

Board of Selectmen
Town Office Annex
March 21, 2007
Regular Meeting Minutes

Selectmen present: Brad Parker, Randy Dill, and Peter Govert

Also present: David Sloan, Nancy Cassin, Rick Roy, Roxanne Roy, Steven Roy, Joe Churney, Jack Judge, Debbie Prince, Aaron Brothers, Diane Dupuis, Liza Bonadies, Nicholas Bonadies, Robert Gauvin, Eleanor Gauvin, Laurie Hall, Dale Hall, Deb Denette, Fred Thumm, Shirley Judge, and Sharon Wheeler.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by First Selectman Parker and the attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Parker welcomed the guests in attendance, recognized the residents of the O'Connell Road Extension, and encouraged them to share their concerns about the condition of the road under agenda item 6, "Citizens' Concerns".

2. Approval of Agenda: Mr. Parker advised that he would like to amend the agenda by adding items 8.H. (Commission Appointment-REC) and 8.I. (Gift Acceptance). He also recommended moving item number 6 (Citizens' Concerns) up on the agenda to accommodate the audience in attendance. Motion made Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the agenda as amended. Unanimous aye.

3. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Meeting of February 7, 2007: Mr. Dill recapped the reason for tabling approval of these minutes at the previous Board of Selectmen's meeting, noting that a number of topics he had brought up for discussion at the February 7th meeting had not been included in the minutes. He asked why the items had not been included and Ms. Wheeler explained that during transcription of her notes, she had to exit her original document and was not able to re-open the document when she returned to the transcription. She created a second document which included the omitted items and, when she finalized the minutes she neglected to include the text from the secondary document.

Mr. Dill noted two corrections on page 7 of the February 7 minutes:

- 1st bullet under item #10 (Selectmen's Discussion) - "\$19,000" should be changed to "\$18,000 to \$100,000", and
- 4th bullet under item #10 (Selectmen's Discussion) - In the first sentence, "*town employee*" should be changed to "*Board Member*".

Motion made Mr. Parker, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the

minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 7, 2007 as amended.
Unanimous aye.

Regular Meeting of February 21, 2007: Mr. Dill provided a follow-up on an item raised in the Police Study Committee discussion at that meeting and noted that he had retrieved the State Trooper 3-year incident print-out and had distributed his analysis of the report to the Selectmen. He advised that it was his opinion the report was of limited use. Mr. Dill also noted the following corrections to the minutes:

- Top of page 4, 2nd line - "*He added that the recommendation ...*", should be changed to "*Mr. Dill added that the recommendation...*".
- Page 4, 4th line - "*additional*" is mis-spelled.

Mr. Dill also requested Sgt. Ostroski provide documentation to support his statement that surrounding towns are, "*...trending toward two full-time Resident Troopers*", and noted that he has heard contradictory information.

Motion made Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Govert, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 21, 2007 as amended. Unanimous aye.

Special Meeting of March 5, 2007: Motion made by Mr. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 5, 2007.
Unanimous aye.

6. Citizen's Concerns: Mr. Parker invited Mr. Thumm to provide his report on the condition and maintenance of O'Connell Road Extension.

Mr. Thumm referenced the petition of the O'Connell Road Extension residents and noted that the road receives a lot of attention from Public Works. He stated that, of all the unpaved roads in town, this one has the highest average daily traffic. He advised that the road was approximately 1 mile long, varied in width from 13' to 18', had several steep grades, and no formal drainage. He also recognized that there was a problem with dust during the dry seasons and that the continual grading has led to water run-off over a number of the residents' driveways and yards.

Mr. Thumm recommended widening the road to 18' if possible, but no less than 16', and paving it. He provided a preliminary estimate of \$160,000, which included rock removal, improvements to the sight-line and drainage, installation of 6" of gravel, and asphalt in place.

Mr. Dill advised that he was not opposed to paving the road but had several questions that he wanted to raise. In response to his first question, Mr. Thumm stated that the road was attended to 6 or more times during the year, which

included 4 major grading efforts. Mr. Dill inquired if any improvements could be made to the grading process that was being used and Mr. Thumm advised that they could grade in a crown and cross slope in some areas, but those techniques were not without their own problems. He also stated that rolling after the grading was completed could help the grading hold up longer.

