

MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 1999
DOVER CITY COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 P.M.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Councilor Wilson led the pledge.

ELECTION TO FILL WARD 2 CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

Perry nominated Peter Schmidt, seconded by Berry.

Reese moved to close the nomination, seconded by Perry. All in favor of closing the nomination. Nomination closed.

All in favor of Peter Schmidt as the new Ward 2 City Councilor.

Peter Schmidt is sworn in by the City Clerk.

3. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilor Wilson, Councilor Berry, Councilor Schmidt, Councilor Johnson, Councilor Landry, Mayor Pro Tem Perry, Councilor Rawding, Councilor Reese, and Mayor Boc.

4. PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing.

- A. Ordinance #3 - 2/10/1999, Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Article IV, Boards and Commissions, Section 3-59, Recreation Advisory Board. Sponsored by Councilor Robert Berry. **(SEE ITEM 10A-1)**

Mark Chamberlin – Secretary of the Dover Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Chamberlin stated he is here to address the proposal on changing their charter. He stated presently there are 9 members – 1 for each of the 6 wards and 3 at large.

Mr. Chamberlin stated they would like all 9 members to be at large and they also would like to add 3 as alternates. He stated sometimes they do not have enough people for a quorum. This would allow them to vote if someone is absent. He stated it would make it easier to get representatives.

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Mr. Chamberlin stated they would like to change the meeting night from the third Monday to the second Monday of the month.

Seeing no other speakers, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing on this ordinance.

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- B. Ordinance #4 – 2/10/1999, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 50, Schedule C: Stop Intersections – Browning Drive. Sponsored by Councilor David Landry. **(SEE ITEM 10A-2)**

Seeing no speakers, the Mayor closed the Public Hearing on this ordinance.

5. CITIZEN'S FORUM

The Mayor opened the Citizen's Forum.

Erv Sparkman – 232 Tolend Road. Mr. Sparkman spoke briefly on four issues tonight.

- 1)Rezoning – Mr. Sparkman stated he commends the City Council for their handling of the rezoning plan. He stated it was a difficult issue and the council handled it professionally.
- 2)Vehicle Registration Fee - Mr. Sparkman stated he still opposes this disguised tax for all the reasons already presented on two previous occasions.
- 3)New Hampshire Main Street – Mr. Sparkman stated the city is spending \$60K on the program for a new person. He stated we don't need more bureaucracy.
- 4)Purchasing Ordinance on tonight's agenda 10.B.1.– Mr. Sparkman asked the city council, are you really sure you want to give up control of purchases up to \$25,000?

The Mayor closed the Citizen's Forum.

6. MINUTES

- A. January 27, 1999 – Special Meeting/Public Hearing
- B. February 3, 1999 – Council Workshop
- C. February 10, 1999 – Regular Council Meeting

Perry moved to accept, seconded by Berry. All in favor.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT

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The Mayor stated on February 17 he met with the Secret Service and Chief Fenniman in preparation for the President's visit on Thursday and he was told how great our police are. On February 18 the Mayor welcomed the President. The Mayor presented the President with the Keys to the City.

On February 18, he attended the Dover Recreation Volunteer Awards Ceremony. He stated all volunteers make a difference in the life of a child.

On February 19, he conducted a reading for Carol Frasier's second grade class in recognition of Read a Book Week.

The Mayor stated on February 25 he met with the City Manager and there was a DEDC meeting to discuss financing on the riverfront development.

On March 2 he attended a ceremony with the Red Cross. On March 9, he attended the Dover Adult Learning Center. The Center will be recognized again by Washington, D.C.

On March 6 he attended the dinner and roast for Deputy Fire Chief Ray Talon for 25 years of service.

The Mayor appointed Peter Schmidt as the COAST Bus representative. We will notify COAST of their new representative.

The Mayor asked Jack Story to present the Chamber's new publication.

