



SELECTMEN'S MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 1995

The Board of Selectmen held their regular meeting on Tuesday, October 10, 1995, at 7:30 P.M. Present were William Mullin, F. Dore' Hunter, Nancy Tavernier, Herman Kabakoff, Town Manager Don Johnson, and Assistant Town Manager John Murray. {The meeting was televised by cable}.

CITIZENS CONCERNS

None Expressed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

FRANK WIDMAYER

ENHANCED 911

Lt. Frank Widmayer was present to update the Board regarding the status of E911. Lt. Widmayer has worked on obtaining E911 in Acton for the last 4 years and stated that E911 was implemented on October 4, 1995. Lt. Widmayer stated that the difference between E911 and 911 is that E911 allows the dispatcher to see what address the call is coming from as soon as the last number is dialed. Lt. Widmayer stressed the importance of putting street numbers on your house. Lt. Widmayer stated that all calls will come in via the Police Station and the Police Station will dispatch Fire and Ambulance. Lt. Widmayer has distributed information items throughout the Town to let people know that E911 is here. The Board thanked Lt. Widmayer for all of his hard work and congratulated him on accomplishing this task.

SITE PLAN

INDOOR SPORTS

KEEFE ROAD

NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to continue special use permit for Indoor Sports until October 24, 1995 at 8:10 PM. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SIEGFRIED MAYR

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Mr. Mayr was in before the Board seeking an appointment with the Conservation Committee as an associate member. Mr. Mayr's history is very impressive. Mr. Mayr stated that he has volunteered in all the communities that he has lived and that he has attended previous Conservation Committee meetings. F. DORE' HUNTER - Move to appoint Mr. Mayr to Associate Member of the Conservation Commission for term expiring June 30, 1996. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NESWC PREVIEW MEETING

Staff stated that the purpose of this meeting to be held on October 18, 1995 would be to get a lot of people together and to get the issues on the table and that is should be educational to all who attend. Staff would like to come up with the best possible solution regarding the NESWC contract. Most of this meeting will be conducted in public session, however, some must be in Executive Session. Representatives from NESWC will be present to discuss their views regarding the contract.

PIZZA HUT CHANGE OF MANAGER

At the request of the manager for Pizza Hut, this scheduled agenda item has been postponed until a later date.

MORRIS DAVID COMMON VICTULLER'S LICENSE 342 GREAT ROAD

Mr. David seeks a common victuller license for Trade Wind Coffee located at 342 Great Road. This establishment is taking the place of Key West Coffee and Tea. Comments from staff reflect concern with this granting this license due to the present odors of burnt coffee. Mr. David stated that he would be willing to install a filtration system that would eliminate these existing odors. NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to approve common victuller license to Trade Wind Coffee, 342 Great Road, with the condition that a coffee roaster filter be installed by the last working day of December. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

CHAPTER 70 MONIES

Staff asked the Boards view regarding whether or not the Schools should be allowed to carry over Chapter 70 monies. Staff stated that the Town does not need these monies to meet minimum spending. It was asked what would happen to the money if the Selectmen do not vote to allocate these Chapter 70 monies. Staff stated that we could take the local revenues and subtract them from appropriation. Dore' stated that if the Board is considering not approving the Chapter 70 monies then we should invite the school to come before the Board. Dore' suggested we do this for the next meeting.

SPECIAL EDUCATION INFORMATION

Superintendent Zimmerman would like to set up a meeting with the Board to come in and present a Special Education review. The Board suggested that Superintendent Zimmerman ask FINCOM and the School Committees to come to the Board of Selectmen meeting so they can do it all at once. The Board stated that staff should ask Superintendent Zimmerman to pick three dates and get back to them for scheduling.

CORRIDOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

Dore' updated the Board regarding the quarterly meeting of the Corridor Advisory Committee meeting. Dore' stated that the State has come up with a list of five (5) intersections to be studied. Dore' stated that the State gave the committee a lot of input and that some focus would be made to Acton service roads. Dore' stated that the study will not start until the first quarter of 1996. Dore' stated that he would keep the Board updated of a future meeting.

ANTIQUE SHOW ACTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH TEMPORARY SIGN REQUEST

NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to approve Temporary Sign request for the Acton Congregational Church's antique show. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Mill Corner - Dore' updated the Board regarding Mill Corner. Dore' stated that he has seen some progress with respect to the round of meetings that have taken place.

