

**MINUTES**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**June 13, 2006 – 7:00 P.M.**  
**LINCOLN CENTER HEARING ROOM**

**SECOND MEETING OF THE MONTH**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Howroyd, Vice-Chairman O'Neill, Directors Pelletier, Hachey, Sheridan, Zingler, Spadaccini, Peak, and Topping (7:25 p.m.)

**ALSO:** General Manager Shanley and Town Attorney O'Neil (7:55 p.m.)

**7. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. All in attendance participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Chairman Howroyd.

**8. AWARDS AND PRESENTATIONS.**

There were no awards or presentations.

**9. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.**

- A. Actions, May 2, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- B. Actions, May 9, 2006 – Budget Adoption Meeting
- C. Actions, May 16, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- D. Minutes, May 2, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- E. Minutes, May 9, 2006 – Budget Adoption Meeting
- F. Minutes, May 16, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- G. Minutes, April 4, 2006 – Regular Meeting
- H. Minutes, March 7, 2006 – Regular Meeting

**Secretary Zingler moved and Vice-Chairman O'Neill seconded the motion.**

**Eight Voted in Favor**

**10. COMMUNICATIONS.**

**Director Hachey** spoke with a resident about brush and trees causing a serious safety issue on Edgerton Street. The resident's information was passed on to the General Manager for follow-up.

**Director Spadaccini** attended a forum with the parishioners of St. Bridget's Church and was informed of two issues which he passed on to Mark Pellegrini. The forum was a very positive experience.

**Secretary Zingler** thanked State Representative MaryAnn Handley for the Legislative Update 2006 she sent to the Board members.

## 11. REPORTS.

### A. Steve Penny, Manchester Country Club Liaison Report.

**Attorney Penny** explained that the Manchester Country Club is a private, for-profit, non-stock corporation, which leases golf facilities owned by the Town of Manchester. Manchester Country Club is a semi-public golf course and all Manchester residents and taxpayers are able to join the club without an initiation fee. The current lease was entered into in 1992 and ends in 2007 with an optional ten-year extension, which the Club took advantage of. Attorney Penny also spoke about membership, costs paid in rent to the Town of Manchester, loan payments, credits for capital improvements, fund raising events, renovations, and capital improvements.

Ed McKenney, President of Manchester Country Club, addressed the Board of Directors on behalf of Manchester Country Club. He indicated he would like to speak with the Board more than once a year if possible. Mr. McKenney gave a brief history of the Manchester Country Club from its beginning in 1917 through today. Approximately 65% of the members are Manchester residents, and the remaining membership comes from surrounding towns. Since 1998 members have invested \$1.8 million into the banquet facility, restaurant, and golf course. The banquet facility and the restaurant do not depend on the weather and provide year round income. Manchester Country Club has a team that monitors competitors' fees and studies what is important to customers. Mr. McKenney described the various ways the Club has been marketing and trying to attract new customers, as well as new recordkeeping procedures which will track the weather in respect to days available for play.

**Chairman Howroyd** thanked Mr. McKenney for his presentation and for the history of the Club. It is important to put things in proper context. Chairman Howroyd commented that there has been a fairly significant membership decrease in the past eight to ten years. Golfers seem to want variety.

**Mr. McKenney** agreed membership decreased for a while, but it has flattened out. He believes the downturn is due to attrition as membership ages. The pool house is being rebuilt and it will be a great hangout for kids. Manchester Country Club is investing in the younger crowd.

**Director Hachey** requested balance sheets and profit and loss statements from Manchester Country Club. He only received a profit and loss statement. Mr. McKenney offered to make monthly reports to the Board if desired. Director Hachey does not think that is necessary. He just would like complete information once a year, at the club's year end.

**Director Pelletier** stated that she has heard criticism from several residents about the fees charged for in-town residents in comparison to out-of-town residents. Mr. McKenney feels Manchester Country Club has a good balance between what is charged and the product delivered. Director Pelletier asked why Manchester Country Club shows a \$66,000 loss, but other courses in the area show \$77,000 to \$100,000 profits. Mr. McKenney answered that is a very general question and he couldn't give a more specific answer without more information. He feels Manchester Country Club is really on track with the fees charged in comparison with other courses in their market. Director Pelletier summed up her concerns. What are the fees and the difference between fees of in-town and out-of-town residents? Why does Scott Sprague from the Recreation Department handle the lottery instead of it coming before the Board?

**Attorney Penny** explained that Manchester Country Club reserves three dates for the Town's lottery. The rest of the process is totally controlled by the Town of Manchester.

**Director Spadaccini** has a balance sheet that has the golf operations and the banquet operations and reflects a positive net income of \$55,000 for 2005. The loss of \$66,000 comes when you separate out the golf operations. Food and beverage sales put Manchester Country Club in the black. Director Spadaccini suggested Manchester Country Club might benefit from a comprehensive efficiency study.

**Mr. McKenney** explained that the USGA has recommended holding off on their master plan and investing more in the infrastructure, the maintenance facility, and the number of hours available to maintain the course. The long term plan does include having a consultant come in and evaluate the Club.

**Chairman Howroyd** suggested there may be consultants who specialize in golf courses. Mr. McKenney answered that there are three companies Manchester Country Club is currently assessing for this reason. There are more areas involved than just the golf course. They need a consultant that knows about banquet facilities and restaurants, as well as golf courses.

