

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Meeting Date: April 15, 2003
MINUTES

Members Present:

F. Eric Sonnett, Chairman
Mary C. Pratt, Vice-Chairman
Leonard A. Holden
Ronald M. Clark
Paul J. Nelson

Others Present:

AT&T Broadband Technicians: Russell Phipps

Hopkinton Independent: Sarah Duckett, Editor

MetroWest Daily News: Jeff Gould, reporter

Community Endowment Group:

Chuck Joseph, Wayne Mezitt, and Jennifer Markson

Conservation Commission: Brian Morrison, Chairman

Department Heads and Supervisory Personnel:

Police Chief Thomas Irvin, Fire Chief Gary Daugherty, Mr. J.T. Gaucher, DPW Director, Dr. John Phelan,
School Superintendent

Planning Board: Sandra Altamura

Selectmen's Office:

Theodore D. Kozak, Executive Secretary and Geri Holland, Clerk

Others present:

M/M Edward Kelly (Northbridge, MA), M/M Fitzgibbons (7 Nebraska Street), Irene Mullen (7 Montana Road), Robert Hogan (7 Montana Road), Lisa Steedman (4 DiCarlo Road), M/M Burt Baum (231 W. Main Street), Dr. and Mrs. Michael Guarniori ((188 West Main Street), Joe Karner (176 W. Main Street), Barbara Beale (209 W. Main Street), Verne Kaminski (185 W. Main Street), Cynthia Robinson (274 W. Main Street), Anthony Rodrigues (71 Downey Street), David and Jane Desilets (233 W. Main Street), Mr. Monahan (35 Downey Street), Oscar Kamishlian (4 Oakhurst Road), Raymond M. Mahoney (259 West Main Street), Joseph Hall (300 West Main Street), Marie Fecteau-Evers (195 W. Main Street), Rita Horsley (137 Hopkinton Street, Upton)

Public Meeting/Pledge of Allegiance:

7:00 p.m. Mr. Sonnett opened the public meeting and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Town Bills and Warrants Approved:

The Board approved Town bills for payment. Town warrants were approved as follows:

- ◆ Town payroll #03-41 for \$108,197.46 (FICA: \$1,154.90)
- ◆ Town accounts payable #03-60 for \$56,387.20
- ◆ School accounts payable #03-0078 for \$159,115.37
- ◆ School accounts payable #03-0079 for \$22,611.70

The Board signed the following warrants on April 9, 2003:

- ◆ School payroll #03-20 for \$768,017.44 (FICA: \$9,184.09)
- ◆ Town payroll #03-40 for \$108,510.29 (FICA: \$1,155.02)
- ◆ Town accounts payable #03-59 for \$285,024.58

Minutes: 3/18/03; 3/25/03; 3/25/03 (ES); 3/28/03; 4/1/03; 4/4/03

Mr. Sonnett presented the following Selectmen's minutes for a vote:

1. March 18, 2003:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the March 18, 2003 Selectmen's minutes, as submitted by Geri Holland. So moved Mr. Clark. There were no comments. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

2. March 25, 2003:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the March 25, 2003 Selectmen's minutes, as submitted by Geri Holland. So moved Mr. Nelson. There were no comments. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

3. March 25, 2003 (Executive Session):

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the March 25, 2003 (Executive Session) minutes, as submitted by Theodore D. Kozak. So moved Mr. Clark. There were no comments. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

4. March 28, 2003:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the March 28, 2003 minutes, as submitted by Geri Holland. So moved Mr. Holden. There were no comments. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

5. April 1, 2003:

Mr. Sonnett tabled the vote of the April 1, 2003, until the next meeting.

6. April 4, 2002:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the April 4, 2003 minutes, as submitted by Geri Holland. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Public Hearing: Street Acceptances as "Public Ways"

Mr. Sonnett read the public notice of the following streets being proposed for acceptance as public ways at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting:

1. Alprilla Farm Road: from Front Street to Front Street
2. Brook Hollow Lane: from Cross Street to dead end
3. Emerson Way: from Clinton Street to dead end
4. Emma Drive: from Longwood Drive to Meadowland Road
5. Longwood Drive: from Spring Street to Meadowland Road
6. Meadowland Road: from Ralph Road to dead end
7. Ralph Road: from Spring Street Longwood Drive

