

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Scafidi convened the Board at 7:05PM on the above date. Also present: Joseph Pace, Robert Eastman, Paul Binette, Robert Rowe and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Minutes of April 2, 2001 meeting

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

3. Bid Openings: (results attached)

Fire Overhead Doors: 4 bids were received of the 6 vendors sought. ***Mr. Binette moved the Town Manager and Public Works representative review the bids and return with a recommendation; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.*** Mr. Binette noted the moneys raised in Article 21 (\$153,000) for the doors, roof, electrical work etc... what was the estimate for the doors work? Mr. Olson will reply at the next meeting.

Sidewalk, curbing & drainage improvements: Two bids were received. ***Mr. Rowe moved the Town Manager and Public Works representative review the bids and return with a recommendation; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***

4. Bid awards:

Recreation 4x4: Mr. Olson recommended the lower bidder of Dreher-Holloway noting the price was \$28,196 but with trade is \$24,896, which is below the estimated price. ***Mr. Rowe moved to award the bid for the Recreation 4x4 to Dreher-Holloway for \$24,186; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.***

DPW Forklift: Mr. Olson recommended the lower bid of W. D. Matthews for \$15,443. This is the price without the side shift. ***Mr. Binette moved to award the bid as recommended; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.***

Lary Lane Well rehabilitation: The low bid of Layne Christenson (Dracut, MA) was recommended by Mr. Olson for \$9,976.75. Keith Noyes, DPW Director, noted the references have been checked and, as few firms handles this type of specialized work, the engineers (CDM) recommended this firm. ***Mr. Binette moved to award; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.***

Digital Recording Equipment: Mr. Olson recommended the award go to Dictaphone for \$15,678. Though this is not the low bid, they provided a guarantee the parts would be available for 10 years, so the difference of \$1612 was worth it, and still be under budget. Mr. Binette asked the Department not spend the excess just because it's available. Mr. Olson noted that other bids may not come in under budget and the funds will still be available. ***Mr. Binette moved to award the bid to Dictaphone; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.***

5. Bid Reports: Public Works Trucks.

With questions outstanding at the last meeting, Mr. Olson reported on the status of the award. Dreher-Holloway was awarded the bid for \$78,699 and, though they were not the low bidder, the other company could not provide the appropriate color or specifications. **Mr. Binette moved to approve the award of the bid; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.**

6. Authorization to release funds from water reserves: Lary Lane Well.

With the bids this evening on the Lary Lane well rehabilitation, the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee is seeking the release of \$20,000 from the water reserves: \$10,000 for the rehabilitation and \$10,000 to cover expenses for potential meter replacement needs that may arise as part of the rehab. If the meters are not needed, they won't be replaced. **Mr. Pace moved to authorize the release of \$20,000 from Water Reserves for the Lary Lane Well rehabilitation and related expenses; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.** Mr. Rowe asked how long ago this was renovated. Mr. Olson noted 10 years ago it was cleaned, but not to this extent.

7. Third and final reading of changes to parking in front of Post Office.

Chairman Scafidi read the proposed changes to the Town's ordinances, sections 10.6 and 103.7 (attached). **Mr. Rowe moved to approve the changes as read; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.** Mr. Binette commended Officer Jones on his continuing response to those parking illegally in the handicap-allotted space by the Post Office.

8. Request to address the Board: Harold Parker, Office of Congressman Sununu.

Mr. Parker asked if there were any projects and/or concerns the Board wished he share with the Congressman that may assist Exeter. Mr. Rowe noted \$2 million to complete our downtown would be nice. Mr. Scafidi noted the Board is always seeking funds from the federal government to assist with projects, particularly water and sewer. It's hard on Towns to fund projects, particularly when they are federally mandated and we only receive a certain percentage. Mr. Noyes has been in contact directly with Congressman Sununu's office concerning a variety of issues. The Board thanked Mr. Parker for attending.

9. Public Works job descriptions additions and amendments.

Mr. Olson stated that with the changes in staffing and organization at Public Works the Board has been involved with over the past few months come changes in job descriptions. New descriptions include 'General Foreman' and 'Part-time Meter Reader'. Changes include those of 'Work Leader' (to 'Foreman') and 'Heavy Equipment Operator (re-naming the position 'Heavy Equipment Operator - Water & Sewer')'. Also, the requirement of those filling the position have a distribution license.

Mr. Binette questioned the position changes and whether there are any negotiation issues with the unions? No, the union was part of the preparation process. **Mr. Pace moved to approve the changes; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.**

10. Licensing of Limousine Services.

Mr. Olson reported that following a complaint from a taxi owner concerning 'limousine owners' acting as taxis, he thought it best to bring the issue to the Board to see if they wish to pursue changes to our current taxi ordinance that would incorporate limousine services under the umbrella of the taxi

ordinance. He explained that the limousine service is involved in services similar to that of taxi, they are not called directly by the customer but are contracted by the business to transport employees and/or guests from one location in Exeter to another in Exeter.

Mr. Olson stated the taxi ordinance allows the Town to regular who operates and to conduct inspections, as well as follow up on any complaints. There are no such regulations for limos. Mr. Scafidi asked for a Board consensus on whether to pursue changes.

