

1. Convene the meeting.

In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman William Campbell convened the Board at 7:00PM. Also present: Lionel Ingram, Joseph Pace, Robert Eastman and Town Manager George Olson.

2. Minutes of Selectmen's meeting of April 14, 2003.

Mr. Pace moved to waive the reading and accept the minutes of April 14, 2003 as submitted; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.

4. First reading of change to Town Fee Structure – blue bags.

Mr. Olson reported that to cover the cost of the new five-year contract, the 33-gallon bags will increase from \$1.25 to \$1.65 effective June 1st, with the 15-gallon bags increasing from 65 to 90 cents. The only changes to the make-up of the charges are to the actual disposal costs: bag cost, store profit and overhead/transfer station remain the same. He noted the increase in the contract was from \$88 per ton to \$126 per ton. Any fee changes are read at one meeting and acted upon at the second.

Mr. Pace noted the calculation for the 15-gallon bag shows a 14 cents bag cost, rather than the prior cost of 8 cents. This was changed and the new figure for the 15-gallon bags is 85 cents.

Mr. Eastman felt the amounts should remain flat till the Board decides how to pay for recycling, particularly with the water rates having just been raised. Too many increases at once.

Mr. Pace asked how long since the last increase. Mr. Olson thought at least three years.

Mr. Eastman asked where the surplus money goes at the end of the year and how much. Mr. Olson estimates \$4-5000 and it goes to the general fund. Mr. Eastman noted the Budget Recommendations Committee had suggested the surplus funds be applied to the new contract, in order to reduce the projected increase. Mr. Olson noted all funds go to the General Fund unless an enterprise fund is established, such as water and sewer. He noted the 7 to 9 cents revenue from each bag funds/offsets the operation of the transfer station. If money is applied from the revenues to cover the bags, taxes will be increased to cover the overhead. Overhead includes the process of distribution to the 16 stores and at the office.

3. Execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Town and Police.

Vice Chairman Campbell invited members of the Police Bargaining Team (Frank Winterer, Glenn Pafford and Maurice Gagnon) to the table and two copies of the Agreement were signed. It was noted the results from the up-dated study of pay and the 13-towns involved should be available by June 1st.

Bids: Vice Chairman Campbell noted two items that were omitted from the agenda. Bid openings for the Tennis/Basketball Courts Reconstruction and for the Public Works Wash Bay were received.

Court Reconstruction: Two bids were received for this project, money for which has been raised through Town Meeting vote over the past few years.

Bell & Flynn, Stratham	\$119,000
Dixon Paving, York, ME	\$130,000

It was asked what amount has been raised. Mr. Eastman noted the total bid was much less than budgeted as shown on the CIP list.

Mr. Pace moved to refer the bids to the Town Manager and Parks & Recreation Director for review and to return with a recommendation. VOTE: Unanimous. It was asked of Director Mike Favreau if the base work was included. Yes, this is total reconstruction.

Wash Bay: Only one bid was received and was not opened. Mr. Olson recommended re-bidding the project. **Mr. Eastman moved to not open the one bid received and to send specs out for re-bid; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.**

5. Board and Committee Appointments.

Clerk Ingram moved the following appointments for Board terms:

- Planning Board: Gwen English, re-appoint for 3 years till 4-30-06 (2nd term)
Dennis Derby, 3 year regular till 4-30-06
Langdon Plumer and Anthony Zwaan, 1 year regulars till 4-30-04
Kevin Blayne, Alternate till 4-30-05 (unexpired term of Zwaan)
Warren Henderson, Alternate till 4-30-06
Amy Bailey, Alternate till 4-30-06
- Zoning Board: Martha Pennell, re-appoint for 3 years till 4-30-06 (2nd term)
Joseph Stone, regular till 4-30-06 (1st term)
Anne Armand, Alternate till 4-30-05
Julie Gilman, Alternate till 4-30-05
- Historic District: Judy Rowan and Edward Chase, re-appoint for 3 years till 4-30-06
Wanda Benard, regular till 4-30-04 (Open unexpired term)
Florence Ruffner, Alternate till 4-30-06
- Conservation Comm: Joanna Pellerin & Marcia Tingley, regulars till 4-30-06
Grace Bottita, regular till 4-30-05 (unexpired term of Brown)
Tim Warr, re-appointment for 3 years, till 4-30-06
John Henson, Don Clement, Alternates till 4-30-05 (unexpired terms of Pellerin & Tingley)
Katherine Rice, re-appoint as Alternate till 4-30-06
Richard Cutter, Alt. till 4-30-04 (unexpired open term)
- Exeter Housing: James Gilmore, 5 year term till 4-30-08 (1st full term)
- Council on Aging: Frank Kozacka, Life member
Robert Fitzpatrick, regular till 4-30-06 (1st term)
Loraine Hanson, Alternate till 4-30-06

Recreation Advisory: Norma Roberts, re-appoint as Regular till 4-30-06 (1st full)
Russell Dean, Regular till 4-30-06 (1st full)

Exeter Development: Hal Macomber, Regular till 4-30-06

Arts Committee: Jenny Weidman-Page & Dolores Rebolledo, reappointments till 4-30-06

Open Space: Jody Pellerin, Neal Jones, Tom Chamberlin, Peter Dow, John Haslam, Gwen English, Don Briselden

Fire Station Review: Mike Nickerson, Lee Dawson, Paul Scafidi, Ken Berkenbush, Harry Thayer, Joe Kenick, Paul Binette.

second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

6. Dog Ordinances:

Copies of the Town's ordinance relating to dogs was provided to the Board following discussion at a prior meeting. Mr. Eastman noted the discussion related to raising fees for the first offense and increasing for the second offense. He suggested the Board give their recommendations and thoughts to the Town Manager in time for the next meeting. Suggestions included coordinating violations.