Mr. Sonnett asked if there were any abutters present. He noted that there were no abutters present. Mr. Sonnett explained that the streets are proposed for acceptance as public ways at the 2003 Annual Town Meeting. He said that the Board would vote whether or not to accept the layout of streets this evening. Mr. Sonnett explained that if any of the streets have any unresolved issues, the issues would need to be resolved prior to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to open the public hearing. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Alprilla Farm Road:

Sandra Altamura said the Planning Board recommends that prior to the 2003 Annual Town Meeting, the following conditions be completed at the Alprilla Farm Road subdivision: 1. Sweep roadway; and 2. Clean catch basins. She said that if the conditions are not done before the Town Meeting, the Planning Board recommends not accepting the Road at that time. Mr. Clark asked if the DPW or the developer is

responsible for performing this work? Ms. Altamura said that she did not know. Mr. Gaucher, DPW Director, responded that he spoke to the contractor's attorney, Mr. Nealon, who said that the contractor is willing to help. The cost to complete the work is estimated at \$7,355. Mr. Gaucher said that each of these streets has a bond associated with it, but he did not know the value of the bond. He said that the bond would stay in place until the work is done. Mr. Sonnett said that if the Board of Selectmen votes to put this on the Town warrant and the work is not done prior to Town Meeting, the Board would vote against accepting this road at the Town Meeting. Mr. Clark pointed out that if there is a bond, the Town could pull the bond and do the work themselves and still accept the road at the Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept the layout of Alprilla Farm Road, contingent upon the completion of any unresolved issues. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Brook Hollow Lane:

Ms. Altamura said that the Planning Board recommends that several items be completed prior to acceptance at the Town Meeting, as follows: 1. Loam and seed the areas within the road right of way in front of the two unfinished lots; 2. Sweep roadway; 3. Clean catch basins; and 3. Remove post installed directly adjacent to the street sign. Mr. Gaucher agreed with the conditions.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept the layout of the streets at Brook Hollow Lane, contingent upon the completion of any unresolved issues. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Emerson Way:

Ms. Altamura said that the Planning Board voted to recommend Emerson Way for acceptance as a public way at the Annual Town Meeting, contingent upon the completion of several issues. Mr. Gaucher said that he visited Emerson Way and reported that the road is in excellent condition and needs no work.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept the layout of the street, Emerson Way, contingent upon the completion of any unresolved issues. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

White Oak Estates:

Ms. Altamura said that the Planning Board does not recommend acceptance of the streets in the White Oak Estates, which includes Longwood Drive, Ralph Road, Emma Drive, and Meadowland Drive, unless all work, as outlined in a letter to the developer, Mr. Ruggieri, is completed by the 2003 Annual Town Meeting (see attached letter). Mr. Gaucher said that when he recently visited the development, he noted that there are cracks in the road in several areas. He said that he hopes the situation would be taken care of by next week.

Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Morrison if he had any comments.

Mr. Morrison said that he has been unable to resolve the problem with the drainage. Mr. Morrison said that he has not been successful in getting the developer to do the work.

Mrs. Pratt expressed concern that if the street were accepted at Town Meeting before the work is completed, the Town would have the responsibility of paying for the repairs. Mr. Nelson also said that he would like to see the work done before Town Meeting.

Mr. Sonnett asked if there were any abutters present. There were no abutters present.

Mr. Sonnett recommended giving the developer more time to complete the work and then re-address this issue at another Town meeting. Ms. Altamura commented that this issue could be addressed at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Emma Drive:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett said that based on the Planning Board and Conservation Commission's comments and recommendations, he entertained a motion to not approve the layout of Emma Drive. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Longwood Drive:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett said that based on the Planning Board and Conservation Commission's comments and recommendations, he entertained a motion to not approve the layout of Longwood Drive. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Meadowland Drive:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett said that based on the Planning Board and Conservation Commission's comments and recommendations, he entertained a motion to not approve the layout of Meadowland Drive. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Ralph Road:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett said that based on the Planning Board and Conservation Commission's comments and recommendations, he entertained a motion to not approve the layout of Ralph Road. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Montana Street Petition

Mr. Sonnett gave an account of a petition request to accept Montana Road as a public way. He asked Ms. Altamura to give the Planning Board's recommendation (see attachment). Ms. Altamura said that the Planning Board believes that Town Counsel should be requested for his opinion. She said that the Planning Board doesn't want to set a precedent with regard to other streets in the Town, should this street be accepted. She added that the Planning Board believes that building a house on the 8.5 acre subdivision at the end of Montana Road could be a "good thing".

Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Gaucher for his recommendation.

Mr. Gaucher said that he visited Montana Road recently and believes the road, which was recently paved, is in excellent condition. He said that the Town has been maintaining the road, including plowing and sanding during winter months. Mr. Gaucher added that if the house were built with a cul-de-sac at the end of the road, it would make it easier for the Town to plow and sand the road and for safety vehicles to turn around.

Mr. Sonnett asked Attorney Resnick to address this issue.

Attorney Resnick said that the wetlands on his client's (M/M Kelly) property, is extensive. He added that because of the wetlands, this would allow for only one house to be built on the property. He said that beyond that, there is no possibility of any other houses being developed on that property.

Attorney Resnick gave the history of the property and said the owners do not disagree with the Planning Board's recommendation to request Town Counsel's opinion. He said that he wishes to look at this issue in a practical way and explained that the road has been used as a public road since the 1800's. He said that the public has rights to the road and that he wants to just "lock it in" with the article at town meeting. Mrs. Pratt commented that she believes this was a paper street maintained by the Town, but never accepted as a true road of Hopkinton.

Mr. Sonnett asked if there were any abutters present.

Mr. Robert Hogan, 7 Montana Road, explained that the road paving stops at his driveway, and taking the land would mean taking part of his yard that is used for recreation.

Ms. Mullen, 7 Montana Road, gave a history of the property and described the road.

Mr. Hogan said that they only found out about the meeting 6 days ago and believe that abutters, according to MA General Law, should have at least 7 days notice. He said that the notice was postmarked April 8th and he received it on April 9th, which is only 6 days notice, and asked if this hearing is a legal meeting, being that they only had 6 days notice.

Ms. Mullen commented that there is no water on Montana Road and that their water comes from Nebraska Road.

Mr. Hogan paraphrased a letter that he and Ms. Mullen prepared, as follows: 1. He pointed out they did not receive the public hearing notice within the 7 day legal timeframe; 2. They support the right of citizens to petition at town meeting, but pointed out who the petitioners were such as the real estate agents where Attorney Resnick's office is located etc.; 3. He was in attendance at the Planning Board meeting when Attorney Resnick met with them, and even though the Planning Board seemed favorable to the issue, they did not actually recommend the project; 4. He pointed out that snow plowing would be the same as if a cul-de-sac were built. He commented that if a cul-de-sac were built, it could push the snow into the storm drain causing water problems. He said that the homeowners on Montana Road currently have a water problem with water in their basements. 6. Most importantly, he said that taking land from current landowners for another's benefit is inappropriate. He added that doing this could affect the quality of their lives and have an adverse effect on the value of their property. Mr. Hogan asked the Board to consider the ramifications to the present homeowners.

Mr. Fitzgibbons, 7 Nebraska Road, said that he is an abutter, but did not receive the public hearing notice. He said that he has no problem with the Kelly's building a house on their property, but believes they should access their land through another avenue.

Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Resnick why the abutter was not notified? Attorney Resnick said that he obtained a certified abutter's list and sent notices.

An abutter from Nebraska Street said that she received a notice only a few days earlier. She said that building the Kelly home might necessitate the widening of Montana Road and this concerns her, as some of her land could be taken by eminent domain.

Attorney Resnick said that the road does not belong to the abutters and that it's for Town Meeting to decide. He stated that tonight he is just asking the Board to layout the road, which is a requirement prior to Town Meeting.

Attorney Resnick asked the abutters exactly why they have a problem with the Kelly's building a home on their property? Mr. Sonnett said that this is not the issue for tonight and that the issue is if the Board wishes to lay out the road for town meeting so that town meeting could listen to all of these issues to make a decision.

Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Kozak if he had spoken to Town Counsel about this issue. Mr. Kozak responded he had not formally spoken to Town Counsel about this issue.

Mr. Clark asked Attorney Resnick if he had filed any plans with the Planning Board. Attorney Resnick replied not yet. Mr. Clark said that he believes there are two issues and asked if the property owners were given seven days notice of this hearing. He questioned if the property owners had enough notification of this public hearing. Secondly, Mr. Clark questioned if the town meeting is the place to solve this issue. Attorney Resnick said that at town meeting, he will be asked if there is access to the property and that this needs to be straightened out before that time.

