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BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE MEETING

JUNE 18, 2001

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Scafidi convened the board at 7:00PM on the above date. PRESENT in addition to the Chairman, Joseph Pace, Robert Eastman, Paul Binette and Robert Rowe. Also present: Town Manager George Olson.

2. Minutes of June 4, 2001.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept them as submitted; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: 3-0, with Mr. Binette abstaining.

3. Congratulations to Exeter's State Championship Lacrosse Team.

Chairman Scafidi invited Coach Gerry Holly and members of the Lacrosse Team (there were over 20 members of the team and they did not all come forward) to the microphone where he read and presented a proclamation (attached) to the Team, naming this week as EHS Lacrosse Team Week in Exeter. Over the past two years, the Team's record is 41-0 and they have been Division II State Champions in their sport. The Coach thanked the Board, noting a fine group of young men deserve all the credit bestowed upon them. Chairman Scafidi noted the sports programs at EHS over the last decade, both boys & girls, have provided the residents of the area with great pride and excitement. The coaches and students are very much appreciated.

4. Parks & Recreation month- Proclamation.

Chairman Scafidi called upon Douglas Dicey, Director, to come forward where he was presented a proclamation from the Board naming the month of July as Parks & Recreation month in Exeter (attached). Mr. Dicey thanked his hard-working staff and the numbers of volunteers making up the department and assist in so many programs. He also thanked the residents of the area for their support and pledged to continue providing the many programs that they do.

5. Bid Openings: Masonry work @ Town Hall & Gale Park; gasoline & diesel fuel.

No bids were received for the masonry work. The project will be re-bid.

Four vendors supplied bids for the gasoline & diesel fuel for 2001-02 (list attached). **Mr. Binette moved to ask the Town Manager and DPW representative to review the bids and return with a recommendation; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.**

6. Appointment of Selectmen's alternate to the Planning Board.

Mr. Olson noted the selectmen's alternate to their representative of the Planning Board must also be appointed them. **Mr. Eastman nominated Mr. Rowe as the Planning Board Alternate; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: 3-0, with one abstention.**

7. Cars parked in driveways, partially blocking the sidewalk.

Mr. Rowe asked for this item to be discussed noting several areas of town have vehicles parked on sidewalks, impeding pedestrian traffic and, though he asked Mr. Olson to have the police involved, nothing has been done. The ordinance prohibits this type of parking but the Police feel it is too miniscule an issue to handle. Mr. Olson noted he has spoken with the Chief and the issue is not miniscule but is everywhere and has been too over-whelming to address. Residents are not able to pull their vehicles all the way into their driveways thus partially blocking the crosswalk at the end of their driveway. He noted this is not the same issue as parallel parking on a sidewalk and the officers do ticket that action.

Mr. Rowe noted one instance in his neighborhood where a commercial vehicle (not from this town) is parked by a resident and overhangs over the sidewalk each time – and has been ignored. Mr. Olson noted the Chief has spoken to the resident and was told he was looking for another place to store the vehicle. Mr. Rowe said his calls to the Police Department are not addressed. He had heard the resident found parking at the Bake Shop – but he is still here. Mr. Scafidi stated that if that person is ticketed, then residents on Prospect Street – just around the corner from the first instance – should also be ticketed.

Mr. Binette asked if there is a policy on the books regarding the issue? Mr. Olson stated a person “cannot park on the sidewalk”. Then why is it not enforced? Mr. Scafidi noted several areas on Jady Hill Avenue where vehicles overhang the sidewalk. If you ticket one – you would have to ticket all around town and not be selective. Mr. Binette suggested changing the ordinance to cover commercial vehicles. He suggested if enforcing the policy on the books, and if it’s a severe problem, the Chief should review and address the issue with the owner and require him to make other arrangements. Mr. Rowe stated if an ordinance is in place – enforce it: otherwise, why have it? Mr. Pace suggested we not divert manpower from public safety issues toward public nuisance issues. He did not agree, also, on enforcing a law in certain circumstances but not all.

