



- Last weekend's street dance and family fun night at Hesky Park went very well. There was good cooperation and assistance from the police and Public Works. The street dance has been held for more than 30 years, and is a very popular, long-standing family event.

*(The Town Manager's Report was continued to allow for the public hearing scheduled at 5:40 p.m.)*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **10-35 Hearing - Acceptance of Massachusetts Avenue as a Town Road**

The Town Manager read the duly published and posted Notice of Public Hearing. The Board will decide whether to accept Massachusetts Avenue, formerly known as Massachusetts Ave. Extension, as a Town Road.

*Selectman Lovett moved to open the Public Hearing at 5:40 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Torr. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

The Board reviewed the request to accept Massachusetts Ave. as a town road in detail at a workshop held in early May. The Town Manager reviewed the road and utility improvements that were undertaken by Leia Lane, LLC, in connection with the development of a two and a half acre subdivision located off Massachusetts Ave. The 50% build out threshold has been met. Site visits were made by Public Works, Water & Sewer, and the Town Manager to verify that conditions were as stated on as-builts and the documents provided to the Board. The hammerhead turnaround was improved significantly and has been approved by Public Works.

*Selectman Lovett moved that the Board take a motion to accept Massachusetts Ave. as a Town road, including all of the water and sewer utilities as described in the Warranty Deed. Seconded by Selectman Torr.*

The deeds have been reviewed by counsel and are acceptable as presented.

*4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

*Selectman Brothers motioned to close the public hearing portion of the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Lovett. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

The acceptance will be final once all documents have been recorded.

#### **TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT, CONTINUED**

- Deputy Tax Collector Vikki Fogg requested that her schedule be altered to part time. A proposal was drawn up by Administrative Services Director Brenda Vittner for the change in her work schedule. Under the proposal, Vikki will begin working 20 hours per week beginning Monday, August 30. She will use vacation time to supplement her hours until year-end, and then become a part time employee. There are funds available in the budget for a part-time person that

has not been utilized, and Vikki will come to the position with 22 years of experience. In addition, a savings will be realized because the full time position will no longer be filled. Acting Chair Worsman asked the Town Manager to express the Board's appreciation to Vikki for her service to the Town.

- The water system hydraulic model is complete. It will be used for modeling water use scenarios for present and future planning purposes. Approximately \$2,000 will be spent on software that will be used in conjunction with the model. Water & Sewer Superintendent Dan Leonard is familiar with the software, and the Town will realize significant savings on engineering fees using the software. The hydraulic model identified a restriction in the piping at the intersection of Route 3 and 25. Staff will explore how to analyze the matter without having to expose the pipe. The model also identified a water restriction on Water Street. Additional in-house tests will be performed at that location. Acting Chair Worsman thanked staff and the Water System Committee for the recent improvements in the water system

- Some items in the water plant were damaged as a result of an electrical phase failure on July 19. Repairs were made on that day at the approximate cost of \$2,000 for parts and labor. The cause of the electrical failure is uncertain.

- A sewer break occurred at #10 Route 25 on July 20. The construction site was very complicated, and required that both lanes be blocked on the first day, and one lane be blocked on the second day. The construction site was very unstable and working around fiber optic lines made the job difficult from a safety and security standpoint. The pipe in the area is old and brittle, making for a difficult installation. The Town is responsible for costs incurred in connection with removing soil contaminated with petroleum products from the area. The Town Manager will report the total costs of the project once the information is available.

- The applications forwarded to outside agencies are not appropriate for organizations the Town is a member of, such as Laconia Motorcycle Week Association and the Lakes Region Planning Commission. The Town Manager believes it is more appropriate to generate an internal staff memo to the Board setting forth the costs involved with membership, and the benefits received. The Board agrees that it is more appropriate for the Town Manager to gather information from those groups and report it to the Board in memorandum form.

- Councilor Burton is sponsoring a lake level hearing on August 17, from 6-9 p.m. at Church Landing.

- Selectmen representatives from Center Harbor, Sandwich, and Meredith will meet with School District representatives on August 18 in Center Harbor. The Town Manager will generate an agenda for the meeting and directions to the venue.

- The Town Manager provided the Board with a calendar to 2011. He will meet with department heads tomorrow, and inform the Board of any changes to the schedule. The 2010 meeting nights are firm at this time, unless the Board would like to make any changes.

#### **VISITOR'S AND RESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

Resident Jim Lerner hopes that the Board carefully considers the appropriateness of the 69/31 split between ratepayers and taxpayers who aren't ratepayers for debt service. He would like to see an analysis of what it worth to have the water system available for people who are not users. He understands that the system has a positive impact on businesses in town, but pointed out that the costs of water and sewer are built into the rates the businesses charge. In addition, he does not favor subsidizing the single largest user in town, the mobile home park. Doing so will encourage consumption, not conservation. The Town Manager explained that the Board does not intend to subsidize the mobile home park, and has not decided on a single course of action. The matter has been identified as an issue. The goal is to establish rates that will not affect one group inequitably.

Resident Jim Hughes requested that a notice be posted at the Waukevan kiosk to alert users that the Town is picking up the costs for the repairs to the boat ramp, the use of which is offered free of charge.

#### **SELECTMEN COMMENTS:**

Selectman Torr reported that a permit check at the disposal center on Sunday was successful. Of the 250 vehicles utilizing the facility, 13 did not to have a visible sticker. Those vehicles were either a second vehicle, or the user had a coupon or paid the fee.

At the request of Selectman Lovett, the Town Manager reported on the Water System Committee discussions at the workshop preceding the Board meeting. The Board voted in workshop to accept the recommendations of the Water System Committee. The Report of the Committee will be available on the Town website. At its next meeting, the Board will vote on action items regarding that acceptance.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

##### **10-36 School District Roundtable Meeting**

The school district meeting scheduled for August 18 will be an opportunity for the three communities that contribute to the school system to have an open discussion on how we got to this point, where to go from here, and what the group wishes to do in the future. Selectman Torr pointed out that the forum can be used as a model for cooperation among towns on other activities. The Town Manager will forward an agenda to the parties involved.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

*Selectman Brothers moved to adjourn the public meeting at 6:35 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Lovett. 4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

Acting Chair Worsman announced that the Board will move into a non-public meeting after a five-minute recess.

Respectfully submitted,

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Phillip L. Warren, Town Manager

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Colette Worsman, Acting Chairman

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Peter F. Brothers

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Miller C. Lovett

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Nathan J. Torr