



1. Convene the meeting

Chairman Scafidi convened the meeting at 7:00PM.

2. Public Hearing – Community Development Block Grant – Rockingham Economic Development Corporation

Chairman Scafidi opened the public hearing, noting that a letter had been received from the Rockingham Economic Development Corporation asking that the Public Hearing be postponed. (See attached letter). In light of the request, Chairman Scafidi closed the public hearing at 7:03.

Chairman Scafidi opened the regular meeting and introduced the Board. PRESENT: Paul Scafidi, Joseph Pace, Robert Eastman, Paul Binette, Robert Rowe and Town Manager George Olson.

3. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen's meeting of September 10, 2001

**It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Rowe, to approve the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting of September 10, 2001. SO VOTED.**

4. Bid opening – wastewater treatment plant outfall project

Chairman Scafidi proceeded to open the bids for the subject project. (See attached compilation of bids).

**It was moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Rowe to turn the bids over to the Town Manager and Public Works Director for review and recommendation to the Board. The decision on the successful bidder to be determined by telephone poll no later than September 28, with the bid to be awarded that day. SO VOTED.**

5. Bid award – 11 High St.

**Chairman Scafidi asked that this item be postponed to a later date. So moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Binette. SO VOTED.**

6. Stop signs on Garfield St. – Police Department Study

Chairman Scafidi described the history of the request and the Board's decision to ask the Police Department to do a study of speed on Garfield St. Chief Kane was asked to come to the mic to go over the study (attached) with the Board. Chief Kane described the result of the study and noted that the Garfield St. speed limit should be 25 mph. The speed limit is now 30.

Chairman Scafidi asked if the officers doing the survey had seen any problem with vehicles entering and leaving School St. Chief Kane answered that no tickets were written during the study and that 31 mph was the fastest observed speed.

Mr. Pace asked what area was covered by the study. Chief Kane responded that Garfield St. from the curve at Rockingham Feed and Supply to Lincoln Street. Mr. Binette asked if the large number of

cars shown during the hours of the study could be attributed to school children being picked up and dropped off. Chief Kane indicated that this was likely the case.

Rose Bryant of 8 School St. was invited to the mic. She displayed a map of the area in question showing where the police parked during the study. She was assisted by Kathleen Marty of 19 Garfield St. Ms. Bryant noted that School St. was only 21 feet wide and with parking on one side of the street, it made entering and leaving School St. difficult. She went on to note that there were "limited" sidewalks in the area and that the sidewalks on the north side of Garfield were not used when it snowed and thus parents and children were forced to walk in the street. She also noted that there are 100 school children delivered and picked up from Great Bay Kid's Company every 2 days. Mr. Binette asked if the sidewalks on Garfield were not plowed. Ms. Bryant responded that they were but due to their northern exposure they iced up over night and, as a result, the children did not use them in the morning, preferring to walk in the street.

Mr. Rowe asked if making School St. one way would help. Ms. Bryant suggested that the installation of stop signs would do what is needed for the neighborhood without the inconvenience to School St. residents associated with one-way traffic.

Alan Argondizza, 8 Union St. was invited to the mic. He pointed out that at present there is no stop sign between Front St. and the train station if Garfield Court is used. He went on to state that there would be more traffic on Garfield Street once the train is running. Mr. Rowe noted that the Handkerchief Factory owner would likely not allow vehicles to pass over his parking lot on the way to the train station parking. Mr. Binette suggested that the Town sign the location of the train station in such a way that vehicles will be encouraged to use Front and Lincoln. Mr. Argondizza noted that the study showed 15% of the drivers were traveling faster than 25 mph and that there would be even more traffic once the train came to Town.

Mick Sanok, 12 Union Street, was invited to the mic. He noted that people leaving the train station will figure out the Garfield St. shortcut soon enough, regardless of how the station was signed.

Chairman Scafidi asked for a sense of the Board. **It was moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Eastman to place a stop sign on School Street at its intersection with Garfield Street. SO VOTED.**

Mr. Pace noted that he saw no problem with putting up the stop signs, but suggested that a couple of 25 mph signs at each end of Garfield St. should be tried first. He suggested that the residents come back to the Board in 6 months to report on how well they have worked. The Board agreed that this would be the first reading of the new 25 mph speed limit on Garfield and that the matter be placed on the agenda for October 1<sup>st</sup> for action.