Jack Story of the Dover Chamber of Commerce showed a brochure on Dover which includes telephone numbers, the history of Dover, and other information.

Lastly, the Mayor read a proclamation for Ray Talon.

Perry moved to accept the Mayor's Report, seconded by Berry. All in favor.

8. REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES

A. Solid Waste Advisory – Councilor David Landry

Landry stated the committee met on Feb. 18 and the minutes of the prior meeting were accepted. He stated they spent the entire meeting going over the budget. The recommendation will result in a slight increase in these budgets by less than ½ of 1% for FY 2000.

Landry stated they may eventually accept anti-freeze and food waste with the soft yard waste at the recycling center.

They are looking into the possibility of an asphalt shingle recycling program.

Landry stated the next meeting will be on March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Manager's Office. The public is welcome.

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B. Planning Board – Councilor Jerry Reese

Reese stated the board met on February 23, 1999.

They Considered and Accepted (C/A) an application for a minor subdivision of land for Rand Development for one parking lot located on Blackwater Road.

C/A an application for a minor subdivision of land for James and Nora Oschman on the corner of Whittier and Sixth Street.

C/A an application for a lot line adjustment for the Estate of Dorothy Jocelyn located on Dover Point Road.

Reese stated lastly at that meeting they voted to Request the Community Development Block Grant Funding.

Reese stated last night, March 9, the Planning Board held a meeting and discussed the proposed site plan regulations.

C. Joint Building Committee – Councilor W. Scott Rawding.

Rawding deferred the meeting information to Councilor Johnson for the March 9 meeting.

Johnson stated the Board received the Citizen's Forum report from Val McKenney, Dover Middle School Parents' Group. They would like to do a fundraiser to pay for collapsible bleacher type seats.

Johnson stated under the financial reports we approved a manifest of \$1,157,578 that included a change order of \$35,768. This is a reduction in costs. We are 97% committed to subcontractors - \$342,952 ahead.

Johnson stated we are ahead in this about \$505,000 (beneath the budget). The contractor's report indicates they are ahead of schedule. It is too early to say for sure.

He stated the architect's report dealt with the design of the logo for the entrance. This will go to the Student Council for them to select one. The Clerk of the Works was unable to attend.

Johnson stated for other business we discussed the playing fields. They heard from Thom Forbes and he gave the current plan. He stated they also discussed heating costs for the school.

Rawding stated he is very pleased with the progress, it is ahead of schedule and under budget.

Rawding stated they are only about ½ way through, though. He stated with the last snowfall they had taken 1 day off from work and the project.

The roof is complete over the gym, music, and cafeteria areas. He stated the left wing is complete.

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The right wing is trussed and framed. The floors are subject to weather. They are currently pouring the stairwells. The brick and block around the exterior shell will be started next week. The interior work is ongoing – this is a good contractor, supervisor and clerk of the works.

Berry added the 7th grade class has a sugar shack program.

Also, on April 3, there is a site walk and the JBC invited the City Council members to attend. We financed a \$15.7 million building and stated he thinks this is remarkable.

Reese stated he wants the Planning Board on site.

D. Parking and Traffic Committee – Councilor David Landry
Withdrawn.

E. Joint Building Committee – Kindergarten, Councilor Bill Wilson
Wilson stated the meeting was held February 17, 1999. He stated a punch list was drawn up. The contractor has completed all items but two things that will be completed in the spring. \$1,949.15 has not been spent yet and they will probably return it to the proper authorities.

F. Appointments Committee – Councilor Robert Berry
Berry stated they may suspend the rules tonight.

Reese moved to suspend the rules to introduce a resolution, seconded by Landry.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

Berry moved to adopt the resolution as 11.B.7., seconded by Johnson. All in favor. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0.

Perry moved to adopt the committee reports, seconded by Reese. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0.

9. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

The City Manager stated the city is right on target. We have collected 89% of our revenue with 66 2/3% expenditures.