7. COAST bus stop signs.

Mr. Olson reported new bus stops for COAST are proposed in an attempt to coordinate better with the DownEaster and to increase rider ship. All of the proposed signs would be placed on existing poles except the one by Pizza Hut, where a post will be installed by COAST. Because the signs will be placed in the Town's rights-of-way, permission must be granted by the Board.

Mr. Ingram moved to approve the placement of COAST signs in the Town's rights-of-way as noted in the provided list and for the Town Manager to work out the details with COAST; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous.

Mr. Pace moved to postpone items 8 & 9 indefinitely; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.

10. Authorization to execute contract for final design & bidding services for WTP – CDM:

This is the contract for the detailed design of the new water treatment plant and funding was authorized via Warrant Article 13 at Town Meeting. ***Mr. Pace moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute the contract with CDM for the WTP design on the Board's behalf; second by Mr. Ingram. VOTE: Unanimous.***

11. Authorization to execute release deed and covenant with Boston & Maine.

The deed will transfer the Park Street Bridge to the Town as voted at March Town Meeting in Warrant Article 15. ***Mr. Pace moved to authorize the Town Manager to execute an Agreement on the Board's behalf with Boston & Maine Corporation; second by Mr. Eastman. VOTE: Unanimous.***

12. Permits: (Consensus given by Board)

- Lincoln St. School/Destination Imagination requested use of the Bandstand on May 3 & 4 from 8AM to 5PM for a Plant Sale as a fundraiser. Mrs. Fisher was present and also requested 4 spaces by the Bandstand in order to set up tables. **Board approved.**
- Rock. Planning Commission requested the Bandstand on May 15th for the 'Bike to Work Day' Commuter Breakfast. **Board approved.**
- Exeter Veteran's Council requested permission for their Memorial Day Parade on May 26th from 9:30AM to 12 Noon; blocking off spaces by the Bandstand to park a truck to collect items to support our troops on May 26th from 9AM to 5PM and use of the Town Hall steps and porch on May 26th from 12 Noon to 2PM for a Support our Troops Rally. **Board approved all three.**
- Exeter River Local Advisory Committee requested permission to close the road at Swasey Parkway for their annual Alewife Festival on May 31st from 9AM to 3PM. **Board approved.**
- Parks & Recreation requested permission for a banner across Water Street from June 1st through July 31st to promote the Summer Concert Series. Mr. Olson there were no conflicts during this time even though we usually limit to 2 weeks. **Board approved.**
- Phillips Exeter Academy requested blocking off parking spaces on June 5th from 4-6PM for ten coach buses along the southerly side of Front Street from Elliot to Elm to load students attending the senior prom. **Board approved.**
- PEA requested blocking off spaces on June 5th from 12-2PM (Elliot St) and 6AM-2PM (Front St) for coach buses to load students and baggage. **Board approved.**
- Exeter Lions Club requested permission to close the road in Swasey Parkway on June 8th from 7AM to 4PM for their annual Bike Tour. **Board approved.**
- Parks & Recreation requested permission to close the road in Swasey Parkway on Thursday evenings from 5-8:30PM for their summer concert series beginning June 19th through July 31st and Saturday, July 19th. **Board approved.**
- American Independence Museum requested use of the Town Hall Main Floor on Saturday, July 19th as a rain site for their music performers during Revolutionary War Festival. Mr. Olson noted the elevator project is scheduled to be completed but the Festival Committee has been informed of that issue. **Board approved.**

13. Town Manager's Items:

- The traffic pattern on Water, Pleasant, Chestnut and String Bridge will be modified during business hours beginning today through May 6th. This is associated with related paving for the bridge project. The pattern will be a one-way loop, as it was during reconstruction.
- The Town Clerk reminds residents that dogs (4 months and older) are to be licensed by April 30th. There will be a \$1 penalty charge per month if not paid by June 1st and the police will be advised of non-payment which may result in a \$25 civil fine. Her note also reminded residents of the leash laws in Town.
- The Transfer Station hours have been extended for the next five weeks: Saturday hours will be 8AM to 3:30PM beginning May 3rd.

14. Selectmen's Committee Reports:

Mr. Pace has a Master Plan meeting this Tuesday.

Mr. Ingram noted the Safety Committee is reviewing procedures. Also, the Council on Aging met with a presentation by Phillips Exeter Academy. He thanked the Board for their support of the

Council's project to place a sign at Gale Park, as well as thanking Frank Kozacka and Robert Swasey for their hard work on that project – there was a lot of work and the ceremony went very well. He noted an unexpected relative of the Gale's was present and spoke eloquently of the Park.

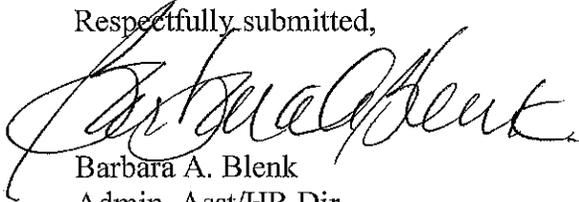
Mr. Eastman is meeting with the Veteran's Council on Tuesday.

Mr. Campbell also attended the unveiling ceremony at Gale Park which went very well. It was a complete job that was handled well from idea conception through execution. He also attended a workshop/presentation by CDM concerning the Water Treatment Plant which will be detailed at an up-coming Selectmen's meeting.

15. Public Comments: None.

Mr. Eastman moved to adjourn; second by Mr. Pace. VOTE: Unanimous. Time: 7:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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