

## **SELECTMEN'S MEETING**

### **March 6, 2000**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Douglass Barker, Margaret Crisler, Carolyn Webber and Christopher Doyle. Galen Stearns was excused. David Sullivan, Town Administrator, was also present. Meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Barker updated the residents on the upcoming election and warrant. He noted that due to construction at Center School, the election will be held at Golden Brook School.

Peter Griffin, Town Moderator, announced that on Election Day, March 14th, the polls (Golden Brook School) will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm. He stated that absentee ballots are available.

Mr. Griffin stated that it is very important for residents to vote - the budget, Town officials and a full Planning Board will be decided. He further noted that if a write in is warranted, please make a serious selection.

Mr. Griffin discussed campaign practices such as distances candidates need to be from the polling place on Election Day. He stated that he is trying to balance the State Law and an individual's right of free speech.

Mrs. Crisler announced that a Petals Grant was received from Shell Oil for \$500 and a matching sum from the Garden Club will be used for landscaping work at the Searles Building.

Mrs. Crisler presented Mr. Barker a proclamation from the Board of Selectmen in appreciation for his years of service as Selectman and his recent duties as Chairman. Mr. Barker thanked the Board for this recognition, their cooperation and the staff's support over his years. He stated that it had been his pleasure to serve the Town and that he had enjoyed his time.

**LIAISON REPORTS:** Mrs. Crisler reported that the Planning Board held a business as usual meeting last week. They discussed the mechanics of the new board. The meeting scheduled for March 15th was moved to March 22nd to allow time for the swearing in of the new board.

Mr. Barker reported that the EM Radio Communication sub-committee had met and he was impressed with the overwhelming support and interest in working of the ham radio operators. He also asked the Board's support to have him act as the Board's agent at the March 15th Hazmat District meeting. Mrs. Crisler motioned to approve Mr. Barker's request to act as the Board's representative as described above. Ms Webber seconded. Passed unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Discussion continued on the request from NH Municipal Association for a Resolution from the Board in support of Home Rule. Mrs. Crisler spoke in favor of the resolution and motioned to adopt the resolution. Mr. Doyle seconded. Passed unanimously.

Letter received from NH DOT announcing a Public Official Meeting to review and discuss the widening of I-93 from Stateline in Salem to the I-93/I-293/NH 101 on Monday, March 13th at the Windham Town Hall at 7:00 pm.

**PRESENTATION:** Frank Farmer of the Recreation Committee presented the Recreation Volunteer of the Year plaque to Chip and Joanne Dickie for the volunteer work with the committee during the holiday season.

**MINUTES:** Ms Webber motioned and Mrs. Crisler seconded to accept the minutes of February 28, 2000 as presented. Passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Mr. Sullivan gave an update on the status of petition to have Turtle Rock Road be declared an emergency lane. He stated that he had spoken with the school officials and they still plan for the bus to turn around on Turtle Rock Road and not drive over and through the road. Thus, the petition is now on hold indefinitely.

Mr. Sullivan read a letter that Barbara Coish, Sister City Committee founder, from James F. Collins, US Ambassador in Russia, expressing how very proud he is of what the people of Windham are doing for their sister city, Suzdal, Russia and how this is building a very different relationship between America and the new Russia.

Mr. Sullivan read the following portion of a protest petition which was received today: "Article 3, Amendment #6C. Amend the Windham District Zoning map by rezoning the following listed parcels located generally off Wall Street, from Business Commercial A District to Professional, business and Technology District. Assessors Map 11-C-Lots 100, 125, 150, 155, 300, 350, 500, 700, 701, 702, 704, 800 and 900". This was submitted by Robert Winmill.

Mr. Sullivan updated residents as to the procedure to follow for road concerns after the March 14th election. Residents should call Mr. Sullivan at 432-7732, Monday thru Friday between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and on nights, weekends and holidays, call Police Dispatch at 432-5577 to report any road problems. He will then work with Mr. Devlin who has agreed to continue to assist the Board during the transition between himself and his successor.

**RECREATION WORKSHOP:** The Board met with Frank Farmer and Sam Maranto of the Recreation Committee in a workshop session to discuss funding issues.

**NON-PUBLIC SESSIONS:** Mr. Doyle motioned to go into non-public session, in accordance with RSA 91-A:3, a, d and e. Ms Webber seconded. Roll Call vote - all members - yes. The Board and Mr. Sullivan were present in all sessions. Subjects were personnel and land acquisition.

Personnel: The Board reviewed and approved a department head's evaluation.

The Cable Board was unsuccessful in obtaining a contract with a candidate for Cable Coordinator.

The Board of Health will send a letter regarding a personnel matter.

Land Acquisition: Mr. Sullivan will follow-up on this matter.

Mr. Doyle motioned to adjourn. Ms Webber seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

David Sullivan  
Town Administrator

**NOTE:** These minutes are prepared in draft form and have not been submitted to the Board for approval.