In February, we issued 25 building permits for \$1.3 million in construction value. We collected \$7,200 in fees and issued 3 single family building permits.

Berry asked about the Claremont issue relative to the school bond.

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He asked where we stand on the \$15.7 million.

Jeff Harrington stated we are still in the process of waiting to hear back from the Attorney General's Office, really from the State Treasury.

Reese asked the city engineer about Whittier and Sixth Streets. Are they removing all their trees. What's going to happen to the houses? What will the impact be?

The City Manager stated there will be no impact.

Perry clarifies it is part of the TIP.

Johnson stated there was a diagram on the wall somewhere. He would like it put back up in City Hall to refresh citizen's memories.

Reese moved to accept the City Manager's Report, seconded by Perry. All in favor. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. ORDINANCES IN 2ND READING

1. Ordinance #3 - 2/10/1999, Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Article IV, Boards and Commissions, Section 3-59, Recreation Advisory Board. Sponsored by Councilor Robert Berry.

Berry moved to adopt, seconded by Landry. Berry pointed out how difficult it is to fill vacancies.

Perry asked about having a council representative. We can not do it tonight.

Berry takes this under advisement and will provide feedback.

Johnson agrees. He stated he doesn't want to sit on another Board. He trusts the committee.

Rawding stated he understands the intent of trying to fill appointments. The whole board could come from Dover Point Road. He stated he would like no more than 4 from one ward.

Mayor Boc stated we should keep an eye on it and control it. We could rely on the Advisory Board themselves.

Landry asked if they could double check this before the appointment committee?

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Reese stated he is addressing Rawding's concern. He stated it's just like the Planning Board, they don't parcel out where and what section of the city they live in. But he stated Rawding's concern is legitimate.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-1. Rawding opposed.

2. Ordinance #4 – 2/10/1999, Chapter 166, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 50, Schedule C: Stop Intersections – Browning Drive. Sponsored by Councilor David Landry.

Landry moved to adopt, seconded by Reese. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

B. ORDINANCES IN 3RD READING

1. Ordinance #1-1/13/1999. Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Purchasing. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request .

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Johnson and Schmidt.

The City Manager explains this resolution.

Rawding stated he has a problem because of the large difference in formal bidding requirements– of what it will become. It's too much of a leap. Why is it going from \$5,000 to \$25,000?

The City Manager stated these items being purchased have already been approved in the budget. The City Manager defers to Jeff Harrington. Jeff Harrington stated \$1.3 million is the total amount for 42 resolutions at \$25,000 or less. He stated there would have only been 14 resolutions before the City Council if this resolution was in effect.

All major purchases would still come to the council.

Rawding stated why are we are trying to save time, he wants to examine each one.

Johnson stated he supports this resolution. It's a waste of time and personnel. We don't want to be micro-managing.

Landry stated he falls between Rawding and Johnson. He stated he can't support increasing this to \$25,000 on item 3-39. That's a 400% increase. Landry stated it's been 7 years since this ordinance was reviewed. He stated if inflation is a factor, it should go up to \$6,579.65.

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Landry stated he feels item 3-35 is okay. There were no comments from other council members.

Landry motions to change item 3-39 from \$25,000 to \$7,500, seconded by Rawding.

Rawding would like to propose a second amendment. He stated Landry is right to keep up with inflation. Rawding stated the council members are elected to represent the city and expenditures and \$25,000 is too much of an increase. He stated he feels the citizens want discussion/debate on these items.

Perry comments on Landry's/Rawding's rational amount stating \$5,000 is a rational amount. This was set 7 years ago and was used as a baseline at that time. Perry feels it would make it more efficient to raise the amount.

Perry commented on Rawdings statement and the council's responsibilities to watch the dollars when we set the budget

Johnson stated the proper time to review these purchases is during the budget process.

Wilson stated he supports this amendment. He stated he is strongly opposed to the original resolution. He stated he feels the council should keep an eye on resolutions. We need checks and balances.

