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**THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
APRIL 16, 2001**

The Board of Selectmen Meeting was opened at 7:17 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Jennifer Dean, Lincoln E. Barber III, Ken Gikas, Leslie Dean, Mike Pare, and Executive Secretary Alden Jeffs.

Opening Ceremony

The Board voted on the reorganization of their members. There was a motion made by Mike Pare to make Ken Gikas the Chairman. Ken declined the nomination. Lincoln Barber nominated Jennifer Dean to be the new chairman and Ken Gikas seconded it. It was a unanimous vote. Ken Gikas made a motion to nominate Lincoln Barber vice chairman, Mike Pare seconded it and the vote was unanimous. There was a nomination made by Les Davis to make Mike Pare the Secretary, Ken Gikas seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Leslie Davis thanked the town for their support at the last meeting regarding his sister.

Correspondence

The assessments made by Worcester County remain unchanged except we will be paying over 10 years now no longer 20.

There was a MMA Action Notice. Chapter 70 School Aid is inadequate. The Selectmen each need to call the state and complain.

Al gave the Selectmen the Capital Program Minutes for their information.

There will be a Comprehensive Permit Workshop on May 18, and the Mansfield Holiday Inn from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Mike Pare and Lincoln Barber will attend.

The Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce will meet on May 23, from 1-7:30 at the Pleasant Valley Country Club.

Executive Secretary's Report

Al spoke regarding the Ethics Seminar. He said that Max Armour will speak.

The Cable license needs a six month extension. Bill Hewig will let the BOS know of the new date. Al will contact Bill Hewig to get going on it. Al will also call Jim Benson.

Ken Gikas had a question about the furnace and Al let him know that the problem with the filters have been corrected.

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Ray Natalia has offered to do the lawn maintenance for \$2000/yr. The Telephone Company will take care of the Mini Park. There was a motion to approve the \$2000. Contract made by Les Davis with the assurance that Ray Natalia will have his own liability insurance. Mike Pare seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

The Ladies room will be operational soon. The elevator is being built. Lincoln Barber brought up the mess in the meeting room. The board agreed that the work area needs to be screened off. Al will follow up with the superintendant.

There was a lengthy discussion about warrants. Al wants the BOS to review and post tomorrow. There was a new article for a new wage schedule for the annual town meeting to be discussed at the next meeting.

Old Business

Al contacted other towns regarding insurance. He spoke to four insurance agencies. Al will meet with the insurance representatives and get quotes in relation to MIAA.

The Town Hall only needs \$2000 not \$8000 for computer upgrades.

There was a reminder of the 4/25 meeting with Dr. Fitzpatrick and "Valley Tech" committee. There are only 33 students going to school. So why \$216,000 this year?

Judy Sanborn was appointed to the BOA with the motion made by Ken Gikas and seconded by Lincoln Barber. All Aye except for Mike Pare and Leslie Davis. There was a lengthy discussion regarding appointee.

Lincoln Barber spoke about Hill Street. Mr. Dean spoke about working on getting an easement from M. Roberts. There was discussion about Kempton Street also. The BOS needs to put a bylaw about water on a public way on for the annual town meeting.

Les spoke about the Hope Street property. There were 3 juveniles caught trespassing. Richard Hurteau put up particle board already but he will follow up with plywood.

There was discussion about holding off the advertisement in the Globe for Executive Secretary. If Al Jefts can stay 1-2 more years and have an intern to train to take over the job. Board will table and vote at next meeting. Les Davis made a Motion to recind vote to advertise for Executive Secretary in the Boston Globe. Lincoln Barber seconded it. All aye except for Ken Gikas with a nay. Al will look into the possibility of having an intern and report back to the Board.

Mike Pare brought up that the pole at the corner of the playground needs to be removed.

New Business

Al spoke to the Board about the need for a generator for the elevator. It will be expensive but it should not be on the special town meeting warrant. The Board will hold off on this item until the annual town meeting.

The board discussed the Special Town Meeting Warrant. There was a motion to approve the articles as amended. Al will remove article 37 and change 35. Les Davis made the Motion and Lincoln Barber seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

The Fire Chief informed the board about the need for \$4,956. For the camera. It has been to capital planning.

The Board voted to award the CDBG Consulting & Administration Contract to the Community Opportunities Group. Les Davis made the Motion and Mike Pare seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

A workshop date was set for April 23, 6:30 p.m. to finalize the budget.

Mike Pare asked that a thank you letter be send to the Blackstone Police Department. Al will prepare a letter for the board to sign.

Les Davis instructed Al to make a new emergency contact list for dispatch.

Ken Gikas had a question about money for the water emergency on March 5th.

Lincoln Barber brought up the issue of the potential park behind Pot Belly Pub. The Selectmen will walk the perimeter on Monday, April 23, 2001 at 5:00 p.m.

Good and Welfare

There was a member of the town who had questions regarding the water issue. She questioned the hours of the Executive Secretary and also disagreed with Friday closings.

Susan McNamara spoke in defense of the Friday closings issue. She also informed the board that up until her election there has been no work done on the current year's census by the previous Town Clerk.

Mr. Dean spoke regarding the ice and water problem. He was wondering if the Memorial Day parade was in motion. And he also spoke about emergency management issues.

Mrs. Pare spoke about the recycling book that will be finished on the 25th and it will have a calendar inside. The Board of Health and the Women's Club will be distributing them door to door.

Mr. Pare Thanked voters for their support.

The Board made motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Les Davis, and 2nd by Ken Gikas. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Hollie J. Andrews, Recorder

Jennifer Dean
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Lincoln E. Barber III
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Kenneth Gikas
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Leslie Davis
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