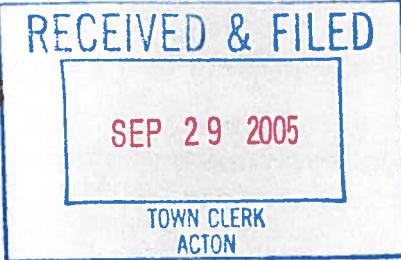


SELECTMENS MINUTES
September 12, 2005
7:00 P.M.



Present: F. Dore' Hunter, Peter Ashton, Walter Foster, Lauren Rosenzweig and Asst. Town Manager. Meeting was televised.

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Herman Kabakoff announced he is sponsoring a petition requesting a Special Town Election for filling the vacant seat on the Board created by Bob Johnson's resignation.

Debra Dormisor spoke about the possibility of having some town supported activities for disaster relief. She will be willing to volunteer to organize and getting other folks to help. Red Cross has asked that corporate effort such as a truck filled with one item is ideally what they want. She also said they are looking for money and that the need is not going away for years. We can have a drive to raise money. They need cell phones and Verizon is offering phones at a reduced rate. We can provide a month cell service for \$42.00. She asked that the Town step up and help. Peter noted that that a truck load of items were sent South over the weekend. He said there is a lot we could and should do to offer relief. Perhaps we can offer housing in the community and have the children go to school.

SEWER COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

OPERATIONAL MINUTE – John outlined the situation and updated the Board on the activities within Town with regard to Katrina's devastation of the Gulf Coast.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OVERSIGHT MEETING – John Wagner, Chairman, William Sawyer, Cara Voutselas He described the duties of the Board; they act on Variances, Special Permit and Review of Building Dept. decisions or appeals. Their major charge is 40B and their duties as outlined under this legislation. 40B's have occupied over 50% of their time during the past two years. Their role is somewhat passive as they hear citizens' input and solicit views from other town Boards in weighing the impact on the Town of a proposed 40B project. He intends to have a workshop with Boards to talk about what is needed when an opinion is solicited by the Board of Appeals.

Dore' asked about how responsive Town Counsel has been. They could not say enough in support of Steve Anderson.

BOARD OF HEALTH OVERSIGHT MEETING – Bill McGuiness outlined the duties and responsibilities of the Board of Health and Nursing Service. They are down one member and VCC should be asked to look for someone with a medical background. Walter asked about Title 5 and ways to recoup our costs, and if we need to pass those costs on, the Board of Selectmen need to know for the upcoming budgeting cycle.

Peter asked about Triple E and if we have prepared. He also spoke about the Hazardous Bylaw and urged them to work in an open process and offered the Board of Selectmen's help. Gena Manalan – Spoke about the Nursing Service, she said that it could not be better and congratulated them. She further wanted to talk about the Hazardous Bylaw Petition with the understanding that they would get help from the Board of Health.

SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

PROJECT SUPPORT – Peter supported the concept in honor of Micki William's service to the Town. Walter agreed with Peter and felt it would be a great memorial to Micki. Dore' agreed with the other Selectmen.

EDIC – Peter updated the Board on the need for one additional member. Peter asked if anyone on the Board had any ideas. Josh felt it should go through the more formal process through VCC. Herman asked that the EDC be asked to be involved in the search. Peter said that they are already doing so.

AART - Peter outlined the Grand Opening of the 5 mile track. Lauren will be attending on behalf of the Board on the 24th of September. It is hosted by Mass Highway and others. There will be a formal ribbon cutting in Marlboro.

CROWN RESISTANCE DAY – Sept 25th 1-4 Dore' will attend on behalf of the Board. **WALTER FOSTER** - Moved to approve signs on public ways and Town Common. **LAUREN ROSENZWEIG**. Second. **UNANIMOUS VOTE**

OTHER BUSINESS

FAULKNER PLAQUE – Dore' presented the bill to John for payment from CPC Funds.

CPC – Walter updated the Board on the recent meeting and the feedback on the TJ. O'Grady Skate Park and Leary Field.

Lauren spoke about the South Acton Rail Meeting and the MAGIC Meeting she attended in Bedford. They discussed the surplus land and that Mass Development getting right of first refusal. They want it to remain in the Town and they will advocate for the Town's having the right of first refusal. Hansom is trying to add more flights for private pilots and will be looking toward other towns to support a reduction in flights. They are doing a survey on population and Planning Director will be working on providing the information in a quick turnaround. They also discussed the need for emergency coordination if something happens in this region and Town. They also discussed 40B's and decisions made by Towns.

Peter discussed the recent survey and noted the methodology was not clear to him. They use it to look at transportation issues and noted that he had submitted numbers three years ago. The numbers seem to be on the low side. Several groups that do projections on households and residents, and they seem higher than the one they produced. He also said that the school enrollment seemed inconsistent with his numbers. Peter offered to sit down with them and go through the numbers with Roland.

Peter noted the impressive submittal to Grace.

He also noted the request for the award for Fort Pond Brook,

Dore' said that he will be chairing the Public Safety Committee final meeting. They will be planning the Open House for October. They may discuss "Lesson's Learned" at a later time as the project went very smoothly with Staff and all those involved.

CONSENT AGENDA

WALTER FOSTER - Moved to approve with the additional extra information. DORE' HUNTER -second. UNANIMOUS VOTE.

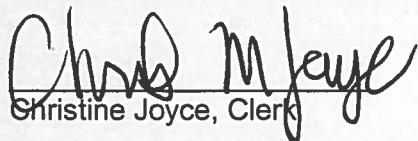
TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

John asked that Walter speak at Acton Day.

