

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES APRIL 2, 2001



1. Convene the meeting

Chairman Paul Scafidi convened the meeting of the Board at 7:00PM on the above date. In addition to Chairman Scafidi present were: Paul Binette, Joe Pace, Robert Rowe and Robert Eastman. Also present: George Olson, Town Manager

2. Minutes of the March 19th, 2001 meeting

It was moved by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Binette to accept the minutes of the March 19, 2001 meeting as presented. SO VOTED.

3. Bid opening: Recreation Department gas powdered 4X4; Public Works/Recreation Trucks (4); Public Works Forklift; Lary Lane Well Rehabilitation; Digital Recording Equipment (Police)

The Chair proceeded to open the bids. (See attached) **It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Pace to turn the bids on the 4X4 Recreation Department gas powered truck to the Town Manager and the Recreation Director for review and recommendation, with the understanding that if funds were adequate to make the purchase, the low bidder, meeting the specification, would be awarded the bid immediately, with the Town Manager to report the results of the bid at the next meeting.** Mr. Binette asked how this process would proceed from here given the fact that the bids were higher than the funding provided. Mr. Olson responded that the purchase would not be made until the matter came back before the Board with a recommendation as to how the funding would be acquired. **SO VOTED.**

The Chair next opened the bids on the digital recording system for the Police Department. (See attached) **It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Rowe, to turn the bids over to the Town Manager and the Police Chief for review and recommendation.** Mr. Binette asked what would become of the funds not spent on the equipment, since the bids came in under what had been budgeted. Answer: It would go into surplus unless some other use was presented to the Board. The Board asked Mr. Olson to provide the members a listing of the items to be acquired under the line item. Mr. Olson agreed to do so. **SO VOTED.**

Chairman Scafidi next opened the bids for the Public Works Forklift. (See attached) **It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Eastman to accept the bids and turn them over to the Town Manager and The Public Works Director for review and recommendation.** Mr. Binette noted that only one of the bids made reference to a "side shift" explaining that this was a valuable feature. He asked if this feature was specified. Chairman Scafidi noted that it was not part of the bid package. Mr. Binette responded that it should be considered. **SO VOTED.**

Next, the Chair opened bids for the rehabilitation of Lary Lane Well. (See attached) **Moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Pace to turn the bids over to the Town Manager and the Public Works Director for review and recommendation. SO VOTED.**

The Chair next opened bids for Public Works/Recreation Trucks. (See attached) **Moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Rowe, to accept the bids and turn them over to the Town Manager and the Public Works Director for review and recommendation. SO VOTED.** Mr. Olson reiterated the need to allow for the purchase of these vehicle immediately due to the limits on when the trucks

can be ordered in the color we want. It was agreed that this be done, with the result reported at the next meeting.

Mr. Binette asked about the absence of a bid on the diesel version of the truck for Recreation. Mr. Olson responded that the State bid price for this vehicle was considerably higher than what had been budgeted for the truck, thus the earlier bid for a gas version. Mr. Binette opined that buying a diesel, even at a higher price, was a good investment since the engine would last longer.

4. Bid award: Exercise/Fitness equipment for Fire Department

Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Pace, to award the bid to Performance Plus of Raynham, MA for \$9,371.40. (The lower bid received did not comply with the bidding specifications) SO VOTED.

Mr. Binette asked for a listing of the items to be purchased under the line item. Mr. Olson agreed to provide this information.

5. Second reading of changes to parking in front of Post Office

Chairman Scafidi read the change that makes it clear that the parking limits only apply to Monday thru Saturday. The third and final reading will take place at the April 16th meeting of the Board.

6. Release of water and sewer reserves: Webster Ave. Pump Station; motor installation at Water Treatment Plant; Lary Lane Well rehabilitation

Chairman Scafidi reported that the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee was still considering costs associated with the Lary Lane Well rehabilitation and that no recommendation for release of funds for this project would be discussed this evening.

Mr. Noyes came to the mic and described the need for an additional \$145,000 to cover the cost of the Webster Ave. pump station project, noting that it had been two years since the estimate and that costs of work had increased considerable over time. Mr. Noyes went on to discuss the need for a third variable frequency drive at the water treatment plant and the fact that only \$45,000 had been budgeted for this and that an additional \$50,000 was needed. The additional drive is highly recommended in the Water Study now underway.

Mr. Pace asked what is in the reserves at this time. Mr. Noyes reported that the sewer reserves are at \$650,000, while the water reserves are at \$900,000. Chairman Scafidi noted that the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee had spent an hour going over the details of both projects and recommended that the Board release the funds.

Mr. Rowe asked if there would be any impact on rates as a result of the release of funds. Mr. Noyes responded that there would not be an impact and that revenues were looking very strong. Discussion followed on the impact of the withdrawals on the respective funds. Mr. Noyes reminded the Board that 20% of the cost of the Webster Ave. project would be coming back from the State.

It was moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Binette, to authorize the release of \$145,000 from the sewer reserves for the purpose of undertaking the Webster Ave pump station work and \$50,000 from the water reserves to help cover the cost of motor installation at the Water Treatment Plant. SO VOTED.

The Board was reminded that the matter of Lary Lane well would be addressed at a later meeting. Mr. Binette asked when the well had last been rehabilitated. Mr. Noyes stated that work had been done on the well some 10 years ago, but he was not aware when it was last rehabilitated.

7. Permits

Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Pace, to authorize the placing of a banner across Water Street to promote the Lions Club annual Charity Auction. The banner to be in place from April 20 to 30. SO VOTED.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Binette, to authorize the Exeter Area Retail Committee of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, to use the Bandstand from 10AM until 4PM on May 19, 2001 as part of the Spring Fling Festival. SO VOTED.

Mr., Olson brought forward a permit request form the Exeter Rotary Club requesting the use of the Town Hall for a Race Walk on September 29th. The Board asked Mr. Olson to determine the use of the Hall and to bring the request back to the Board.

8. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Olson reported that all was now in place to borrow funds authorized in 1999 to undertake the work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant to address requirement to reduce the discharge of ammonia and copper. He distributed copies of the loan agreement with the State of New Hampshire for this purpose for the Board to sign.

Mr. Olson went on to note that Spring Cleanup is scheduled for the week of April 30 to May 4.

9. Selectmen's Committee reports

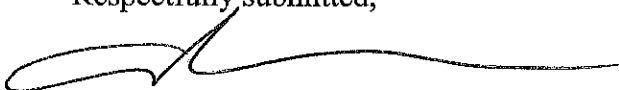
Mr. Binette had no reports on Committees but did read from an article indicating that the Town was in line for reimbursements for costs associated with the blizzard that took place in early March. Mr. Noyes indicated that a preliminary application for funding had been sent off to the State. Mr. Eastman reported that on March 29th the Planning Board enjoyed a social gathering with Helen Carr Dix, a long serving member of the Planning Board. Mr. Pace reported on an upcoming meeting of the Conservation Commission scheduled for April 10th. Chairman Scafidi reported on last weeks meeting of the Water and Sewer Advisory Committee.

10. Public Comments: None was presented.

11. Vote to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter.

Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Binette to go into non-public session to discuss a personnel matter. SO VOTED by roll call vote. Time: 7:50PM

Respectfully submitted,



George N. Olson
Town Manager