

Selectmen's Minutes  
JULY 30, 2001  
7:00 P.M.

Present: Peter Ashton, William Shupert, F. Dore' Hunter, Pamela Harting-Barrat,  
Walter Foster, Town Manager. (The meeting was not televised)



## CITIZEN'S CONCERNS

A concerned resident of Nagog Woods expressed her concern that houses would be built instead of a golf course and the impact housing would create on already busy streets.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

**7:05 Brookside Shops Discussion** – Trey thanked the Town Manager for following up on his questions. He discussed several alternatives.

The proponent discussed the ability to make Esterbrook Road a one-way or cul de sac.

Graham Knowland –Made a presentation to the Board regarding the new proposed plans Vs the previous plans. He was concerned with the fact that the landscaping would have large gaps and some of the plantings suggested by Town staff would lose its leaves and not serve its purpose.

John Handle 21 Minuteman Road – Asked about the amount of particulate that would come from car exhausts. He asked if we had studied this. It was noted it was addressed during the States process.

Walter asked about the traffic and screening plan. From the beginning they have been trying to keep traffic out of neighborhoods. The proponent noted that's how then ended up with the plan currently before the Board with safety as main concern. They discussed other ways to get the traffic off Esterbrook. They wanted to keep the driveways open and to make sure its safe for the pedestrians using sidewalks and cross walks.

Pam asked about limiting truck traffic during the construction. It has been addressed in the draft decision. Where will the snow be stored and salt and chemicals. The conscom has given opinion on chemicals and they will keep the snow on pavement to melt into the drainage structures.

Evelyn Burns – commented on the plans and asked are they in final form. Peter noted the mediation had determined the size. Peter noted that we are here to discuss the remand issues. She wanted to know what is going to happen with ankle high fencing and other issues that Graham noted.

Resident Harry O'Donhue – Spoke about the one way street and number of children using the street.

Terry Lobes 74 Esterbrook – Again quoted Pam Harting-Barrant “Acton has major infrastructure Problem and it will have a large impact on all of us”. Spoke about the reduction originally offered.

Bill Kingman spoke about the issues discussed tonight. He felt that the negotiated reduction would not have an affect.

Trey spoke about the landscaping and to have staff follow-up – He had issue with the loading docks.

Graham spoke about the time limit for deliveries and sidewalks on Esterbrook. He also urged the Town to install a berm.

Joseph Ricciardi, a Washington Drive resident felt it was important to consider the taking back of control of developments and developers.

TREY SHUPERT – MOVED to close this public hearing and to take under advisement, DORE' HUNTER – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

## **SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

**Town Manager's Review** – Dore' spoke about Don's review and outlined the process he used to evaluate him. DORE' HUNTER – moved to approve the review. TREY SHUPERT - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE,

DORE' HUNTER -moved to extend the expiration of his 3 year contract an additional year. PETER ASHTON- second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

John Prendiville – spoke as a private citizen. He is interested in the development of the review. He wanted the staff, town boards, fin com, school committee and taxpayers to be able to offer suggestions and comment.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

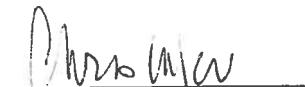
PETER ASHTON – Moved to instruct the Manager to take appropriate action on the NARA fee waiver. TREY SHUPERT – Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

## **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

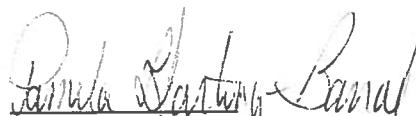
None

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pam Harting-Barrat – Moved to go into Executive Session to discuss active public safety deployment. The Board will return to open session to adjourn. Roll Call taken by the Clerk, All Ayes.



Christine Joyce  
Recording Clerk



Pam Harting-Barrat  
Clerk  
16/6/01  
Date

July 27, 2001

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

**JULY 30, 2001**

**I. CITIZEN'S CONCERNS**

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS**

1. **7:05 BROOKSIDE SHOPS DISCUSSION** - Site Plan # 07/26/00-372 - Enclosed please find the revised draft decision for further consideration.

**III. SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS**

2. **TOWN MANAGER'S REVIEW**
3. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**IV CONSENT AGENDA**

4. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request for acceptance of a Blood pressure machine from the Lion's Club to the Nursing Service for Board action.

**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.

August 14 – Oversight Meetings with: Conservation and Health  
Site plan #6/7/01378 – 31 Powder Mill Road  
Sept. 11 - Historical Commission Oversight  
Sept. 25 - HDC Oversight  
Oct. 9 – Oversight meeting with Assessors and Private Way Plowing final vote.  
Oct. 23 – Oversight Meeting with Planning

**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)

**Revised 5/15/01**