Ken Sultan asked to be recognized and was invited to the mic. He asked the Board if there was any cost differential between the speed limit signs and the stop signs. Chairman Scafidi stated that it was not a matter of cost, but rather at this point, the Board did not feel that stop signs should be placed on Garfield Street.

7. Request for directional sign – Dr. Scott Wilson, Brentwood County Animal Hospital

In the absence of Dr. Wilson the matter was not addressed

## 8. Presentation of Preliminary Budget for 2002

Chairman Scafidi turned the matter over to Mr. Olson who read a prepared statement (attached) describing the preliminary budget that had been presented to the Board and the next steps in the process. He offered to answer any questions the Board may have at this point, noting the Department Heads would be attending the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> to answer any detailed questions. Mr. Rowe asked the total cost of projects shown in the CIP for 2002. Mr. Olson responded that the figure was \$2,970,095, not including water and sewer projects. Mr. Binette asked if Mr. Olson had an idea as to how many warrant articles there would be in 2002. Mr. Olson stated that he did not have a specific number but that there would likely be about as many as this year. Mr. Pace asked about the increase reflected in the proposed budget. Discussion followed on the increase in health care and wages for next year. Jack Sheehy, Finance Director, was invited to the mic for comment. He noted that the increase reflected more than the \$400,000+ shown in light of the decrease in bond payments for 2002, explaining that costs for utilities were up considerably in 2002, as were expenses for building maintenance.

Chairman Scafidi noted that the preliminary budget would be discussed next week.

## 9. Lease of 149 Kingston Rd.

Mr. Olson read a statement explaining the signing of a one-year lease with Chief Comeau on 149 Kingston Rd. stressing the requirement that the Chief be a Town resident and the rent to be paid covering the costs of improvements in one year.

## 10. Permits

**Moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Rowe, to approve a request of the Rotary Club to hold a Memory Walk for Alzheimers at 9:30AM on September 29, 2001. SO VOTED.**

**Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Binette, to approve a request of the Rotary Club to block off spaces in front of the Town Hall and the Bandstand from 8 until 9:30AM on September the 29<sup>th</sup> in support of the Memory Walk. SO VOTED.**

**Moved by Mr. Eastman, second by Mr. Rowe, to approve a request of the Rotary Club to block off spaces in front of the Bandstand from 10AM until 6PM on October 12, for the Club's annual Apple Sale. SO VOTED.**

**Moved by Mr. Binette, second by Mr. Rowe, to approve a request from the Christmas Parade Committee to hold the annual Christmas Parade in Exeter from 4:30 until 6:30 on December 1, 2002. SO VOTED.**

**Moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Binette, to approve a request from the First Baptist Church to hold an auction in the Town Hall to raise money for mission activities, from 4 until 9 on December 9, 2001, SO VOTED.**

11. Town Manager's items

Mr. Olson reported on the closure of Town Office for Columbus Day, dates of Household Hazardous Water Day, the dates for Fall Pick-up and that Halloween will be celebrated in Exeter on October 30, from 4 to 7.

12. Selectmen's Committee reports

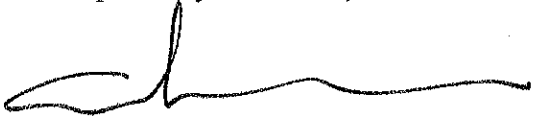
Mr. Pace reported on his meeting with the Historic District Commission. Mr. Binette noted that the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee had been postponed, but that residents should stop by the Winter St. Park and Winter St. Common to see all of the good work undertaken to implement the Park Plan. Chairman Scafidi suggested that residents also take a look at the new wall at Gale Park. Mr. Rowe reported on his meeting with the Council on Aging. He reported that PEA students were volunteering to rake leaves for elderly residents of the Town and that he would be glad to pass along any names.

13. Public comments

**There being none, it was moved by Mr. Rowe, second by Mr. Pace to go into non-public session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter. SO VOTED by roll call vote.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03PM.

Respectfully submitted,



George N. Olson  
Town Manager

attach.