Mr. Dill noted that several years ago Hall-Kilbourne Road had been maintained by Consumers Union and that it appeared that the road had deteriorated since the town assumed its maintenance. He expressed his concern that widening and paving the road would lead to vehicles using excess speed on the road. Mr. Thumm agreed with Mr. Dill's assessment but stated that safe operating speeds can be better maintained on a paved surface.

In response to a request from Mr. Dill, Mr. Thumm agreed to provide a written estimate of the cost to widen and pave O'Connell Road. He further advised that the work could not be scheduled into the town's capital improvements plan until fiscal year 2009. Mr. Govert recommended the Selectmen conduct a site visit to O'Connell Road Extension with Mr. Thumm who agreed to schedule the visit when he returned from his planned vacation next week. Mr. Parker then opened the floor to the citizens in attendance and recognized Robert Gauvin of 26 O'Connell Road Extension.

Mr. Gauvin advised that he was now retired but used to work in construction and operated heavy equipment. He noted that the current process to grade the road and fill-in potholes did not hold-up.

Jack Judge of 69 O'Connell Road Extension advised that he, along with several other residents had not signed the petition to have the road paved but acknowledged that the road needed work. He said he was in favor of widening the road and better maintenance, but expressed concern that if the road was paved approximately 100 acres would become available for development which would change the rural character of the area. He noted that speeding was already a concern because through vehicles frequently travel at speeds of 45 mph even though the road was zoned for 20 mph.

Gladys Bonadies of 34 O'Connell Road Extension reported that some teenagers had recently gotten stuck in a ditch by her house and it took several hours, until late in the night, to get them out. She also stated that she could not get a gas delivery for over two months because of the condition of the road. She concurred with Mr. Judge's statement about drivers speeding on the road and advised that Consumers' Union frequently test drive cars on the road. She stated that she was in favor of paving the road.

Laurie Hall of 25 O'Connell Road Extension stated that town workers recently told her that they were going to drop 8 truckloads of gravel on the road in the

immediate future and she has yet to see that happen. She felt she was misled and also stated that she did not feel the gravel that was being used on the road was good quality. Ms. Hall advised that she favors paving the road but was also concerned about losing the rural character of the area.

Joe Churney of 87 O'Connell Road Extension stated that he has observed the road evolve from a narrow cart path to a dirt road and advised that improvements to the drainage, addressing the dust problems, and safety were his main concerns. He also noted that the water run-off was polluted from road and automobile chemicals.

Nancy Cassin of 30 O'Connell Road Extension stated she has lived on the street for two years and her main concern was safety. She referred to speeding traffic on the road and the problems with the sight-line on the hill. She also noted that traffic increases as the summer months approach and recommended a traffic study be done on the road. Ms. Cassin also expressed concern that the water run-off may be damaging the wetlands.

Mr. Parker suggested installing the Smart Trailer on the road at different times and locations to track the volume and speed of traffic and asked if any residents would be willing let the town put the trailer on their property. Rick Roy (#84) and Diane Dupuis (#33) volunteered to have the trailer stationed on their property.

Steve Roy of 78 O'Connell Road Extension stated he has lived on the road for 20 years. He advised that his driveway used to be elevated above the road when he built his house and it was now lower than the road. He noted that the run-off from his driveway and yard floods his neighbor's basement. He also stated that the increase in general population has resulted in increased traffic on the road and that if the town posted "No Through Traffic" signs at each end that might help limit traffic. Otherwise, he felt the road should be paved. He also felt that the police would do a better job monitoring traffic if the road was paved. Mr. Gauvin noted that in his seven years residing on O'Connell Road Extension, he has not seen many police cruisers patrolling traffic.

Mr. Roy suggested that the developer who wanted to put in a sub-division on the available 100 acres could be required to reimburse the town for part of the cost to pave the road. Mr. Thumm noted, however, that the town could not require a developer to pay for improvements to public roads.

Jeff Brayfield of 77 O'Connell Road Extension stated that his driveway was at the bottom of the hill and it was extremely dangerous trying to get onto the road.

Rich Saldi of 74 O'Connell Road Extension advised that he has lived on the road for 7 years and liked the rural feel of a dirt road but currently favors paving the street. He noted that traffic would speed on the road whether it was paved or not

and that perhaps the police would take better notice if the road were paved. He stated that widening the road and improving drainage were his main concerns.

