

1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Scafidi called the meeting to order at 7:00PM. PRESENT: Paul Scafidi, Joe Pace, Robert Eastman, Robert Rowe and Town Manager George Olson. Paul Binette arrived at 7:03PM.

2. Read and approve minutes of meeting of October 29, 2001.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading and approve the minutes of October 29, 2001 as submitted; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.

3. Soccer Week Proclamation – Recognize Class L Soccer Champions – Exeter Blue Hawks.

Chairman Scafidi called Coach James Tufts to the microphone, along with the members of the team and proceeded to read of the Boards proclamation for the week of November 19 through 25th as "Soccer Week" in Exeter. Mr. Scafidi also noted the JV Team, under Coach Kevin Bickford, were State Champions in their division and the Freshman Team, under Coach Mike Sinkewich, had an undefeated season and won their Freshmen Tournament. Coach Tufts thanked the Board and also congratulated his team reinforcing that this is all part of the education process. He noted Manchester West, whom they defeated in the finals, was undefeated in 39 games over the past two years.

4. Bid Openings – Landscape trailer for Parks & Recreation.

Two bids were received: James Rosencrantz \$3,450; RE P Enterprises, Greenland \$3,985. *Mr. Binette moved the bids be reviewed by the Town Manager and Recreation Department and report back with a recommendation; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*

5. Bid Award – Chemicals.

Mr. Olson recommended the following be awarded, noting they were all the low bid:
Bid #1 – Sodium Hypochlorite to Jones Chemical @ \$.4300 per gallon;
Bid #2 – Activated Carbon to Coyne Chemical @ \$.5448 per pound.
Bid #3 – Potassium Permanganate to Monson-Shurtleff @ \$1.397 per pound.
Bid #4 – Soldium Hydroxide to GFI GP Inc. @ \$.437 per gallon.
Bid #5 – Liquid Bisulfite to Jones Chemical @ \$8200 per gallon.

Mr. Eastman moved to award the bids as recommended; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Third & final reading of taxi ordinance amendments.

Chairman Scafidi noted all parties involved had received copies of the ordinance and asked if there were any comments. *Mr. Binette moved to accept the amendments as proposed; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*

7. Presentation on elevator for Town Hall – Jane Bentley, Exeter Arts Committee.

Prior to her report, Mrs. Bentley noted we had recently lost a valued member of the Committee and friend, Bette Childs, who recently passed away. "We will miss her".

Mrs. Bentley remarked that with 34 steps to the art exhibits in the Gallery of the Town Hall, the installation of an elevator would allow better attendance, particularly for older residents or those unable to handle the stairs. The Gallery is booked almost fully for 2002 but the second floor still remains underutilized. The Town has been awarded a \$5000 grant from the Greater Piscataqua Fund, contingent on an additional \$4500 to be raised. They have also received \$6500 from cash/in-kind donations. The Committee is requested the Board support a warrant article for \$40,000, contingent upon matching funds from elsewhere, at the 2002 Town Meeting.

Mr. Rowe asked what the estimate is for final cost. Mrs. Bentley noted between \$80 – 105,000 and her feeling is it will be closer to the higher.

Mr. Scafidi thanked Mrs. Bentley for her presentation and noted the Board will be considering requests soon.

8. Presentation by Court St. Common – Donna Schlachmann.

Ms. Schlachmann noted, prior to her presentation, that she has enjoyed many exhibits at the Town Hall and the stairs are tough even on an able body. Ms. Schlachmann asked the Board if a non-resident, Paul Fitzpatrick, could speak to the Board on behalf of the Common. They agreed.

Mr. Fitzpatrick alluded to the project not being about new walls and building but fewer walls and belonging to the community. The project will link fitness, health, daycare programs with social service agencies, as well as meeting of groups to plan preservation of Wheelwright Creek, planning Revolutionary War Days, etc. He noted by "sharing tools – more is done". By all sharing one center, there are benefits to all and it will prove to be a flexible and dynamic venture. For the \$310,000 Center, the Town will see a substantial return. He noted 800 residents have signed a petition requesting the Board support the warrant article at Town Meeting. There were no questions from the Board.

Herb Moyer, presented a copy of the petition wording to the Board and questioned when the Board may have a decision? Chairman Scafidi noted they usually meet on these items the latter part of December, first part of January. Mr. Moyer reiterated the Town would commit to only the land donation, as the building, staff and expenses would be funded elsewhere. He asked that the Common be invited to future discussions, noting they wished to have "Plan B" ready if the Board were to not support the article. Deadline for petitions is January 8th. Chairman Scafidi stated they would schedule an agenda prior to the Christmas holidays.

9. Water Study presentation – Water & Sewer Advisory Committee.

Victoria Del Greco, Water/Sewer Superintendent, (prior to the presentation) reported that Scott Butler and his team took third place in two events at the National Sewer Operators' Competition and the team took fourth place, nationally, which is quite an accomplishment for a first-time team. The Board expressed their congratulations!

For background on the presentation, Ms. Del Greco noted the evaluation was for the whole system, distribution, pumping and treatment. The Steering Committee, consisting of Ms. Del Greco, Jennifer Royce (Engineer), Tony Calderone (Sr. WTP Operator), Robert Kelly (W/S Committee Chairman) and Keith Noyes (DPW Director), handled consultant selection and monitoring the progress of the report. Camp, Dresser & McKee was selected as the engineering consultant firm and they developed the process for the study. She introduced the firm's staff, Jeff Diercks being primary spokesman, who presented the attached overview.

Mr. Rowe asked whether they considered the integrity of the earthen dam at the Water Plant? It was inspected and, as noted in the appendix of the larger report, it is in good condition. The deficiency of the area is with the spillway.