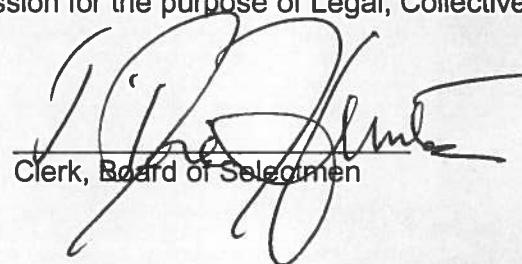
Brookside Plaza has qualified for 3 warrants for the traffic light. John asked if the Board wanted to submit to Mass Highway. Peter asked that we find out if they are willing to have a traffic light anywhere and if the developer would entertain funding the project even if it is located at Concord Road.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

DORE' HUNTER – Moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Legal, Collective Bargaining. Roll Call taken, All Ayes.



Christine Joyce, Clerk



Dore' Hunter
Clerk, Board of Selectmen

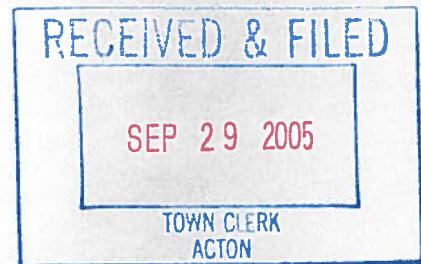
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September 9, 2005

TO: Board of Selectmen, Sewer Commissioners

FROM: Peter Ashton, Chairman

SUBJECT: Selectmen and Sewer Commissioners' Report



September 12, 2005

7:00 P.M.

I CITIZENS' CONCERNS

II SEWER COMMISSIONERS' BUSINESS

III PUBLIC HEARINGS & APPOINTMENTS

- 1. 7:01 OPERATIONAL MINUTE** – The Assistant Town Manager will give the Board a brief update on Hurricane Katrina related topics.
- 2. 7:10 ZONING BOARD OF APPREALS OVERSIGHT MEETING** - Members of the Board of Appeals will be in for their annual oversight meeting with the Board.
- 3. 7:45 BOARD OF HEALTH** - Members of the Board of Health will be in for their annual oversight meeting with the Board.

IV SELECTMEN'S BUSINESS

- 4. PROJECT SUPPORT** – Enclosed please find a request from members of the former East Acton Village Planning Committee for the Board's support in a proposed project to install a Granite Bench to honor Micki Williams on the East Acton Village Green, for Board consideration.
- 5. EDIC** – Enclosed please find correspondence regarding a vacancy from the Chairman, for Board consideration.
- 6. AART** – Enclosed please find an invitation to the Grand Opening celebration of the first 5 mile section of the Assabet River Rail Trail
- 7. CROWN RESISTANCE DAY** – Enclosed please find an invitation from the Acton Minutemen and Acton Historical Society, to celebrate Crown Resistance Day on September 25, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Hosmer House. Also enclosed please find a copy of a proclamation which the Board may wish to issue.
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**

V CONSENT AGENDA

9. **ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE – AUTO CELL LABS** – Enclosed please find a request and staff comments relative to a One Day Liquor License request at NARA Park on October 6, 2005, 10:30–5:00, for Board consideration.
10. **BONFIRE REQUEST** - Enclosed please find a memo from the Fire Chief requesting authorization to issue a permit for the Thanksgiving Day Rally Bonfire, for Board consideration.
11. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a gift of \$1,000.00 from Bank of America to the Town of Acton, for Board consideration.
12. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Director of Public Works for acceptance of 125 Hay bales valued at \$560.00 from the Northeast Correctional Facility, for Board consideration.
13. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of \$2,500, from Roche Brothers, to be used at Acton Day
14. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of 4 tickets to Brooks and Dunn Performing at the Tweeter Center, 2 Tickets to U2 at the Fleet Center donated by KISS 108, estimated value of \$150 each as prizes on Acton Day.
15. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of four \$25.00 gift cards donated by Idylwilde Farms for use at Acton Day.
16. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of a donation of a Moon Bounce inflatable and generator for use at Acton day donated by John Ladd, estimated value \$425.00.
17. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of a donation of two tickets as gifts at Acton day donated by The Orchestra of Indian Hill, tickets valued at \$82.00.
18. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of a donation of four ski lift tickets for use at Acton Day donated by Nashoba Valley Ski Area, valued at \$148.00.
19. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of a donation of a non-perishable food basket for use at Acton Day donated by Trader Joe's, valued at \$50.00.
20. **ACCEPT GIFT** – Enclosed please find a request from the Recreation Dept. for Board acceptance of a donation of coffee and a platter of pastries/donuts for morning activities at Acton Day, donated by Ichobod's Coffee House and Eatery, estimated value \$75-\$100.00.

VI TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VII EXECUTIVE SESSION

21. Enclosed please find materials for the 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.

September 26	January. 7 (Budget Workshop)
October 17	January 16 & 30
November 1, 14 & 28	February 13 & 27
December 12 & 19	March 13 & 27

GOALS 2004-2005

1. Produce Morrison Farm Development Master Plan (/Walter)
2. NARA PARK
3. Pursue Commercial Tax Base
4. Master Plan review meeting once per year

GOALS carried forward

5. Monitor Labor Negotiations (Peter)
6. Improve Communication with Town Boards (ALL), Improving Inter Board Communication (Dore')
7. Revisit 2020 planning process for direction to make this process more beneficial towards implementation of long-term vision, and to get a first rough cut of what happens next year before school is out for the summer (Peter)
8. ALG process be used for purpose of Budget Planning for FY05 (Dore'/Peter)
9. Process Planning for "Life after NESWC
10. Middlesex Pension Alternatives (Walter)