Berry stated he can't argue with Wilson's comments, but he feels the amount could be argued no matter what it is. He stated he feels we have the proper checks and balances.

Landry stated he has a question on item 3-35, formal bidding requirements. Is something wrong with the sealed bid having a lesser dollar figure on it than 3-39?

The City Manager stated, yes. It has to be less.

Motion on the amendments fails on the amount reducing from \$25,000 to \$7,500 on a vote of 3-5. Landry, Wilson, Rawding in favor.

The amendment fails.

Wilson stated he doesn't understand Berry's position.

Berry stated we are looking at better operating procedures by the city, we have professionals and he has confidence in that.

Landry stated one more time, he feels it is important to see the transfer of monies from different accounts.

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The City Manager stated you would always see those by the charter.

Landry moves to amend items 3-35 move to \$7,500 and item 3-39 move to \$10,000, seconded by Rawding.

Rawding clarified this takes away accountability. He stated, the time to discuss spending money is each and every time the city council meets.

Motion fails on a vote of 3-4. Wilson, Rawding, Landry in favor. Schmidt abstains.

Main motion passes on a roll call vote of 5-4 with the Mayor voting to break the tie. Wilson, Schmidt, Landry, and Rawding opposed.

C. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Authorizing Participation in the New Hampshire Main Street Program and Designating a Municipal Official to Represent the City of Dover on the Local Nonprofit Main Street Governing Board of Directors. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Mayor Boc.

Perry stated he has questions. What is sufficient?

The City Manager stated 90% as discussed in the Public Hearing.

Peter Hamblett stated the budget is \$76K; of this \$8K - \$10K is in kind services. He stated the approval is going forward. He would like a significant amount at that time. Hamblett stated the approval will probably come in early May.

Perry stated he wants a dollar amount. Perry clarified any employees hired by this program will not be city employees.

Perry moved that in Section 5, strike the words sufficient financial and replace with \$50,000 cash or in kind services, seconded by Berry.

Landry verifies with Hamblett the \$50K amendment is fine.

Landry offers a friendly amendment to state, provide \$20,000 and take out the words "up to" and add "being received prior to the inception of the program."

Reese asked if the money is from this budget or the July 1 budget.

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Jack Story stated the July 1 budget will be okay.

All in favor of amendments. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

2. Resolution RE: Funding of City Transportation Improvements.
Sponsored by Councilor David Landry.

Landry moved to adopt, seconded by Berry.

Landry explained the resolution. He stated we must pay a 20% share in order to be eligible for this federal money. We previously have been bonding the money. The question is are we funding this in the most intelligent manner and the most economical manner?

Berry comments. He stated this makes sense. He stated he feels this will have a minimal impact.

Wilson stated at the workshop we spent a lot of time discussing if it's a fee or a tax. How are we actually going to implement it? He asked should we turn around and start a new tax. Wilson stated this does not have to be bonded. He stated we could just appropriate it in the budget. Wilson stated he wants to continue supporting the program as we have in the past within the bounds of the present system.

Johnson stated he agrees with Wilson, that this is infrequent. Johnson stated another item we abandoned is the resident tax of \$10 because of too many problems in collecting it.

Rawding stated he spoke against this at the workshop. He stated we are going to fund our portion somehow. Rawding stated this is the wrong mechanism. He stated this is a nuisance tax. Rawding stated we could line item this item but not create another nuisance for the citizens of Dover. He stated this should be a line item in the budget.

Schmidt stated he takes the points made thus far. He pointed out this is enabling legislation for us to take advantage of this type of program. Schmidt stated we can broaden the tax base to include non-home owners. Its not an additional trip, it will be part of the registration cost.

Perry stated Schmidt covered a lot of his points. He stated this is not the same thing. Perry stated if we don't pass this fee, then we continue to borrow like we have in the past.