Dale Hall of 25 O'Connell Road Extension stated that he frequently worked in the Stamford and New Canaan area and traveled the back roads there. He advised that the towns have installed speed bumps that helped maintain traffic speeds to 15 mph. Mr. Thumm advised that he had not heard of speed bumps on public roads and stated that he felt they could result in problems with plowing, emergency vehicles and drainage. Ms. Hall added that there was a deep gully in front of their driveway that caused her to consistently to scrape the bottom of her car and caused the mail carrier's truck to tip precariously when it stopped to deliver mail.

Mr. Churney observed that the town spent a lot of time and money getting the Eightmile River watershed area approved for a Historic and Scenic designation. He noted that Early Brook was a headwater stream to the 8-Mile River in the vicinity of O'Connell Road Extension and that the run-off from the road was draining into the brook and, as a consequence, feeding polluted water into the Eightmile River.

Mr. Roy added that there were also underground springs at the north end of the road and stated that any solution to the drainage problem should address the ground water in that area.

Mr. Thumm advised that, due to the freezing and thawing that occurred at this time of year, he expected bad ruts to develop on the road. He disputed the residents' statements that Public Works was not using an appropriate grade of gravel and noted that the town has to meet a state specification for the gravel it used on public roads. He stated, however, that he took the residents' concerns seriously and would verify that the suppliers were, in fact, providing gravel that met the state's standards. Mr. Thumm advised the residents that if they had additional questions or wanted to further discuss improvements to the road, he could be reached at the town garage and provided his direct phone number.

There was a general discussion concerning types and size of gravel that could safely be used on the road and the current condition of the road base. Mr. Dill opined that he did not feel that paving a road with a bad base would solve anything. Mr. Thumm agreed and advised that if it was determined that there was an insufficient gravel base on the road, Public Works would have to remove the existing gravel and replace it with 12" of new base gravel.

In response to a question concerning immediate plans to repair ruts and potholes, Mr. Thumm advised that he had traveled the road earlier in the day and felt it was passable. Mr. Parker advised that the town had recently purchased a new grader that should provide better results. In response to a question raised by Nicholas

Bonadies, Mr. Thumm advised that the cost to pave the road would be less than the expense of maintaining it over an extended period of time.

Mr. Parker thanked the guests for attending the meeting, acknowledged that the Selectmen realized the next few weeks would be difficult due to rain and other weather issues, but advised that the town would do its best to resolve the situation. In response to a question, Mr. Parker advised that any major roadwork could not be scheduled until the next fiscal year. He stated that the Public Works road improvements plan has already been set for the upcoming fiscal year. He noted the process was that Public Works must make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen who, in turn, submit a budget request to the Board of Finance. If the Board of Finance approves the project it would get included in the town's budget, which must pass a town vote. Mr. Thumm noted that due to the location of the road, the project would also have to be approved by the Wetlands Commission.

At 8:39 p.m., Mr. Parker declared a short recess while the guests left the meeting. At 8:44 p.m. Mr. Parker called the meeting back to order and recognized Ron Snow.

Mr. Snow advised that he was a town employee at the Transfer Station and distributed pictures of the demolition containers located at the upper landfill. He advised that the containers did not have safety gates and expressed his concern about safety issues and the risk of liability to the town. He noted that it was stated in the town's last annual report that the safety gates were "*in place*". Mr. Parker advised that the gates were in place when the report was written, however, they deteriorated and were removed. He noted that he has had discussions with Public Works and the foreman of the Transfer Station about this issue and that the gates would be repaired as soon as the weather permitted.

Mr. Dill noted that it appears from the pictures that no wheel stops were in place at the dumpsters. There was a general discussion about how the stops were installed and the possibility of installing temporary stops until the weather allowed for a more permanent solution. Mr. Snow stated that cow pens were currently being utilized rather than certified safety gates and reiterated his safety and liability concerns. Mr. Parker thanked Mr. Snow for his input and assured him the Selectmen would look into the situation.

Mr. Parker introduced Town Clerk Denette and referenced the background material the Selectmen had received in their meeting packets concerning the Library Board of Directors. Ms. Denette advised that there were two issues of concern. The first was that the by-laws of the Library Board of Directors were inconsistent with State Statutes relative to the nomination and election of its Directors. The second issue was the number of Directors was problematic for the balloting process.

