

- 1. Convene the meeting.

Chairman Binette convened the Board at 7:05PM in the Nowak Room on the above date.

- 2. Minutes of the Board of Selectmen’s meetings of February 8, 2004.

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

- 3. Bid Openings:

Swimming Pool Renovations: Mr. Olson noted only one bid was received and as this is a complex project, from sandblasting to plumbing and providing supplies, he recommended not opening the bid and to separate the project into separate bids, re-biding the project again.

Mike Favreau, Parks & Recreation Director, noted six bid packages were sent to various companies, along with Construction Summary who provides a printout of the project to vendors. The projects range from installing an upgraded chlorine system to sandblasting to providing new chairs and diving board. The project should be done by early May in hopes of opening in early June.

Mr. Campbell moved to not open the bid and to send out the specs in two parts – sandblasting and plumbing/equipment; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.

Police Dept. Photo ID System: Three bids were received of the three sent. Results are:

Alpha Card Systems, California	\$6,110.00
Advanced Video & Cabling, Exeter	\$6,940.00
IDville, Michigan	No bid

Mr. Campbell moved to refer the bids to the Town Manager and Police Department and to return with a recommendation; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

Tax Deeded Property – 105 Beech Hill Road: One bid was received and, because the Town is selling this piece, the Board opened.

Robert Webb, Exeter	\$ 5.00
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Mr. Pace moved it seemed appropriate to award the bid to Mr. Webb for \$5.00; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.

- 4. Exeter Women’s Cub – contribution of favorite recipes – Evelyn Orr.

Ms. Orr, along with Kathleen Marty, addressed the Board, informing them of the Exeter Women’s Club “Hometown Favorites” cookbook and provided forms for the Board members to contribute their favorite recipe(s). This fund raiser provides funds for their local charities, including the Chamber Children’s Fund, Library, Operation Smile, among others.

Recipes should be returned by March 10th.

5. Change of SOP's to increase mileage from .36/mile to .375/mile.

Mr. Olson noted it was brought to his attention it has been two years since the Town updated the mileage rate paid to employees using their own vehicles. The Town historically relates payments to what the IRS allows. IRS increased their figure to 37.5 cents as of January 1st. Implementing this change would increase the Town's cost by an estimated \$225 in 2004, noting approximately \$5400 was spent on mileage reimbursements in 2003 at 36 cents per mile.

Mr. Campbell asked if more cruisers were to be passed down to departments when they replace front line cruisers and, if so, would this add an additional car to the second/third line fleet? Mr. Olson noted there will be no additional old cars going to departments. In response to costs, Mr. Olson reported the Building Inspector accounts for a good portion of the yearly total noting his inspections are best done in his 4x4, rather than the large former police cruiser.

The action at the next meeting will be to amend the Town's SOP F-02-03 to read:

(Section Acceptable Charges, 3rd paragraph): All references to "price per mile" shall be changed from 36 cents to 37.5 cents per mile. (This is NOT retroactive but effective when approved). Also, to amend the title to read 'F-04-03', denoting year of most recent change to the procedure.

Next meeting will be March 15th.

6. Permits:

- The NH Loan Fund requested the Wheelwright Room for a Small Skill Development Seminar on March 23 from 6:30-8:30PM. **Mr. Pace moved to approve; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- Exeter Lion's Club requested permission to place a banner across Water Street to publicize their auction on April 17th, with the banner up from April 9 through 17th. **Mr. Eastman moved to approve; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- Congressman Jeb Bradley requested the Nowak Room on April 24th from 9:30-12 to meet with constituents. **Mr. Ingram moved to approve; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.**
- Exeter River Local Advisory Committee also requested a banner be placed from May 23 through June 7th to publicize their Elwife Festival. **Mr. Eastman moved to approve; second by Mr. Campbell. VOTE: Unanimous.**

7. Town Manager's Items:

- The Town Reports are in and available at the Town Office. They will also be available at the Town Hall on March 9th during polling hours. The Board thanked Barbara Blenk for her work in coordinating the project.
- The Town Clerk reports absentee ballots are available at her office; the polls will be open from 8AM to 8PM on March 9th at the Town Hall; the 2005 dog licenses are available and updated rabies certificates should be provided. Mr. Ingram asked if the large number of unlicensed dogs is still huge? Mr. Olson noted it was dropping but it is still a problem.
- Next Board meeting is March 15th.

- Residents are encouraged to submit letters of interest to serve on the Town's various boards and committees. The Board will be interviewing soon for appointments at the end of April.

8. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Mr. Pace: Had no reports but urged residents to watch Channel 22 for the explanation of warrant articles and the arguments for or against them as stated by the Board. His concerns, in particular, were for #43 and the blue bag article which he urged residents to vote no on; and #49 to vote no for the Municipal Budget Committee, noting the present process takes a long hard look at the budget with the Board involved throughout the process. He noted there is no need for a formal Budget Committee, under the rules of the Municipal Budget Committee stipulations, as proposed.

Mr. Ingram: Had a Council on Aging meeting and the articles were discussed. He also mentioned article #49, noting the comparison budget approved by both the current Budget Committee and that of the Selectmen is printed in the Town Report, and the system works well. There are currently at least two checks during the process. With the Municipal Budget Committee, there is a potential for conflicts and differences of opinions and the Town does not need that opportunity.

Mr. Eastman: No report.

Mr. Campbell: He supported the comments on articles #43 and 49. He also expressed concern over article #47, with the Town giving land. He sees no reason or benefit to the Town to give land to a potential developer. Also, he urged non support of #48 expressing concern with the limits on incomes. He noted there are some residents under age 65 that make the same or less income and they would now be shouldering the burden of additional taxes and no chance for relief.

Mr. Binette: No report but also agreed with the comments on articles 43 and 49. The tape of the article explanations is shown on Channel 22 from 5-7PM each evening.

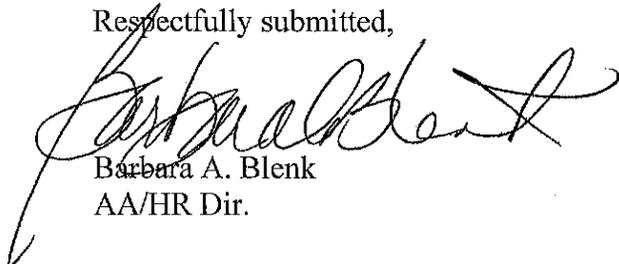
9. Public Comments:

Barbara Blenk noted the parking ban ends March 15th.

Mr. Binette thanked the Board for working so well with him this past year as Chairman, as well as the Town Manager and staff.

Mr. Pace moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 7:39PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Barbara A. Blenk
AA/HR Dir.

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