Landry stated \$100K is our share. He stated this is a major issue at every budget time. Landry stated the administrative costs are negligible. He stated this is not an extra trip to City Hall. Landry stated we will just continue to bond as in the past. He feels in the long run there will be savings.

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Landry moved to amend the March date to April 1, 1999 and on the last line on the first page of the now, therefore, the fee charge shall be \$4.50, delete the rest of the line, seconded by Perry and Berry.

Rawding stated by amending this resolution, it won't take the administrative work away. There are costs associated with this.

He asked the City Manager if trailers are subject to this cost.

The City Manager stated they are.

Rawding stated he would rather examine this under debate in the budget.

Wilson commented on the amendment and stated there is an expense to administer, the forms would have to be changed.

Jeff Harrington stated the fine print on the registration form would just be put in our computer system. Wilson questioned the amount and Landry clarified it.

Schmidt clarified anything that is registered will be subject to this additional fee.

Berry stated that differs with the City Manager.

Rawding stated there is a lack of clarity. We are voting on something we don't have all the answers to.

Motion on the amendment passes on a vote of 6-2. Rawding and Wilson opposed.

Perry moved to propose an amendment on the second amendment, seconded by Rawding. Motion passed on a vote of 7-1. Rawding opposed the amendment.

Main motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-4, with the Mayor voting to break the tie. Wilson, Johnson, Rawding and Reese opposed.

3. Resolution RE: Award of Blanket Purchase Order for Continued Professional Consulting Legal Assistance. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Schmidt.

Reese commented and requests the City Manager to write a letter to the Congressional Delegation about these fees and the transaction costs. He stated they are killing us with transaction costs. Reese stated a letter to Senator Gregg and Senator Smith should be sent.

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Reese stated he does not want to pay the transaction costs for the landfill. He stated we have been paying 13 to 15 years now. He stated this is money that could be spent better in the City of Dover. It is in this year's budget.

Landry stated in the workshop last week, Dean Peschel brought us up to date on this pilot study and it is continuing. He stated there are not a lot of legal issues right now. He stated he would like to track these dollars more closely.

Landry moves to amend the \$50,000 to \$25,000, seconded by Reese.

Johnson stated John Peltonen has gone through a variety of legal maneuvers to get to the pilot project.

The City Manager clarifies about the legal services. John Peltonen's services do cost us. He stated he feels this is money well spent.

The Mayor stated this is simply an appropriation. He has to submit a bill for his services.

Perry doesn't feel the congressional delegation cares. He stated the council needs to do some oversight of this issue. We don't want to lose Mr. Peltonen's expertise on this issue.

Reese stated he wants to see it reduced to \$25,000 so the council can be aware.

Motion to amend from \$50,000 to \$25,000. Motion passed on a vote of 7-1. Johnson opposed.

Main motion on the resolution as amended passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

B-R-E-A-K

11. NEW BUSINESS:

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution RE: Award of RFP #B99047 for Custom LAN Computer Equipment/Furniture Storage Unit. Sponsored by Mayor William E. Boc, by Request.
2. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B99050 for Reflectorized Pavement Line Striping Services. Sponsored by Mayor William E. Boc, by Request.

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3. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B99039 for Miscellaneous Water Department Supplies. Sponsored by Mayor William E. Boc, by Request.
4. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B99046 for Fireworks. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.
5. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B9905 for Professional Painting Services – City Hall Clock Tower. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.
6. Resolution RE: Permission to File a Grant Application for National Recreational Trails Program (RTP). Sponsored by Mayor William E. Boc, by Request.
7. Tag Permit – Dover Pee Wee Football
8. Tag Permit – New Hampshire Seacoast Volleyball
9. Tag Permit – Strafford County Stars – Girls AAU Basketball Club
10. Tag Permit – Dover Northside Baseball Inc.
11. Tag Permit – VFW Post #752
12. Raffle Permit – American Legion Post #8 Auxiliary

Perry moved to adopt resolutions and grant permits, seconded by Reese.

