

"MINUTES APPROVED"

Present: Chairman Peter S. Cunningham, Clerk Dann Chamberlin, Member Thomas P. McCuin, Jr. and Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00.

#### MINUTES

Mr. Chamberlin moved approval of the September 10 regular session minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved approval of the September 17 regular session minutes, as amended. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

#### 350TH COMMITTEE - Increase Membership & Appointments

Mr. Chamberlin moved to amend the charter of the 350th Committee by increasing the membership from 7 to 11. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Donald Black, Patricia Hallet, and Linda Nucci as members of the 350th Committee, terms to expire June 30, 2006. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE - Appointments

Mr. Chamberlin moved to remove Patricia Froehle as a member of the Finance Committee, effective immediately. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of Stephen Boczenowski as a member of the Finance Committee, term to expire June 30, 2003. The motion was seconded. Vote: Chamberlin - Aye, Cunningham - Aye, McCuin - No (because of his fiscal views)

Mr. Chamberlin moved the appointment of William Maloomian as a member of the Finance Committee, term to expire June 30, 2002. The motion was seconded. Vote: Chamberlin - Aye, Cunningham - Aye, McCuin - Abstain (due to no knowledge of Mr. Maloomian)

#### LIBRARY BUILDING COMMITTEE - Appointment

Mr. McCuin moved the appointment of Michael Manugian as a member of the Library Building Committee. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REPORT

##### Dog Law

Mr. McCuin noted that there is a pooper scooper law in Groton.

##### Sidewalk at Patridgeberry

The letter received from Police Chief Mulhern regarding the sidewalk at Patridgeberry will be forwarded to the Highway Surveyor and Planning Board.

##### Sewer

The Selectmen received a letter from Harlan Fitch regarding the sewer in the rail trail.

##### Peabody Street Bridge

Mr. Chamberlin called Mass Highway to ask why it has taken more than one month to complete the Peabody Street Bridge over the rail trail. The key issue is Pleasant Street and how long it will take to replace that bridge. He was told that Pleasant Street is a larger undertaking. Mr. Chamberlin will be talking to the Police tomorrow about emergency use, and to see if Mass Highway can come up with a solution to let emergency vehicles over the bridge during construction. Chief Mulhern said Mass Highway did Peabody Street first to see what it would run into.

##### HTSD

HTSD has sent Mass Highway a 25% design for the Four Corners Intersection. The Town needs a letter from Mass Highway saying it supports the design which moves the Four Corners Restaurant. Ms. Kitchen will draft a letter to Mass Highway

##### FMLA

Ms. Kitchen noted that Town Counsel had drafted a letter regarding FMLA

leave for Ms. Wheeler's illness. As the town has no leave of absence policy, FMLA provides an employee with 12 weeks of leave and allows continuance of benefits. The letter is in the signature packet for you to sign.

#### Squannacook Dam

Mr. Chamberlin said he heard from other sources that Marion Stoddart was not involved in the dam incident and he took it lightly until he heard from one of the perpetrators.. One of the perpetrators, unsolicited, confirmed that Ms. Stoddart knew nothing about it and was not involved with two other perpetrators. Mr. McCuin said he also heard this and has reiterated it to the newspaper. The quote about the radical environmental lot was more directed at one perpetrator and not Mr. Stoddart.

#### Community Gathering

There will be a Community Gathering on September 30, at 2 PM. Muslim cleric and all three Selectmen will talk. Becky Pine, who has lived in Afganistan, will also speak on her experiences. Between the speakers there will be music.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 7:30 PM the Selectmen adjourned to the Special Town Meeting. At 9:39 PM Mr. Chamberlin moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dann Chamberlin, Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jean E. Kitchen  
Administrative Officer