



Selectmen's Minutes

June 5, 2001
7:30 P.M.

Present: Peter Ashton, William Shupert, Pamela Harting-Barrat, F. Dore' Hunter, Walter Foster, Town Manager and his Assistant. The meeting was televised

CITIZEN'S CONCERN

John Costello 119 Parker Street – Complained that his simple questions had not been not been addressed. He asked who is managing this project, Peter noted that had been answered. How was Roads Selected, Dore' noted that the company was selected as low bidder and if they are pre-qualified by the State. Mr. Costello acknowledged the answer. Who is selected to do the second half of the project, the Board responded. His next question was how the project was going to be managed in the future. Peter explained that we have a project manager who works with the Town Manager, Mr. Costello responded that someone should have told him that. He further complained that Don Johnson had not called him to answer these questions. Don responded the he had just returned to work after being out injured. Mr. Costello further complained that Don Oullette had not given him good answers and the project would be already by his house by the time he got a response. Don Johnson will prepare a response to the questions.

Charlie Kadlec asked when the Board would be discussing June 18, Peter hoped around 8:00.

Mr. Cullin of 2 Central Street had received letter about Acton Garage Storage demolition. The Applicant has requested a continuance. The Board will open the meeting and continue it to a time specific.

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – DORE' HUNTER – Moved to appoint Christopher Schaffner as a Regular Member of the Planning Board with a term to expire 6/30/03
PAM HARTING-BARRAT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE

SITE PLAN HEARING - ACTON GARAGE INC. 04/13/01-376 – The Chairman opened the hearing. It was noted that the applicant had requested continuance. **DORE' HUNTER** – Moved to continue to June 19th at 7:45 P.M. **TREY SHUPERT** UNANIMOUS VOTE

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

INDIAN VILLAGE TRAFFIC STUDY – Peter said he was pleased with the report and its cost to prepare. He feels a number of suggestions were good and asked how we should begin to implement the suggestions. He felt the pedestrian safety was most important to address. It could be done with the installation of additional Stop Signs.

Walter noted that other neighborhoods could approach the Board on how to use traffic calming to address safety issues. He noted pedestrian safety is important.

Pam asked if a berm could be placed on at least Seneca. Don will look into the possibility, however he thought that there might be a draw back as berms hold in the rain water and drainage might be needed.

The next step is to get specific action items to begin. Don said he would work with staff and come back with what they can do. Peter asked why they wanted to remove two children signs. Pam thought that is was because there was so much signage in the village and felt that people become accustom to it and felt perhaps they could be relocated.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Dore' updated the Steering Committees consensus to support the \$150,000 appropriation. Dore' said we want to move forward and need professional assistance. He said that they want to move forward to a January Special Town Meeting for the full costs. Peter is now a member of the EMS Task Force and the issue was discussed about whether or not to go forward with the full funding with the coordinated plan. They felt it was important. Peter said he was indifferent on funding, he noted he could make an argument of either source. He was interested in finding out why the Fin Com voted to use Stabilization. Dore' noted he felt we should take it out of free cash and continue to build up Stabilization. However, Dore' noted we asked for the Fin Com's advice and we should take their advice to use Stabilization. DORE' HUNTER – Moved to make the motion at town meeting with the flexibility to use the Stabilization Fund. PAM HARTING-BARRAT – Second. The motion was withdrawn at this time until more information.

Walter asked about Stabilization vs. Free Cash and he is reluctant to do it without more information and fiscal sense.

Pam asked for clarification as to a precedent on the use of Stabilization Fund? No one could remember using it. Don was asked his opinion. He felt the bar is too high by using the Stabilization fund with the 2/3 vote. He felt it should be used when borrowing for capital items. He felt that taking it from Free cash would have a minimum affect. He felt stabilization would not likely be replenished in the near future.

Pam wanted to consider the impact of stabilization vs free cash after hearing the Manager's thought.

The Board will address this on Tuesday June 12th at 7:00 P.M.

It was decided to send a letter to the Beacon updating everyone on the status of the project and urging support.

STM APPROPRIATION - John reported that the Finance Committee had just begun their debate on whether an appropriation should be made. They just finished their debate that if the appropriation is made it should come out of Stabilization.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pam spoke about a Land Reuse conference she attended. She spoke about possible traffic calming for route 2A.

Dore' spoke about his reworking of the Town Manager's review form.

Peter spoke about the East Acton committee memo to us asking for staff time to develop a small park at Concord Road at 2A. Peter said he had no problem if it did not require funding and staff support as long as we could continue to do what we need done. Walter felt that maybe we could get Boy Scouts or other volunteers to do the clean up. Peter will send a letter back with the board's thoughts.

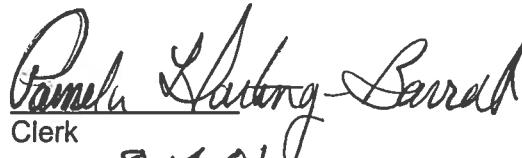
CONSENT AGENDA

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to approve. PAM HARTING-BARRAT – Second.
UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Christine Joyce
Recording Clerk



Clerk

8-14-01
Date

June 1, 2001

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Peter Ashton, Chairman
SUBJECT: Selectmen's Report

June 5, 2001

AT THE MEMORIAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

1. 7:33 **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD – Christopher Schaffner**
Enclosed please find Mr. Schaffner's volunteer form. Mr. Schaffner is interviewing for elevation to full membership to fill the unexpired term of Christopher Tolley, for a term to expire June 30, 2003.
2. 7:35 **SITE PLAN #04/13/01 – 376, 9-13 RAILROAD STREET** – Enclosed please find a request from the applicant for a continuance to June 19, 2001, at 7:45 PM.

III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

3. **INDIAN VILLAGE TRAFFIC STUDY** – The Chairman has asked that Board members be prepared to discuss the Indian Village Traffic Study which you recently received.
4. **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DISCUSSION** – The Board will discuss the amount to be appropriated at the upcoming Special Town Meeting and the source of the funds.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

IV CONSENT AGENDA

6. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the West Acton Library to accept a gift in memory of Phyllis Span.
7. **APPROVAL OF MEDICARE AMBULANCE RATES** – Enclosed please find staff's recommendation for Medicare Ambulance Fees for Board action.
8. **FIRE ALARM REVOLVING FUND** – Enclosed please find a request from the Fire Chief to increase the authorized appropriation.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VI EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Enclosed please find additional correspondence that is strictly informational and requires no Board action.

FUTURE AGENDAS

To facilitate scheduling for interested parties, the following items are scheduled for discussion on future agendas. This IS NOT a complete Agenda.

June 19
July 17
August 14
Sept. 11 & 25

GOALS 2001-2002

1. Resolution of on-going Labor Negotiations (Peter/Trey)
2. Improve Communication with Town Boards (Peter)
3. Towne Building Reuse (Walter/Dore')
4. ALG process be used for purpose of Budget Planning for FY '02 (Peter/Trey)
5. Residential and Commercial Growth (Walter/Trey/Pam)
6. Open Space and Recreation Plan (Peter/Walter)
7. Health Insurance Trust Agreement (Peter)
8. HDC Bylaw Review (Dore'/Peter)
9. Decision on Pentamation Accounting System (Dore'/Pam)
10. Process Planning for "Life after NESWC" (Pam)

FY 2000 GOALS carried forward

11. Public Safety Facility (Dore'/Trey)
12. Determine future of Vallencourt House - 17 Woodbury Lane.
13. Provide looking at salary levels in the organization, include liaison with Personnel Board (Trey /Peter)

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