Mr. Binette noted limos receive contracts to pick up guests of a company and does not consider them taxis as long as it was the original limousine service that was contracted (i.e. picked guests up at airport and brought them to Exeter and continue to transport guests to and from 'hotel' to business. As he drives for a limousine service, he would excuse himself from discussion.

Mr. Pace questioned if the RSA's differentiate between taxis and shuttles: point-to-point service and whether available for hire at the street as a taxi may be. He suggested contacting Manchester and Portsmouth to view their ordinances on both. Mr. Binette noted Portsmouth is taking medallions away from taxicab operators because there are unsafe conditions. Do we monitor also? Yes.

Mr. Eastman feels we should pursue discussion even if only to verify safety issues for our citizens. It certainly isn't a 'get rich' program. Mr. Pace agreed. Mr. Scafidi also agreed. Mr. Rowe did not wish to pursue. Mr. Olson will begin the process.

11. Appointments to Town Boards, Commission and Committees.

Mr. Eastman, as Clerk, proposed the following for the Planning Board:

Peter Kennedy, reappointment as regular member till 4-30-04

Philip MacDonald, " " "

Amy Bailey, as regular till 4-30-03

Gwen English as regular till 4-30-03

Anthony Zwaan as alternate till 4-30-02

Craig MacPhearson as alternate till 4-30-04

Kathy Corson, reappointment as alternate till 4-30-04

David St. Laurent as alternate till 4-30-03

Mr. Pace disagreed with the breach of protocol noting the Board has historically moved alternates to regular positions prior to appointing new residents to regular positions. ***Mr. Rowe moved to appoint the residents as presented; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: 3-1***

Mr. Eastman read the list of remaining positions and recommended residents to serve (see attached list). ***It was moved and seconded to approve as presented. VOTE: Unanimous to all.***

12. Permits:

Mr. Olson reported the following permits have been submitted:

- Kate Moss for the Spring Fling to block 2 spaces by the Bandstand on May 19<sup>th</sup> from 10Am to 4PM for the DJ and Band. ***Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***
- Phillips Exeter Academy requested 6 buses be allowed to part on the east side of Elliot Street and 2-3 on Front Street on June 7<sup>th</sup> in order to load students after the close of the school year.

The security office will provide officers with assistance with traffic and crosswalks. *Mr. Pace moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: 3-1.* Mr. Rowe expressed concern at the crosswalks as well as at intersections and suggested the buses be moved back from the corners.

- Phillips Exeter Academy also requested 10 buses be allowed to park on the southerly side of Front Street between Elm and Elliott Streets from 5:30-6:30PM on June 7<sup>th</sup> in order to load students, parents and chaperones for travel to their Prom. Pictures will be taken in the Library lawn. They also requested in-bound traffic be directed down Elliott Street between those hours; out-bound will not be affected. They will hire Exeter police officers to handle traffic. *Mr. Rowe moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- Phillips Exeter Academy has requested Front Street be closed from Tan Lane to Spring Street on June 10 from 9:30-1PM for their graduation program. They will arrange for all costs for police and barricades and will notify churches concerning closure. This is the same as in past years. *Mr. Pace moved to approve; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- Karen Clarke, ECCA, requested the use of the Town Hall on July 21 from 11-11:30AM for a drama performance for the summer camp. The Kiwanis Club has the Hall till 10:30 and there should be no problem between the two functions. This is during Revolutionary War Festival. *Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- ECCA also requested the use of the Hall on August 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-10:30 for the same function. *Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- Concerning the Rotary Club's request to use the Town Hall on September 29<sup>th</sup> from the last meeting, they will be setting up health-related exhibits in the Hall and selling event tee-shirts. *Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.*

13. Town Manager's Items:

- The Town Offices will be closed on Wednesday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 8-9AM for staff training. They will be reviewing fire escape routes and procedures with Chief Comeau. Offices will open for business at 9AM.
- Spring Clean-up is the week of April 30-May 4<sup>th</sup> on regular trash days. Tickets at reception.

14. Selectmen's Committee Reports.

Mr. Binette: Recreation Advisory meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Rowe: Council on Aging on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 2PM.

Mr. Eastman: Planning Board saw preliminary plans for a 13-lot subdivision off Newfields Rd and new officers of the Board were elected with no changes.

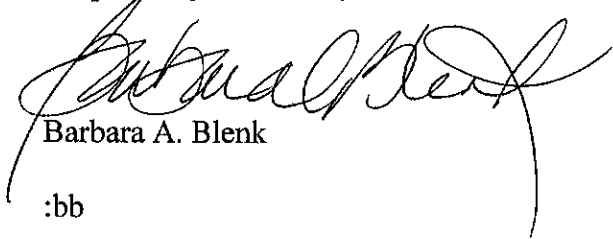
Mr. Pace: Conservation Commission met on April 10<sup>th</sup> concerning a presentation by Underwood Engineers concerning the EHS sporting fields proposal. There are wetlands' issues. HDC meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Scafidi: Tuesday he attended as a Water/Sewer Advisory Board member and as a selectman, a conference concerning regional water and sewer. This is in the infancy discussion phase with more to come on how to handle, particularly with Exeter as a major player.

15. Public Comments: None.

*Mr. Pace moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:15PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barbara A. Blenk". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long vertical stroke extending downwards from the end of the name.

Barbara A. Blenk

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