Ms. Denette stated that it would be her preference to have the Directors for the Library Board appointed rather than elected but she was not optimistic that the town could pursue that option. In response to a question from Mr. Dill, she advised that she did not think the Board would object to making appointments, however, Arthur Champagne from the CT Secretary of State's office was not very encouraging about the possibility of switching to appointments, although he did suggest she consult with the town's attorney about the issue. She noted, however, that Mr. Champagne advised that the town could reduce the number of directors required on the Library Board. She stated that a reduction in the number of Library Directors would help simplify the ballot and reduce expenses.

Mr. Govert suggested disbanding the Library Board and creating a Commission to replace it. The Selectmen and Ms. Denette agreed that would solve the appointment vs. election issue, but did not think it would be an acceptable solution. Mr. Parker agreed to ask Atty. Bennet whether the town could switch to appointments for the Library Board of Directors rather than election. Regarding the Board's by-laws being out of compliance with Connecticut Statutes, Mr. Dill recommended the Board of Selectmen instruct the Library Directors that they need to revise the by-laws and handle all future nominations to the Board in accordance with Connecticut Statutes.

Mr. Parker thanked Ms. Denette for her report.

4. Correspondence: Mr. Parker advised that the Selectmen had received an invitation to Tom Thibodeau's Eagle Scout Ceremony on April 1st. Mr. Govert stated that he was an Eagle Scout and would like to attend the ceremony.

5. First Selectmen's Report: Mr. Parker reported on the following items:

- He noted that the joint Boards and Commissions meeting sponsored by the Economic Development Commission on April 5th to discuss several projects in the Village area conflicted with a Board of Education conference on substance abuse. He advised that he planned to split his time between the two meetings and hoped the other Selectmen could each attend one of the other meetings. Mr. Dill agreed to attend the EDC meeting and Mr. Govert would attend the Board of Education Substance Abuse conference.
- The Moodus sidewalk project would start again shortly. Mr. Thumm would be meeting with the contractor and CT Department of Transportation on Friday, March 23rd.
- Powerhouse Road project came before the Wetlands Commission and was in process.
- A reception for Steve Durham would be held on May 31st.
- The next meeting with representatives from the Goodspeed has been

scheduled for Monday (3/26) at 10:00 a.m.

- On April 21st the town would be holding a town-wide point-of-distribution (POD) drill in conjunction with the town's Emergency Management Committee, the Chatham Health District, the Ambulance Association, and the Fire Department. Mr. Parker advised that they were looking for 125-135 volunteers to be trained for various functions at the POD including traffic control, security, registration and records, nursing and pharmacy staff, transportation, canteen staff, and dispensing of medicines. He advised that training would take place on April 19th at the High School. Any interested citizens should contact Craig Mansfield or himself. Mr. Parker stated that the town would publish notices for volunteers in the newsletter.

Mr. Parker thanked Mr. Thumm for attending this evening's meeting. Before Mr. Thumm departed, Mr. Dill observed that there appeared to be some labor problems at the Transfer Station. He referred to Mr. Parker's phone call concerning a recent personnel issue and noted that he had also heard there has been an effort to organize a union there. He suggested the Board of Selectmen conduct a formal inquiry to determine what was at the root of the problems. Mr. Govert questioned whether the Selectmen were "too close" to the issue and, if so, perhaps an outside entity should conduct any inquiry. Mr. Parker agreed that the problems needed to be addressed and stated he would like to give Mr. Dill's suggestion some thought before any action was taken. Mr. Thumm acknowledged that there had been some dissention at the Transfer Station recently and advised that he would cooperate fully with whatever the Selectmen decided.

Mr. Dill observed that now that the town was aware of the safety issue regarding the lack of gates at the demolition bins there was a liability concern and he asked Mr. Thumm what action was being taken. Mr. Thumm advised that he has talked to the foreman and instructed him to provide a temporary solution to the lack of safety gates at the bins. He also noted that the work procedures require that a staff person be up by the bins at all times and advised that he would follow-up on whether or not the policy was being adhered to. He also stated that while OSHA required safety measures be in place, certified safety gates were not required. Mr. Thumm advised that the quote he had received to install safety gates by the bins was approximately \$12,000.

Mr. Govert observed that while significant improvements have been made at the Transfer Station, it still appeared that there was dissention among the staff and he was concerned about any safety issues. Mr. Dill stated that the Board of Selectmen should provide a unified front concerning any labor or safety issues at the Transfer Station.