Rawding asked to make resolution 11.A.5 into 11.B.7.

Motion to consent passes on a roll call vote of 8-0.

B. RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution RE: Acceptance of the Action Plan/Proposed Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 1999 Entitlement Funds of the Community Development Block Grant Program. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on April 14, 1999, seconded by Reese. All in favor. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0.

2. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for a 6 Wheel Dump Truck Cab and Chassis. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Schmidt.

Landry questions on what is being replaced.

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Mike Bobinsky stated this is Unit # is 79 – 1979 GMC 6 Wheel Dump Truck its 20 years old. We will be trading in the cab and chassis. We will receive a \$3,000 trade in value.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

3. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B99049 for Pavement Markings (Streets, Parking Lots and Curbing). Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Reese. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

4. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for a Dump Body and Snow Plow Equipment (Front Plow and Wing). Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Reese. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

5. Resolution RE: Change in “Bag and Tag” Program Prices. Sponsored by Councilor David Landry.

Landry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on April 14, 1999, seconded by Reese. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0.

6. Resolution RE: Award of Purchase Order for a new Y2K Compliant Computerized Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) Software Program. Sponsored by Mayor William E. Boc, by Request.

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Johnson.

Reese asked will this fit in with the finance software?

The City Manager stated, yes.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 8-0.

7. Resolution RE: Award of Bid #B9905 for Professional Painting Services – City Hall Clock Tower. Sponsored by Mayor Wil Boc, by Request.
(was 11.A.5)

Perry moved to adopt, seconded by Reese.

Motion passed on a roll call vote of 7-0. Rawding abstained.

C. ORDINANCES IN THEIR 1ST READING

1. Ordinance #05-03/10/1999, Chapter 3, Administrative Code, Article IV, Boards and Commissions, Section 3-54, Board of Plumbing Examiners (*Repeal in its entirety*). Sponsored by Mayor William E. Boc, by Request.

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Perry moved to refer to a Public Hearing on April 14, 1999, seconded by Johnson. Motion passed on a vote of 8-0.

D. COUNCIL CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter of Withdrawal for Ward 2 Council position – Kathleen Taylor.

Perry moved to place on file, seconded by Berry.

Motion to place on file passed on a vote of 8-0.

12. COUNCIL MATTERS OF INTEREST

Perry proposed that the Mayor appoint a committee as liaison between staff and council.

Johnson is the Chair, Perry, and Reese to serve on the Tolend Road Committee.

Reese thanked them for suspending the rules on the appointments committee. He also thanked Brian Preston for serving on the Planning Board. Reese asked the City Manager about the fireworks resolution. Has any thought been put into fireworks on New Year's Eve for the millennium?

The City Manager stated this is a good idea. It should be brought up in the budget for FY 2000. The City Manager will check to see if any fireworks companies are available for that time.

The Mayor echoes Reese with regards to Brian Preston's efforts on the Planning Board. He stated he is always up front and always stated his position. He stated he has done an excellent job.

Johnson pointed out the millennium doesn't begin until 2001, maybe we should delay this fireworks idea.

Perry stated he wanted to discuss renaming the Sixth Street Connector.

One name that has been put forward was Patriot Drive. Another idea was Indian Brook (this is the name of a brook that runs under the road) and a couple of other names have been suggested.

Rawding stated he wants to call resident historian Tom Hindle for suggestions.

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Landry asked if we are renaming the whole road.

Schmidt stated he attended the Finance Committee Hearings today in Concord. He has the paperwork if desired.

Landry asked about weeds in the sidewalks and asked the City Manager to make this a priority. He stated many people have contacted him regarding weeds.

The City Manager stated FYI Councilor Wilson has volunteered to use a blow torch this year to disperse of the weeds.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Reese moved to adjourn, seconded by Berry.

JUDY GAQUETTE
CITY CLERK