup>th</sup> from 11-5; they will clean-up. **Approved.**
- Carol Aten, Squamscott Coalition, requested the use of the Wheelwright Room from 8-10AM the first Wednesday of each month: 12/4, 2002, 1/8, 2/5, 3/5, 4/2, 5/5 and 6/4, 2003. **Approved.**
- Exeter Elementary School PTO requested permission for a 5K walk/Fun Run on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the route already approved by the Police Chief. **Approved.**

12. Town Manager's Items:

- The Town's offices are closed Tuesday, November 19, 2002 in order for all full-time employees to attend a town-wide informational meeting.
- The Town's offices are closed November 28 and 29 for the observance of Thanksgiving.
- Rubbish and recycling will be one day late for Thursday and Friday pick-up only next week; Thursday's on Friday – Friday on Saturday.
- Parking ban begins December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12 midnight to 6AM. Off-street parking is available in the municipal lot.
- Next meeting is December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Pleasant Street parking permits are not available due to construction. There is no time-line yet.

13. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

- Mr. Eastman: none
- Mr. Campbell: Conservation Commission viewed the preliminary plans for the expansion of River Woods.
- Mr. Binette: Recreation Advisory meeting on Tuesday.
- Mr. Pace: The budget committee met over the last two weeks, with over 40 hours of great work. Many issues were addressed and the Board will be reviewing it over the next week. He also commented the Arts Committee is working on Gallery space.

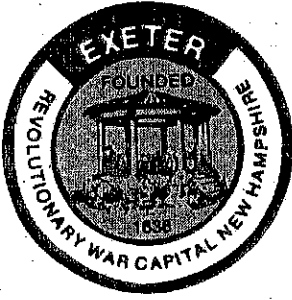
**Mr. Ingram moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:25PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



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AA/HR Dir.

attach.



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## PROCLAMATION

*WHEREAS, the Exeter High School Soccer Program continues to provide a fundamentally solid background in the sport of Soccer for the students of grades 9 through 12; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Exeter High School Soccer Program is comprised of coaches dedicated to teaching the importance of discipline and teamwork; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Exeter High School Soccer Team features students who not only give of themselves during the season, but are dedicated to strengthening their character and integrity throughout the year; and,*

*WHEREAS, the Exeter High School Soccer Team was successful in its bid for the title of the STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE CLASS L CHAMPIONS following a strong regular season with a record of 12-3-1, and outstanding performances in all rounds, including a 2-0 win over Goffstown in the first round, 1-0 victory over Salem in the quarterly finals, a 2-1 overtime victory against Manchester Central in the semi-final game, and a 1-0 overtime victory over an undefeated and top-seeded Manchester West in the N. H. I. A. A. Class L Championship game held on Sunday, November 10th.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, the Exeter Board of Selectmen hereby declares the week of NOVEMBER 18, 2002 as*

## EXETER HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER WEEK

Signed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

Joseph Pace, Chairman  
Paul Binette  
Paul Binette, V-Chairman  
Robert Eastman  
Robert Eastman, Clerk  
William E Campbell  
William Campbell  
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