7. Old Business:

A. 4 - 8 Middle School Discussion: Mr. Parker advised that there would be a meeting tomorrow evening to reallocate funds so that expenses could be met until additional funding was received in May. In response to a question from Mr. Govert, Mr. Parker confirmed that the Building Committee was drafting formal procedures for reporting to the Board of Selectmen.

B. Police Study Committee: Mr. Dill reiterated that he had reviewed the incident statistics provided by the State Troopers and had distributed the 3-page report and his analysis to the other Selectmen. He noted that he felt there was little useful information in the report, but invited feedback from the other Selectmen after they have reviewed the material.

C. Goodspeed Update: Mr. Parker again noted that a meeting would be held with representatives from the Goodspeed on the following Monday. In response to a question from Mr. Dill, Mr. Parker stated that he did not know if Mr. Pinnell would attend that meeting.

D. Ethics Policy: Mr. Parker reported that the Ethics Policy document would be completed when Ms. Zemienieski returned from vacation. He expected to provide the Selectmen with copies at their next Regular Meeting.

E. O'Connell Road Extension Petition: This item was previously discussed.

8. New Business

A. Bid Award - Company #2 Roofing Project: Mr. Parker referenced materials in the Selectmen's meeting packet and stated that the town has negotiated with the lowest bidder and was able to negotiate a slightly lower price than their original bid. He also noted that he would like to expedite the project because additional leaks have occurred since the work originally went out to bid. In response to a question from Mr. Dill, he advised that the work was to be done on the Moodus Firehouse roof. He stated that the repairs would cost slightly more than was budgeted for but that the Fire Department would cover the additional cost by reallocating other funds in their budget.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Govert, to award the bid for the Company #2 Roofing Project to Frank Capasso & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$30,300.00. Unanimous aye.

B. Elderly Tax Relief Study Committee Discussion: Mr. Parker called the Selectmen's attention to eight applications for the Elderly Tax Relief Study Committee. He noted that Connecticut Statutes require that such a committee must consist of at least five people and that the committee needed to

complete their work and turn in a report within sixty-days of appointment. He stated that it has taken a little while to receive a sufficient number of applications and that several of the applicants have scheduling conflicts that precluded them from participating until mid-April. He asked the Selectmen to review the applications so that a motion could be made at the first April meeting to establish the committee. In response to a question from Mr. Dill, Mr. Parker advised that the Committee must have at least five members, but it could have more. He also noted that Ms. Zemienieski had reviewed the party affiliations of all of the applicants and confirmed that there were no conflicts with the balance of affiliation requirements.

C. Second Supplemental Agreement for Dolbia Hill Road Bridge: Mr. Parker referenced the material in the Selectmen's meeting packets regarding this issue. In response to a question from Mr. Dill he advised that there were cost over-runs on the Dolbia and Jones Hill Road bridge repairs, that the State has approved funding, but the town would have to adopt a resolution to allocate the additional funds. He confirmed that the project was funded by the federal government and managed by the State of Connecticut and that the work has been completed.

Motion made by Mr. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to adopt the following resolution to recommend that the Board of Finance appropriate funds for the following purposes:

RESOLVED, that the Town Meeting authorize the reallocation of funds between the "contract items and contingencies" and "allowable incidentals to construction" categories, to complete the following project: The replacement of the Dolbia Hill Road Bridge, Bridge No. 04650. Said appropriation shall be funded by state and federal grants as are available to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the following resolution to be referred to Town Meeting for approval:

RESOLVED, That the First Selectman is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town any and all agreements necessary for acceptance of grants and the construction and replacement of the Dolbia Hill Road Bridge.

Unanimous aye.

D. Second Supplemental Agreement for Jones Hill Road Bridge: Mr. Parker referenced the material in the Selectmen's meeting packets regarding this issue.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Govert, to adopt the following resolution to recommend that the Board of Finance appropriate funds for the following purposes:

RESOLVED, That the Town Meeting appropriate an additional \$442,000, to complete the following project: The replacement of the Jones Hill Road Bridge, Bridge No. 05267. Said appropriation shall be funded by state and federal grants as are available to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen hereby adopts the following resolution to be referred to Town Meeting for approval:

RESOLVED, That the First Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town any and all agreements necessary for the acceptance of grants and the construction and replacement of the Jones Hill Road Bridge.