Ms. Mullen commented that Montana Road is not maintained by the town and believes that the plowing is done for safety issues. She reiterated that there is no water on Montana Road.

Mr. Sonnett said the issue tonight is for the Board to decide whether or not to put this on the town meeting warrant.

Mr. Hogan said that he is concerned that if the Board of Selectmen vote to lay out the street for town meeting, residents could approve the petition based on the Board's decision. He said that this concerns him, as he believes residents would make this decision without knowing all of the facts. He believes that this is an issue for Montana Road residents only.

Mr. Sonnett said that if the Board votes to lay out the road, it does not mean that the Board approves to take the road by eminent domain.

Mrs. Pratt asked if it's feasible for the Kelly's to have access to their property by means of the Stratton property; and, secondly, who would pay Town Counsel's fees.

Attorney Resnick said that it's not possible to come in through the Stratton property and explained the conditions as to why this is not possible. He also explained that he is asking to layout the metes and bounds of the road only, and not to accept the taking of the property, which would be for town meeting to decide.

In response to the legal notices being sent out, Attorney Resnick said that he did send out legal notices on time and that he worked with Mr. Kozak in regards to this. Mr. Kozak responded that Town Council did confirm to notify the abutters and that the Selectmen's Office only provided assistance in obtaining the certified list, but was not responsible for mailing out the notices.

Mr. Nelson said that he is not comfortable with the Board voting tonight, due to lack of proper notification to the abutters.

Mr. Kozak said that Town Counsel believes that the fact the abutters are present tonight could be enough evidence to make this meeting legal. He said that the Board could still vote to layout the road tonight.

Mr. Sonnett agreed with Mr. Nelson in that there might not have been enough notification given to abutters.

Attorney Resnick respectfully disagreed and believes that proper notification was sent. He pointed out that this vote would need to happen at least 7 days before town meeting.

Mr. Clark recommends that Attorney Resnick meet with the Planning Board. Attorney Resnick responded that the Planning Board has no jurisdiction in this matter.

Mr. Sonnett asked if waiting until the fall town meeting would cause hardship. Attorney Resnick responded that waiting could cause significant hardship and explained his client's timeline.

Mr. Clark believes that the Planning Board should make a recommendation to the Board and that the applicant should reimburse Town Counsel.

Ms. Altamura said that the Planning Board would need clarification as to if this were a legal matter, and if so, they would have no jurisdiction in this matter.

Mr. Nelson believes that taking this issue to the Planning Board is not appropriate.

Mr. Sonnett believes the Board should make sure this public hearing is done properly. The Board considered holding another public hearing and decided to continue this hearing on Thursday, April 24, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Hearing Room. Mr. Kozak will request Town Counsel to review this matter.

FY 2004 Budget

Mr. Sonnett gave a brief overview of the FY 2004 budget process and the override question that the Board of Selectmen voted at the Selectmen's April 1, 2003 meeting to bring the question to the ballot at the Town Election on May 19. He explained that the Board asked Police Chief Irvin, Fire Chief Gary Daugherty, Dr. John Phelan, School Superintendent, J.T. Gaucher, DPW Director, and Theodore Kozak, Executive Secretary to present their Department's alternative budget should the override not pass. The Police Chief, Fire Chief, School Superintendent, DPW Director, and the Town's Executive Secretary presented a PowerPoint presentation of their department's "shadow" budget (See attachment). Mr. Sonnett reminded the viewing audience of the Public Forum of the FY2004 budget that the Board of Selectmen is sponsoring on Thursday, May 1 at the Middle School Auditorium.

Town Warrant: 53E ½ Account

Dr. Phelan requested the Board's consideration to add the School Department to the Town Warrant's 53E ½ account for the purpose of user fees and charges collected by the School Department to meet expenses for the operation of the School Transportation Program, with a spending limit of \$75,000.00.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve the inclusion of the School Department on the 53E ½ account on the Town Warrant for the purpose as requested. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

Hopkinton Community Endowment: Jennifer Markson

Mr. Joseph presented a brief history of the Hopkinton Community Endowment organization, founded in 1998, and its mission that being "a non-profit, publicly supported corporation created to provide a permanent funding mechanism for contributing to long-term capital projects in Hopkinton". He reviewed some of the fund-raising activities that the organization has sponsored since its inception. He said that the financial goal of the organization is to reach \$1M and that the HCE received a \$1M challenge in the form of a 2-1 matching grant from the Egan Family Foundation. Mr. Joseph said the HCE presently has raised \$150,000 and hopes that they are able to raise the \$1M within a 35 year period. Other members, Jennifer Markson, HCE President, and Wayne Mezitt, Weston Nurseries, Inc., also spoke about the group's efforts and long-term goals. Mr. Mezitt added that the HCE hopes the Board of Selectmen would help them raise the community's awareness of their mission and goals. Mr. Sonnett asked Mr. Kozak to assist the HCE in the inclusion of their website onto the Town's website. The Board thanked the HCE representatives for their presentation.