Information Systems Advisory Committee - It was also stated that the Information Systems Advisory Committee report has been delayed, however progress is forthcoming.

Dump Pickers - The Board asked staff to check the status of the "No Dump Pickers" to see if the average citizen is allowed to pick the dump for 15 minutes or so.

Trash Barrels at Playing Fields - Don stated that we do not have enough staffing to provide this service, however, we could try it on a trial basis. Don stated he would explore this.

Martha Washington Letter - Nancy stated that the Town should not give credence to an anonymous complaint and that we should let the Human Rights Council take appropriate action.

Personnel Board - Walter George stated that he would continue to seek volunteers for this Board, however, he has not enough names.

DON JOHNSON

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Bill stated that he had completed Don's evaluation with input from all the Board members. In summary, Bill stated that Don had done an incredible job and had ranked the category of "Generally Exceeds Job Requirements". Bill recommended a 6% increase in salary and a contract extension of one more year. DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve recommendation for 6% salary increase and a contract extension of one year. NANCY TAVERNIER - Second. 3 yes to 1 no.

Herman stated that ample time was not given to review this document and that modifications should be made to severability clause and that the 6% is excessive. Herman also questioned what the typical non-union employee received as a normal step increase. Don stated that an employee is entitled to 3% cost of living plus a 2 1/2 step raise (if not at top step) and union employees are entitled to a merit increase plus cost of living raise.

HERMAN KABAKOFF - Move to amend motion from 6% salary increase to 3% increase. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second for the purpose of discussion. Nancy stated that a typical employee works 40 hours per week and is compensated at time and a half for anything over 40 hours. Nancy asked Don how many hours he typically works per week. Don stated he works 55-60 hours per week. Dore' stated that he would vote against the amendment because previous years Don has not been recognized due to budgetary constraints. Nancy and Bill stated that Don has done an incredible job. MOTION FAILS 3-1YES.

Don thanked the Board for their comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

F. DORE' HUNTER - Move to approve consent agenda as printed. HERMAN KABAKOFF - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

TOWN MANAGERS REPORT

Don stated that the Town of Concord has approached us to install "No Thru" street signs on the Acton side of Westford and Spencer Brook Roads. Concord received this request by citizen petitions from Concord residents. Concord would like to schedule the public hearing for October 18th or 25th. The Board has conflicts with both of these dates. The Board stated they would send a representative on the 25th. Herman stated that he would attend on behalf of the Board and come to the previously scheduled ALG meeting late. Herman asked the Board to give him guidance.

NANCY TAVERNIER - Move to tell the Town of Concord, if asked, that based on preliminary information that the Town of Acton opposes the installation of "No thru" signs. F. DORE' HUNTER - Second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM.

Sheryl Ball
Clerk
11/21/95
Date

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Recording Secretary
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9. CAC REPORT - Selectmen Hunter will report on this matter.
10. TEMPORARY SIGN REQUEST - Enclosed please find a request for a temporary sign for the Acton Congregational Church's Antique Show, along with staff comment for Board action.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA

11. ACCEPT MINUTES - Enclosed please find the minutes of August 29 and September 12 for Board signature.
12. UNITED NATIONS DAY PROCLAMATION - Enclosed please find a copy of the Proclamation discussed at the last Board meeting for Board signature.
13. ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT - Enclosed please find a memo from Dean Charter requesting the Board acceptance of a Piano for Board action.
14. TEMPORARY SIGN REQUEST - Enclosed please find a request from Staff for Board approval of a Temporary Sign for Gardner Field for Board review and action.

15. THE TIRE BARN - Enclosed please find a request from the Tire Barn for release of funds held by the Town, along with staff comments and recommendation, for Board action.
16. SITE PLAN SPECIAL PERMIT AMENDMENT, LELYONNAIS - Lelyonnais has asked for an extension on their Site Plan Special Permit Amendment.

V. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

17. PROPOSED ROAD CLOSURE, SPENCER BROOK ROAD - Enclosed please find materials relative to the recent correspondence the Board received from the Town of Concord. A public hearing has been scheduled by the Concord Board of Selectmen.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETINGS

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.

October 24 - Acton Convenience Common Victuller's License
Public Hearing for Sunday Holiday Package Store Openings
LWV - Charter Changes
Mr. Gallagher- Board House Permit
Boston Edison Representatives