Unanimous aye.

E. Library Board of Directors Discussion: This item was previously discussed.

F. Volunteer of the Month: Mr. Parker referenced Ms. Denette's nomination of Mary Augustiny as Volunteer of the Month for her continuous service, since June, 1989, on the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Govert, seconded by Mr. Dill, to name, with gratitude, Ms. Augustiny as Volunteer of the Month for March 2007.
Unanimous aye.

G. Tax Refunds: Mr. Parker called the Selectmen's attention to one tax refund.

Motion made by Mr. Govert, seconded by Mr. Parker, to award a tax refund in the amount of \$93.94 to Katherine A. Hackett. Unanimous aye.

H. Commission Appointment (REC): Mr. Parker noted that the Recreation Commission received three applications to fill two vacancies on their Commission. He advised that the Recreation Commissioners interviewed the applicants to fill the vacancies. He noted that while the vacancies have been in effect for several months, one Commissioner, Mr. Hyla, just recently submitted his formal letter of resignation. Mr. Parker stated that the Board of Selectmen should receive Mr. Hyla's letter of resignation at their next regular meeting, therefore, the Recreation Commission has only submitted their first recommendation of Margy Roberts for Commissioner to the Board of Selectmen.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Govert to appoint Margy Roberts as a regular member on the Recreation Commission to fill a vacant

term to expire July 1, 2009. Unanimous aye.

I. Gift Acceptance - Consumers Union: Mr. Parker explained that the Consumers Union has made a monetary gift in the amount of \$25,000.00 on behalf of the Little Noises Lighting Committee to complete the lighting project for the soccer and softball fields. In response to a question from Mr. Dill, he confirmed that the funds previously appropriated by the town for this project, \$130,000.00 of the total cost of approximately \$356,000.00, did not cover completion of the project as intended. Mr. Parker noted that \$90,000.00 of that amount was absorbed by in-kind services from people in town.

Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Govert to accept a gift from Consumers Union of United States, Inc. on behalf of Little Noises Lighting Committee for lighting of the High School Athletic Fields in the amount of \$25,000.00. Unanimous aye.

In response to a question from Mr. Govert, Mr. Parker advised that he expected the Little Noises Lighting Committee would send a letter of thanks to the Consumers Union and he would also send a personal thank you note for the gift.

9. Public Comment: Mr. Sloan reported that the Johnsonville developers have fired the engineering firm of Fuss and O'Neill, hired a new project manager, and are working with Mary Ellen Klinck to find additional land for an expanded septic system. He noted that the developers have talked with Mr. Ventres for possible replacements for Fuss and O'Neill. Mr. Govert stated that the density of the project will be a central issue for some of the town boards and commissions and there was a general discussion regarding this topic. Mr. Parker stated that the staff changes the developers were making would provide additional opportunities for the town to talk with them about the project.

10. Selectmen's Discussion: Mr. Dill advised that the Klar Crest Resort was under contract for sale to a group that proposes to use it as a youth camp and they have applied to the Wetlands Commission for a permit to put in a septic system for that purpose. He noted that the contract was due to expire but Mr. Ventres had informed him that the owners expect it to be renewed.

Mr. Govert noted government's impact on environmental issues and stated that he has drafted a proposal, modeled on the Police Study Committee proposal, to develop a committee of towns' people to create a list of opportunities for the town to act in a more environmentally positive way. Mr. Govert advised he would like to have a high school student participate on the committee and stated that he would like to get the other Selectmen's input on his proposal. In response to a question from Mr. Dill concerning the motivation for the proposal, Mr. Govert noted current efforts being made by surrounding towns and suggestions

from towns' people and stated that it was also in line with his own set of personal values. Mr. Dill suggested the proposal should clarify to whom the list of suggestions should be addressed.

In response to a request from Mr. Dill for additional information about an incident involving a fireman discharging a firearm at one of the town's firehouses, Mr. Parker advised that the incident occurred at the Lake Hayward firehouse and involved a volunteer fireman who was subsequently arrested.

Mr. Parker advised that, due to a conflict with Dr. Steven Durham's calendar, his retirement dinner has been rescheduled for May 31st. Mr. Parker stated that he would attend the event.

11. Adjournment: Motion made by Mr. Dill, seconded by Mr. Parker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m. Unanimous aye.

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Respectfully submitted,

Peter T. Govert, Secretary