Citizens Looking For Another Way (CLAW): Joseph Hall

Mr. Joseph Hall, CLAW organizer, spoke on behalf of the Citizens Looking For Another Way (CLAW) and stated their opposition to the draft report for the Blackstone Valley Transportation Corridor Planning Study, which was conducted by the Central Massachusetts Regional Planning Commission (CMRPC) of the

proposed widening of West Main Street from two lanes to four lanes. Mr. Hall introduced Mr. Monahan, member of CLAW, who gave a PowerPoint Presentation (see attachment) about the study. The presentation included an overview of the Study and the problems should the widening occur i.e., traffic congestion, costs, economic development, pollution, displacement of water mains, relocation of 50 utility poles, disruption to local business and utilities, and recommendations "Alternative A". The presentation also included recommendations, comments and goals by the CLAW. CLAW member, Rita Horsley, presented her comments and recommendations (see attachment). Police Chief Irvin commented that the four lanes on this roadway would increase significant public safety issues. He added that he hopes that a traffic study would be done. Mrs. Pratt commented that the proposal to widen the road is not in the best interest of the town and votes against the proposal. She advised to send a letter that the Board of Selectmen does not endorse the proposal, and disapproves the project. The Board concurred. Mr. Sonnett requests to send a letter stating concerns including the fact that the Town of Hopkinton was eliminated from the planning process in conducting the study; and secondly, to send letters to Senator Magnani and Representative Loscocco to encourage them to support the Town's position in their opposition of the proposal. Mr. Sonnett also requests that the Board further discuss this issue at the next Selectmen's meeting. He also requests that Town Counsel review the proposal. The Board thanked members of CLAW for their presentation.

Honorary Citizens: 107th Boston Marathon Kenyan Runners

Mr. Sonnett said that the Board would vote to proclaim all the Kenyan runners who are running in the 107th Boston Marathon as honorary citizens, recognizing their achievements and contributions to the Sport of Marathoning. Mr. Sonnett added that the Board of Selectmen would present the proclamations at the Kenyan event scheduled at the Elmwood School.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to proclaim all of the runners from Kenya as honorary citizens of Hopkinton on April 21, 2003, Boston Marathon Day, to recognize their achievements and contributions to the "Sport of Marathoning". So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Marathon Fund Requests: Marathon Committee, H. S. Baseball Team, (2) Babe Ruth Baseball, H. S. Track Team

Mr. Sonnett read out the Marathon Fund requests from the following: Marathon Committee, High School Baseball Team, two requests from the Babe Ruth Baseball program, and the High School Track Team. The Board discussed each request and voted as follows:

1. Marathon Committee:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a Marathon Fund request from the Marathon Committee for the purpose of funding the cost of the Field Music Fife & Drum Corps for \$250.00. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

2. H. S. Baseball Team:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a Marathon Fund request from the Hopkinton High School Baseball team to fund the cost of nine (9) dozen practice baseballs for \$300.00, an indoor pitching mound for \$950.00, and a polypropylene windscreen for \$792.00 totaling \$2,042.00. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

3. Babe Ruth Baseball:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a Marathon Fund request from the Babe Ruth Baseball program to fund the cost of purchasing new pants for the Babe Ruth Baseball program for \$500.00. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

4. Babe Ruth Baseball:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a Marathon Fund request from the Babe Ruth Baseball program to fund the cost of purchasing 120 hats for the Babe Ruth Baseball program for \$1,050.00. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mr. Nelson. Unanimously voted.

