

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
APRIL 9, 2001**

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. Present were Chairman Les Davis, Vice Chairman Ken Gikas, Secretary Lincoln E. Barber III, Board Members Jennifer Dean and Michael Pare. Town Accountant, Marilyn Mathieu was also present as were members of the Finance Committee and Capital Program Committee.

The Chairman called for the Pledge of allegiance and then asked the Board and those present to welcome our newly elected member Michael Pare.

The Board entered a lengthy discussion relative to the discharge of water and very large ponding on Hill St. opposite #142. Present were members of the Roberts family who spoke about the problem stating that a drain had been installed from the new house across the street down gradient to the vicinity of the street which added substantially to the ponding problem which had existed in the past to a lesser degree.

Also present was Highway Surveyor John Dean and Mac McCutcheon, Chairman of the Conservation Commission arrived.

Mr. Roberts showed the Board pictures of the land where a drain had been installed. Selectman Barber questioned why any building was allowed on the lot which showed wetland vegetation growing. Mr. McCutcheon advised the Assessors map didn't show any wetland so the Conservation Commission signed off on the building permit. Mr. Dean said the problem had been there and he had previously tried rip-rapping an area to hold back silt and promote slow drainage. Mr. Jeffs advised he had contacted Robert Duff, P.E. of Cullinan Engineering who is doing inspection work in the subdivision farther up the road and is aware of our problem. His recommendation was a cross culvert to carry the water to the other side of the street but an easement would probably be needed. Mr. Dean did not wish to involve and Engineer because of expense. Finally, the Chair directed Mr. Jeffs, Mr. Duff, Mr. Dean and Mr. Roberts to meet and develop a solution.

The Chairman had received a cell phone call from his long lost sister and emotionally excused himself from the meeting with the Board and all present expressing their best wishes.

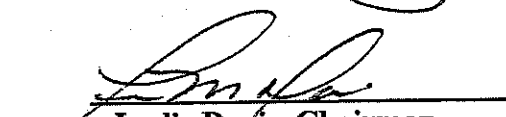
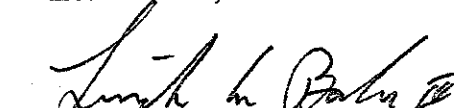

Vice Chairman Gikas assumed the Chair and led the budget discussion with members of the Finance Committee and Capital Program Committee contributing.

Finance will be meeting Wednesday, April 18 and will look for Selectmen recommendations on Department budgets.

The Town Accountant stated we needed to cut the FY 2002 budget requests by \$180,000.

After review of the raw requests the Board found areas of reduction which brought them down to a \$50,000 shortfall. They directed that Mr. Jefts return the Police, Fire and Board of Health budgets to the Department Heads for review and some reduction. The Board directed Mr. Jefts to review the Town's insurance and get competitive prices. Warrants were signed and the meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Alden Jefts, Executive Secretary  
Leslie Davis, Chairman  
Lincoln E. Barber III  
Kenneth Gikas,  
Jennifer A. Dean  
Michael Pare