Mr. Rowe stated if a pedestrian wishes to walk on the sidewalk and it is obstructed by a vehicle, it becomes a public safety issue. Mr. Scafidi stated older parts of Town have shorter drives and the vehicles stick out – noting, also, that in some instances the Town probably took some of their land for the sidewalk. Some areas, particularly Prospect Street, probably didn’t have sidewalks. Mr. Rowe stated if Mr. Scafidi was a ‘native’, he would know there was always a sidewalk on Prospect Street.

The Board asked the Town Manager to instruct the Chief to work on the continuing issue of Mr. Rowe’s concern and to invite Chief Kane to the next meeting to discuss the overall issue.

8. Sale and distribution of leaf bags.

Mr. Olson noted we provide leaf bags and our crews pick them up for composting at the transfer station. These bags are free, though we ask for a 30 cent donation. In the past, a local hardware store provided the exact bags but with their logo printed on it. If and when others may provide leaf bags, our concern is over the materials they are made of and whether they compare to ours for composting, etc. He is suggesting we distribute our brown bags to the 16 stores now providing the blue bags thereby having no conflict over which bags are okay for pick-up.

Mr. Pace asked if more will be purchased to supply to the stores? Not as much right now, but we will make arrangements. Mr. Eastman noted the demand will be more in the fall and are additional bags readily available? No, but if the Board accepts this concept, we will make sure we have plenty available. Mr. Scafidi asked if they will be sold at a higher price? No, though the stores keeps 5 cents for each bag, as they do now for the blue bags.

Mr. Eastman asked who monitors the compost bins now (both at DPW in the fall and the transfer station)? No one. This is considered the first reading; second at the next meeting.

9. Amendment to Health Dept. Regulations: 1204.3.12 "Expiration of Licenses"

Mr. Olson reported this change, as proposed by our Health Officer and concurred by Town Counsel, focuses upon change of ownership in order to clarify the intent of our ordinance. The change adds sub-section "f" to 1204.3.12 to read: "A license shall expire when there is a change of ownership; when fifty (50) percent or more of the facility's actual owners, partners or the corporation officers or association's officers change at the same time."

Second reading will be on July 2nd.

10. Authorization to enter into agreement with State of NH for waste oil program grant.

Mr. Olson reported the Town is in receipt of a \$2500 waste oil grant from the State. In order to receive the money, the Board must "authorize the Town Manager to enter into an agreement with the State of New Hampshire pertaining to the DES Municipal Waste Oil Grant Program". The funds will provide spill kits, to be available in case of ruptures; additional publicity concerning our waste oil program, and to repair the chimney at the tank. **Mr. Binette moved to authorize the Town Manager to act on the Board's behalf, as noted above; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.**

11. Permits:

- Phillips Exeter Academy requested permission to close Front Street (from Pine Street to Court Street except for local traffic) for water and sewer line work at the end of Tan Lane from June 25 through 29th from 7AM to 6PM. They will pay any detail work necessary. **Mr. Binette moved to approve the closure; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- Kiwanis Club of the Exeter Area requested permission to hold a Road Race on July 21st beginning at 9AM. The route has been approved by the Police Chief and the insurance certificate has been received. **Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- Community Church of Exeter requested use of the Town Hall on Monday, October 8th for a public concert. There will be no charge for admission. **Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.**

12. Town Manager's Items:

Mr. Olson announced the next meeting will be Monday, July 2nd. He reminded residents that dogs must be registered and residents are subject to a \$1/per month fine, plus \$25 civil fine if found dogs are not registered.

13. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Mr. Rowe: none.

Mr. Binette: none – Recreation Advisory Committee had no quorum.

Mr. Eastman: Planning Board met on June 14th and gave conditional approval to the Hospital for their project. The lights at Alumni Drive were discussed and, since the meeting, it has been found the Hospital owns the lights. He is checking with the Town Planner to rescind the vote taken at the meeting and to revote the issue at the next.

Mr. Pace: Conservation Commission met and discussed the Exeter Hospital parking garage, which crosses a wetland. Also, an update on the LCHIP application concerning the Raynes property. Historic District meets this Thursday.

Mr. Scaffidi: none.

14. Public Comments:

None.

Mr. Rowe moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:07AM.

Respectfully submitted,


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attach.