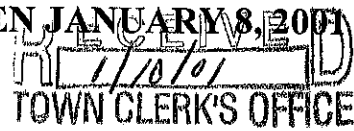


MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN JANUARY 8, 2001



1. Convene the meeting

Vice Chairman Paul Scafidi convened the meeting at 7:00PM on the above date. Present in addition to Vice Chairman Scafidi were Clerk Joe Pace, and Robert Rowe. Also present: George Olson

2. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meetings of December 26, 2000 and January 3, 2001

**It was moved by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Rowe, to accept the minutes of the Board's meetings of December 26, 2000 and January 3, 2001. SO VOTED.**

3. Bid recommendations – Chemical Purchases

Vice Chairman Scafidi asked Mr. Olson for his report. Mr. Olson responded that following review by Public Works the following low bidders are recommended: Sodium Hypochlorite, Jones Chemical, \$.48/gallon; Activated Carbon, Coyne Chemical, \$.5224/lb.; Potassium Permanganate, George Mann Co, \$1.3018/lb.; Sodium Hydroxide, Jones Chemical, \$.55/gallon; Liquid Bisulfite, Jones Chemical, \$.75/gallon. **So moved by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Rowe to accept the low bids as presented. SO VOTED.**

4. Parking on Front and Elliott Streets – Update

Vice Chairman Scafidi reported that correspondence from the Academy had been delayed and that the matter would be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Appointment to Ambulance Study Committee

**It was moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Pace, to appoint Vinnie Pascussi to be the "resident" member of the Committee. SO VOTED.**

6. Discussion and action on Recommended 2001 Budget and warrant articles

Vice Chairman Scafidi thanked the departments and the Budget Committee for all of their good work on the 2001 budget. Mr. Olson read a brief summary of the budget and asked the Board of Selectmen to accept the 2001, \$12,282,497 Town operating budget and to recommend it for Public Hearing and Town Meeting action. **So moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Pace, to accept the 2001 budget. SO VOTED.**

Vice Chairman Scafidi noted that next Monday night, at 7:00, in the Nowak room, the Board will hold a public hearing on the budget just accepted as well as a hearing on bond issues and other warrant articles. He encouraged residents to attend the hearing. He went on to ask Clerk Pace to read the warrant articles for 2001, who proceeded to do so. Mr. Rowe noted that many of the articles read by Mr. Pace would be funded with surplus and therefore will have no impact on the Town tax rate. He also stated that the increase in the budget itself would be covered by surplus from 2000 and thus also will have no impact on the tax rate. Ms. Jones arrived at 7:12PM.

7. Third and final reading of ordinance to permit motorcycle parking

Vice Chairman Scafidi read the new ordinance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, explaining where the new spaces will be located. Mr. Rowe noted that the locations were in spaces that were too small for a car. Mr. Pace suggested that with the spaces in place motorcycle riders could use the spaces and not take up a full parking space. **Moved by Mr. Pace, second by Mr. Rowe, to permit the establishment of motorcycle parking spaces as described. SO VOTED.**

8. Third and final reading of correction to Town Ordinance 710 –Penalties

Vice Chairman Scafidi read the new ordinance for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time, explaining that it clarified the Ordinance in terms of penalties. **Moved by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Rowe, to amend Town Ordinance 710 as read. SO VOTED.**

9. Execution of scope of services for 1999 audit

Vice Chairman Scafidi noted that the Town's auditors, Plodzik and Sanderson had been doing the town's audit for some ten years. He also noted that the price proposed for the 2000 audit was the same as for previous years, \$10,000. He noted that the agenda item should read 2000 audit, not 1999. **It was moved by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Pace, to execute the agreement for the 2000 audit. SO VOTED.**

10. Amendments to Selectmen's Policy 97-21 – Street Acceptance

Vice Chairman Scafidi explained that the Policy would limit the time during which developers can petition the Board to accept new roads. He recalled that the matter had come up at a recent meeting and that contrary to the Board's understanding there were no such limitation in the Policy. The limitation on time of acceptance is related to inspection difficulties associated with snow and ice and the need to establish plow routes in the fall. Ms. Jones asked if the Town was obliged to accept a road in October if there was an early snow. Vice Chairman Scafidi confirmed that the Town could refuse to accept a road if it could not be inspected regardless of the time of year. This is the first reading of the Policy change. Action will take place at the meeting of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

11. Permits

Mr. Olson noted the letter that the Board had in their packet from the gas company re installing a temporary fence around property on Water St. across the street from 277 Water St. The fence will be in place approximately 3 months while remediation takes place at the old gas works site. The fence will be located off the road on Water and Green Streets. Mr. Rowe asked assurance that it not be in the roadway. This was given. **Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Ms. Jones to permit Northern Utilities Natural Gas to install a fence around the site to be remediated, with the understanding that it be off the paved surface and that space be provided off the roadway for pedestrian traffic. SO VOTED.**

Mr. Olson turned to a request from Tracy McGrail of the Exeter Chamber of Commerce, to use the Nowak Room from 8 until 10AM on January 24, 2000 for a meeting of Chamber members regarding health insurance. **So moved by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Rowe. SO VOTED.**

**Moved by Mr. Pace, second by Ms. Jones, to allow the Exeter Conservation Commission to use the Nowak Room on January 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 until 10PM for a regional meeting of Conservation**

**Commissions to hear about the new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. SO VOTED.**

12. Town Manager's report

Mr. Olson once again reminded the audience of the Public Hearing on the budget set for the night of the 15<sup>th</sup>, noting the 9<sup>th</sup> of January was the last day citizen petitions could be submitted for action at the 2001 Town Meeting.

13. Selectmen's Committee reports

Ms. Jones reported on the SAU 16 meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> and the interest in having all of the Towns in the SAU view school programming shown on channel 22 in Exeter. She spoke of the Council on Aging Christmas Parry held on December 21<sup>st</sup> and the continuing need for new members. Mr. Rowe reported that the Planning Board, on the 11<sup>th</sup>, would be continuing to take public comment and action on a variety of warrant articles.

Vice Chairman Scafidi asked if Mr. Olson had any other comments. Mr. Olson responded that he did, having forgotten to make the announcement earlier that the Board was looking for volunteers for Town Boards and Committees. Of particular need were volunteers to serve on the Budget Recommendation Committee, but that virtually all Boards and Committees had openings. Vice Chairman Scafidi confirmed the need for more volunteers. Mr. Pace recommended that residents attend the meeting on the new Land and Heritage Investment Program noted earlier in the evening, having found a meeting on the same topic in Durham he attended recently to be very interesting. He went on to note the meeting of the Historic District Commission on the 18<sup>th</sup> to hear comment on plans to expand the area covered by the HDC. Additional information on the expansion plans is available in the Planning Office. He also noted the Library Board of Trustees' meeting scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

14. Public Comments

**There being no public comments it was moved by Ms. Jones, second by Mr. Pace to adjourn. SO VOTED. Time: 7:32PM.**

Respectfully submitted,



George N. Olson  
Town Manager

