

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MAY 5, 2003
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
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"APPROVED"**

Present: Chairman Dann Chamberlin, Clerk Thomas D. Hartnett, Member Peter S. Cunningham, Administrative Officer Jean E. Kitchen, and Office Assistant, Kathryn Fisher. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Appointment of Emergency Management Agency Director

Mr. Dann Chamberlin, Chair of the Board of Selectmen (BOS) invited Mr. William Shute the potential appointee to speak to the Board and offer any comments he might have with regards to his vision for this department if appointed.

Mr. Shute expressed that he wished to keep the department up to date with an Emergency Management Plan specific to Groton. He explained that the state's plan lacked some of the nuts and bolts the he feels they need. He wants to fill in those details for Groton, i.e. for circumstances like an ice storm or any other things that could happen. He said that what particularly scares him is the hazardous materials that travel through the town now on a daily basis on Main Street which could necessitate an evacuation.

Mr. Chamberlin then asked the members of the Board if they had any questions for Mr. Shute. Mr. Hartnett said he had no questions. Mr. Cunningham did not have any questions either, but did say the Mr. Shute had a good background for this position.

Mr. Cunningham moved to appoint William F. Shute as Emergency Management Director for the one-year term effective July 1, 2003 to expire June 30, 2004. Seconded by Mr. Hartnett. Unanimous vote.

The Board then congratulated Mr. Shute on his appointment.

The board next sought to take action on the posted matter of the relocation of Mill street, however since the Planning Board was still meeting, the board opted to review the minutes for the Regular Session of March 18, 2003 out of order as well as the Administrative Officer's Report.

Minutes

Members of the Board then reviewed the minutes for the regular session of March 18, 2003. No corrections or changes were offered.

*Mr. Cunningham moved to approve the regular session minutes of March 18, 2003. Seconded by Mr. Hartnett. Unanimous vote.
Minutes were approved as submitted.*

Administrative Officer Report

Ms. Jean Kitchen informed the Board that Sheila Lawrence from Linen Lady has agreed to add \$1.00 to the wholesale costs to be donated to the 350th Anniversary Committee Fund. The board received this news favorably.

She also informed the Board that Attorney Collins had withdrawn his plans for Mill Street location.

Ms. Kitchen also reported to the Board that Rep. Hargraves had informed her that the 4 corners intersection is now on the FY 04 TIP list.

Mill Street Relocation

Members of the Planning Board were present to offer comments on the relocation of Mill Street.

Mr. Dann Chamberlin said that it is the Board's understanding that the article was withdrawn last week but the Board does believe that the realignment needs to happen for public safety reasons. He stated that the Board was looking for input from the Planning Board.

One of the members of the Planning Board volunteered that it was unknown what would happen to the land located there. There could be a possibility of a developable piece of land here. The traffic alone from such development would make this intersection unsafe. Mr. Cunningham expressed that this is already a dangerous intersection and maybe now was the time to fix it.

George Barringer noted that the plan he offered showed the realignment of Mill Street closer to the current intersection than the previous Hannaford plan had shown. Mr. Hartnett then interjected to say that he thought Hannaford's plan had previously presented was to square off the intersection with NEBS driveway. The Planning Board clarified that there was never a plan which squared off the intersection.

Mr. Barringer, also said that the Board has no idea what is happening with the "Kelly" land that the Planning Board has really not gotten any information that they need to evaluate this.

Mr. Cunningham said whatever the plans that the developer would have to conform with the requirements now in place during the site plan review stage.

The Planning Board said that this is the time to having it done correctly. And the Board is concerned that they could make it worse without knowing what is being planned on the other parcel of land.

Mr. Chamberlin asked what leverage the Board could have with the developer? The Planning Board said that numerous waivers had been asked for. But they needed the applicant to come forward with the needed information so they could make decisions.

Mr. Chamberlin then noted that the time was close for the start of the Town Meeting and he commented that this matter needed more time to be discussed and that the Boards should make this discussion happen as soon as possible.

Therefore the Board took no action on this matter given the time constraints.

The meeting was then recessed until after Town Meeting.

Mr. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Hartnett. Unanimous vote.

Approved: _____
Thomas D. Hartnett, Clerk

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn M. Fisher
Office Assistant

Date Approved: May 12, 2003