Mr. Binette asked how long construction would take. Once begun, a new building could take 18 months. If rehabilitating the present Plant, understanding it would need to be kept in operation, construction could take longer. The Water & Sewer Advisory Committee will conduct a rate study in order to assist with the \$16M in costs. He asked on the lifeline of the new plant. The current building was built in 1886 and is still going. The operational/mechanical portions are anticipated at a 10-year replacement cycle.

Mr. Pace asked if the water supply was adequate based on anticipated growth. CDM built out supply figures based on current zoning regulations concerning growth. The amount is adequate for the current and future demands. Mr. Pace asked if the study includes the possibility of extending water to other municipalities? This was not figured but they spoke with Hampton, as this is the only town near Exeter's border in that position at this time.

Mr. Eastman asked about rehabilitation to the current plant, widening the spillway and what the cost savings would be? They did evaluate this and though there would be extensive work, including a wall surrounding the plant, there is not much room and the costs would either be comparable or more.

Mr. Eastman moved to accept the study; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Action to accept the by-laws of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee.

Chairman Scafidi noted all members of the Board have reviewed the copy presented to them. ***Mr. Pace moved to acknowledge receipt and to place the copy on file; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.***

11. Permits:

- Mr. Olson presented several permits relating to the Christmas holidays in Exeter: decorating the Bandstand and Town Hall, hanging holiday strands across Water Street, blocking off traffic on Front Street from Water to Court for the holiday open house (11/29 5-8PM), entertainment on Thursday nights at the Bandstand from 11/29 through Christmas from 5-8PM. ***Mr. Binette moved to accept the above permits for approval; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.***
- Alan Bailey, representing the Exeter Taxpayers' Association Inc., requested use of the Town Hall on December 15 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM for an educational forum/seminar on

“Understanding Your Property Taxes”. *Mr. Pace moved to approve; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.*

- Carol Aten, Squamscott Coalition, requested use of the Wheelwright Room on Wednesdays from 8-10AM on January 2, February 6, March 6, April 3 and May 1st. *Mr. Eastman moved to approve; second by Mr. Binette. VOTE: Unanimous.*
- WinterFest requested use of the Town Hall and Bandstand on Saturday, February 16th from 8AM to 9PM for an auction (daytime hours) and Sumo Wrestling Game hosted by Young Rotarians (evening). *Mr. Binette moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.*

12. Town Manager’s Items:

- Mr. Olson reminded residents of the final Budget Recommendations Committee meeting on Tuesday, November 20, 2001 beginning at 6:30PM, noting a final vote will be taken that evening.
- The Town’s offices will be closed on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays. Rubbish & recycling will be delayed Thursday & Friday (Thursdays on Friday, Friday on Saturday).
- Winter Parking Ban begins December 1, through March 15th, and all vehicles must not be parked on the streets from midnight to 6AM.
- Christmas Parade on December 1st with ‘kick-off’ at 4:30PM. Rain date is December 2nd.
- Tax bills are due December 3rd.
- Next meeting of the Board will be December 3rd.
- Exeter Arts Committee will hold an exhibit and sale at the Town Hall beginning December 1st through December. A reception will be held on December 1st from 1-4PM.

13. Selectmen’s Committee Reports:

Mr. Eastman noted the Planning Board met and will be presenting an estimated 10 amendments for Town Meeting.

Mr. Pace noted the Conservation Commission met last week but he was unable to attend. He will miss the December 3rd meeting. He congratulated the 6th grade SeaHawks Football Team for winning their league championship, beating the team from Hampton in the final game.

Mr. Rowe stated the Council on Aging met but there were no earth shattering events to report.

Mr. Binette stated there was no Recreation Advisory meeting but they will be thrilled the Board accepted their by-laws. Mr. Scafidi reiterated the Board simple voted to “acknowledge receipt and to place them on file.”

Mr. Scafidi noted everyone saw this evening what the Water & Sewer Advisory Committee has been working on.

14. Public Comments:

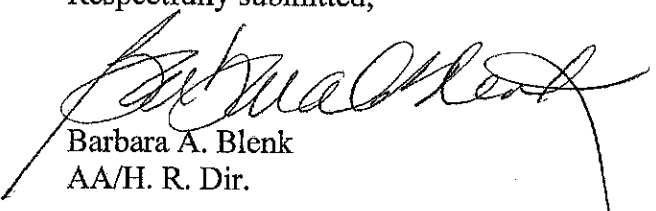
Amy Kaufmann (Results, Epping Road) was not present for the presentation of #8 (Common) and, as a businessperson and taxpayer for the past 20 years, she wished to express her concern. If the YMCA moves forward, it will kill her business. She survived the Hospital (Synergy) but probably won’t this. This is a small community which offers many options for activities and outreach. She noted it is tough for a ‘for profit’ business to compete against a ‘non-profit’ business.

Mr. Scafidi noted the Board will have public meetings on the petition articles and suggested she attend then. He stated they can't vote to keep out the YMCA if someone purchases land and constructs the building, going through the proper permitting process. The request this evening was for the board to provide the land for the project, but no discussion was held and won't be till future agendas. Meetings are proposed for December 3rd of 17th). Mr. Pace noted that regardless of the Board's action, it may still be on the warrant through a petition article.

Dale Bannish, Results), asked if part of what the Board is considering is providing the land? Yes, but that was not discussed.

Mr. Pace moved to adjourn to a non-public session; second by Mr. Eastman. Roll call: 5-0. Time: 8:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Blenk
AA/H. R. Dir.

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