5. H. S. Track Team:

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve a Marathon Fund request from the High School Track Team to fund the cost of an eclipse outdoor tent to be used at Track team meets for \$1,554.00. So moved Mr. Holden. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Sign Requests: Weston Nurseries

Mr. Kozak explained the request from Weston Nurseries, Inc. on Route 135 to install four (4) signs as follows: One (1) directional sign that will read “Weston Nurseries – 2.2 miles” and placed on West Main Street near the “Welcome to Hopkinton” sign; Two (2) one-sided directional signs to be situated on East Main Street, one located on the north side of the road facing east at the corner of Peach Street and Rte. 135; and the second sign would be located on the north side of the road facing west at the corner of Frankland Road and Rte. 135; and One (1) sign for marking the entrance on Frankland Road. Mr. Kozak said that the Municipal Building Inspector, Michael Shepard, has no problem with the two proposed signs located at the intersection of Peach Street and Frankland Road at Rte. 135 and the other proposed sign located on Frankland Road. Mr. Kozak further explained that Mr. Shepard does, however, have a concern with the proposed location of the sign on West Main Street, on the eastbound side in the general proximity of the Welcome to Hopkinton sign, as this is not allowed under the Town’s Zoning bylaw and the placement of this sign at this location could set a precedent of other signs along this road. The Board discussed whether or not to allow the sign on West Main Street on the eastbound side. Mr. Nelson pointed out that a sign at this location could help with congestion.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to approve all of the sign requests as requested by Weston Nurseries, Inc. as follows: One (1) directional sign that will read “Weston Nurseries – 2.2 miles” and placed on West Main Street near the “Welcome to Hopkinton” sign; Two (2) one-sided directional signs to be situated on East Main Street, one located on the north side of the road facing east at the corner of Peach Street and Rte. 135; and the second sign would be located on the north side of the road facing west at the corner of Frankland Road and Rte. 135; and One (1) sign for marking the entrance on Frankland Road. So moved Mr. Nelson. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Cable Committee resignation: Lawrence S. Young

Mr. Sonnett read a letter of resignation from Lawrence S. Young from the Cable Committee, effective immediately.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept with regret the resignation from the Cable Committee from Lawrence S. Young, effective immediately. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted. The Board requests to send a thank you letter to Mr. Young.

Gift into the Ambulance Account

Mr. Sonnett read the list of those who contributed to the Ambulance gift account in memory of Alden Rice as follows: Helen Van Dam: \$25.00; Betsy Stevens: \$25.00; M. Stephen and Mary Ellen Shaw: \$50.00; Fred & Judy Johnson & family: \$25.00; Herbert & Dorothy Pickard: \$50.00; Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital employees: \$110.00; Helen Cromie, Dick & Marcia Cromie and Jan & Kevin Kelly: \$50.00.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to accept the gifts into the ambulance account in memory of Alden Rice from Helen Van Dam: \$25.00; Betsy Stevens: \$25.00; M. Stephen and Mary Ellen Shaw: \$50.00; Fred & Judy Johnson & family: \$25.00; Herbert & Dorothy Pickard: \$50.00; Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital employees: \$110.00; Helen Cromie, Dick & Marcia Cromie and Jan & Kevin Kelly: \$50.00. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Holden. Unanimously voted.

Insurance Advisory Committee Appointment

Mr. Kozak explained that according to MA General Bylaw the Insurance Advisory Committee consists of representatives from each collective bargaining group by their own choice and a retiree appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Sonnett read the list of representatives as follows: Detective Patrick O'Brien, Police Department; Lieutenant Carl Harris, Fire Department; Frank Toronto, DPW; Harold Dickert, School Department; Ed Fleming, Custodian; Pegge Minke, School Department; and Maureen Burns, School Department. He requests the Board reactivate the Insurance Advisory Committee and to appoint a retiree to serve on the Committee. He added that Rose Leveille, a retiree, has agreed to serve on the Committee.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to reactive the Insurance Advisory Committee. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to appoint Rose Leveille to the Insurance Advisory Committee. So moved Mrs. Pratt. Second Mr. Clark. Unanimously voted.

The Board discussed appointing a representative who works under the Town's Salary Administration Plan. The Board asked Mr. Kozak to present a representative for appointment at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Quarterly Meeting Date

The Board agreed to table the Quarterly meeting until after the Town meeting.

Meeting Adjourned:

11:15 p.m. VOTE: Mr. Sonnett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. So moved Mr. Clark. Second Mrs. Pratt. Unanimously voted.

Respectfully submitted,

Geri Holland

Clerk

Date Approved: May 20, 2003