



1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Scafidi convened the Board at 7:02PM and introduced new Selectman Robert Eastman and noted new Board appointments with Mr. Scafidi as Chairman, Joseph Pace as Vice Chairman, Mr. Eastman as Clerk and other board members Paul Binette and Robert Rowe. Also attending was George Olson, Town Manager.

2. Proclamation – Exeter High School Hockey Program.

Chairman Scafidi invited members of the hockey team, along with Coaches James Tufts and Richard McMenimen, to the microphone. The hockey team was successful in its bid for the title of Division II Hockey Champions. The Proclamation declares the week of March 18 through 24<sup>th</sup> as EHS Hockey Week (copy attached).

3. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen’s meeting March 12, 2001.

*Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading of the minutes and to accept them as submitted; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.*

4. Report on the election of the Board Officers and Committee assignments:

Chairman Scafidi reported the following assignments:

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| Planning Board – Robert Eastman              | Historic District Commission – Joseph Pace    |
| Council on Aging – Robert Rowe               | Benefits Review Committee – Paul Binette      |
| Exeter Development Commission – Robert Rowe  |   |
| Conservation Commission – Joseph Pace        | Water/Sewer Advisory Committee – Paul Scafidi |
| Rockingham Planning Com. – Joseph Pace       | Emergency Management – Paul Binette           |
| Cable TV – Paul Scafidi                      | Safety Committee – Robert Rowe                |
| Capital Improvement Program – Robert Eastman |   |
| Library Trustee Meetings – Joseph Pace       | Recreation Advisory Committee – Paul Binette  |
| Parks Advisory Committee – Paul Scafidi      | Exeter Area Arts Association – Joseph Pace    |
| Ambulance Fund Committee – Robert Rowe       |   |

Chairman Scafidi reminded residents the Board is continuing to accept letters of interest for people to serve on various committees and boards.

13. Authorization to execute agreement for wastewater treatment plant outfall project.

Mr. Olson noted our engineers and the State Department of Environmental Services are in agreement on what needs to be done to address our violations of our permit in terms of copper and ammonia discharges into the Squamscott River. The work to be done will be funded 20% by the State and the rest by the State’s revolving loan fund. Funds of \$589,700 were approved at the 1998 Town meeting. The Board is required to authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary agreements.

*Mr. Rowe moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the necessary agreements; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*

5. Swearing in of elected Town Officials – Linda Hartson, Town Clerk.

Ms. Hartson was present to swear in the following newly elected officials:

Lynn Maxwell, Nancy Cressy, Diane Jackson - Library Trustees  
Wayne Raymond, Swasey Parkway Trustee  
Peter Smith – Robinson Fund Trustee  
Paul Binette, Robert Eastman – Selectmen  
Steve Hermans, School District Moderator  
Susan Bendroth, School District Clerk  
Lisa Chandler, School District School Board member

6. Bid opening – Exercise/Fitness equipment for Fire Department.

Three vendors were contacted and two were received:

Cybex International Inc., Medway, MA	\$5,754.00
Performance Plus, Raynham, MA	\$9,371.40

***Mr. Binette moved the Town Manager and Fire Department representative review the bids and return with a recommendation at the next meeting; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.***

7. Bid award – Ambulance.

Mr. Olson reported Chief Comeau has recommended separate bid awards:

Cab/Chassis to Liberty International	\$ 44,590
Ambulance body – Sugarloaf	\$120,736

The funds come from the Ambulance Fund, with currently a balance of \$360,000. The bid prices do not include miscellaneous equipment for the vehicle, the funds also to come from the Ambulance fund. Chief Comeau noted some \$10,000 is being saved by utilizing the two vendors, rather than sole bid award. Discussion of an additional warranty on the engine took place with Chief Comeau noting the basic is for 60 months or 100,000. The addition would bring the total to 8 years.

***Mr. Binette moved to award the bid as recommended; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***

***Mr. Binette moved to purchase the additional warranty available for the motor; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.***

8. Third and final reading of parking limitation on Front and Elliot Streets.

Chairman Scafidi read the ordinance amendments as proposed. Mr. Binette asked if this was a permanent solution? Yes, till changed by Board vote again. Mr. Pace noted he is not in favor of the 2-hour parking on Front Street noting it is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. It does not address the problem of a narrow traffic area and safety issues, noting it would if it were parking on only one side of the street. Mr. Rowe stated the 2-hour parking limitation prevents all day parking of students and construction workers' vehicles.

Rev. Jessie Monahan, First Baptist Church, reminded the Board that the only parking available for church members was on Front Street and 2-3 spaces on Spring Street, with most of the parishioners being elderly. These changes cause a detriment during the week with the various classes they have at

the Church. Mr. Rowe noted the change to 2-hour parking should help the church members with parking, as the vehicles will change every 2 hours.

**Mr. Rowe moved to accept the third and final reading of 101.2 and 103.1 as read; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: 3-1.** Mr. Binette noted he wants to see the new changes enforced by the Police Department. (copy attached)

9. Third and final reading of parking limitation – Front Street intersections.

Mr. Pace asked if these were still necessary with the acceptance of the changes in Item #8. No, they are now inconsistent. The situation may be addressed through a rewrite of what is currently proposed.

**Mr. Pace moved to accept the third and final reading as presented; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: 0-4.**

10. Third and final reading on change to dates for work in the right of the way.

**Mr. Binette moved to accept the changes as proposed; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.** (Copy attached).

11. Discussion of parking in front of Post Office.

As noted at the last meeting, the consistency with the signage on Front Street by the Post Office is not efficient, noting that on Saturdays and Sundays those parked are usually for longer periods of time. It was suggested the signage be changed to add "Monday through Saturday" on both the 15 minutes and 30 minutes parking signs. This is the first reading.

Mr. Binette questioned the handicapped parking sign by the Post Office, noting it was no longer present. Mr. Eastman thought it was laying on its side by the sidewalk. Mr. Olson will contact DPW for repair.

12. Action on new Public Works Technician job description.

The job description, because it is a new position, requires Board action of acceptance. The position was discussed and approved during the budget process and through review by the Board.

Mr. Binette noted there are requirements of the Engineer that do not appear in the job description of the Technician. Keith Noyes, DPW Director, noted the positions are different and, though the Engineer will be supervising the Technician, the Technician will be handling input into the GIS system, maintaining databases, collecting field data, etc. The Engineer's position requires a BA and license and has a higher salary range. The Technician's position requires an Associates Degree and two years of fieldwork. Mr. Eastman confirmed that the salary is to be paid through 40% of water and sewer funds and 60% Town.

**Mr. Pace moved to approve the job description as submitted; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: 3-2, with Chairman Scafidi casting the deciding vote.**

14. Permits:

Mr. Olson reported Rev. Bartell has requested permission for a banner across Water Street for the Exeter Youth Network on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The banner will be up from May 3 through 15<sup>th</sup>. Exeter & Hampton will hang and take down the banner.

*Mr. Pace moved to approve; second by Mr. Rowe. VOTE: Unanimous.*

15. Town Manager's Items:

The Board will hold its next meeting on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

16. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Mr. Binette – none. Mr. Rowe – Planning Board is continuing to work on the CIP and Master Plan. Mr. Pace – Historic District meeting was postponed till next month and new officers will be elected. Mr. Scafidi – none.

17. Public Comments: None.

*Mr. Binette moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 8:02PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Blenk

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