**Director Topping** asked why there was a \$30,000 decrease in greens fees from 2004 to 2005 when the weather was optimum for golf in 2005. Kevin Murray, Chairperson of the Manchester Country Club's Finance Committee, explained that the weather was optimum for July through September however in October they lost 15-20 golf days because of weather.

**Director Topping** noticed that payroll went up about \$55,000, yet worker's compensation went down in the same year. Mr. McKenney thought it might be due to more part time employees instead of full time, but noted that he can't be sure without looking into it. Mr. McKenney also suggested the Board put together specific questions in advance of the next meeting. The two groups could establish an ongoing dialogue.

**Director Topping** asked about the different price structures for weekend days vs. weekdays for residents and non-residents. Mr. McKenney gave the following rates: Weekdays for a resident - \$36, non-resident - \$42 and weekend days for a resident - \$39, non-resident - \$42. Mr. McKenney will provide the most updated information before the next meeting.

**Director Hachey** emphasized the fact that these are suggestions only and Manchester Country Club should do with them what they wish.

**Secretary Zingler** gave a brief report on Pride in Manchester Week. It was a very successful week despite the weather. He gave a summary of the events held and thanked Mark Carlino, Mark Pellegrini, Louise Guarnaccia, and Vivian Ferguson for all the hard work they put into getting Mulberry Square ready for dedication. The committee is looking forward to next year. He thanked the Board for their support.

**Chairman Howroyd** thanked Secretary Zingler and the entire committee for another job well done.

**Director Hachey** congratulated Cynthia Zingler for the work done on the Pride in Manchester Week committee.

## 12. PRESENTATION OF BID WAIVER REQUESTS.

- A. Approval of a Bid Waiver for the purchase of books and related materials for the Manchester Public Library.

**General Manager Shanley** explained that there are certain items that it is not realistic to competitively bid because there is only one source for purchase of these items.

**Doug McDonough, Library Director**, further explained that the Library is part of a consortium with most of the libraries in the state who band together to obtain discount bid prices. The bid for the next year from Baker and Taylor Company of New Jersey gives a discount of 45.8%. Most of the trade books, bestsellers, and children's books are greatly discounted.

The Bid Waiver was approved by the Board of Directors.

## 13. ACTION ON ITEMS OF PUBLIC HEARINGS.

- 3A. Approval of an amendment to the Town of Manchester's Code of Ordinances, adding a provision to Chapter 187, Sale of Food, Section 187-3, to require food service establishments to comply with the State of Connecticut's General Permit for the discharge of wastewater. A copy of the proposed amended ordinance may be seen in the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

**Secretary Zingler** noted that he had a conversation with Sue O'Connor and Ed Epstein from the Chamber of Commerce regarding this. The Chamber of Commerce held several forums regarding this change in the fall of last year.

**Director Peak** thanked Attorney Tim O'Neil for the memo given to the Board regarding this ordinance. He asked for a clarification of the last sentence of the memo.

**Attorney O'Neil** explained that a credit trading type program is not applicable in the area of waste water management.

**Director Spadaccini** questioned the necessity for this ordinance if this is a State law.

**Attorney O'Neil** explained that the DEP recommends adopting this ordinance as a service to local food service establishments. If it is adopted, it will be inserted into the annual licensing procedure ordinance section. Over the next few years, when a business owner comes in to renew their permit, they will be made aware of their compliance date.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Vice-Chairman O'Neill seconded the motion to adopt.**

**Six Voted in Favor**  
**Sheridan, Topping, Hachey, Zingler, O'Neill, Howroyd**  
**Three Voted Against**  
**Peak, Spadaccini, Pelletier**

- 3B. 1. Adoption of proposed revisions to the Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees – Water Department to be effective July 1, 2006 to include the establishment of the following revised rates as approved in the 2006/07 Adopted Budget. (1) Service Charge; (2) Use Charge; (3) Large Meter Minimum Use Charge; (4) Hydrant Use Metered Consumption; (5) Wholesale Water (not covered by an Agreement). The detailed revisions are contained in the Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees, which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.
2. Adoption of proposed revisions to the Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees – Sewer Department to be effective July 1, 2006 to include the establishment of the following revised rates as approved in the 2006/07 Adopted Budget. (1) General Customer Billing; (2) Large Volume Customer Billing; (3) Sewer Use Rate of Eighth Utilities District. The detailed revisions are contained in the Schedule of Rates, Charges and Fees, which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

**Chairman Howroyd** pointed out that this is consistent with the Adopted Budget. The Town has work ongoing to examine the entire rate structure of the Water and Sewer Department.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Hachey seconded the motion to adopt.**

**Five Voted in Favor  
Topping, Hachey, Zingler, O'Neill, Howroyd  
Three Voted Against  
Peak, Spadaccini, Pelletier  
(Sheridan out of the room)**

- 3C. Appropriation in Sanitation Fund – Transfer to Special Revenue .....\$12,500,000  
And subsequent transfer to be funded by Sanitation Fund Net Assets for the  
creation and funding of the Landfill Closure Reserve Special Revenue Fund.

**General Manager Shanley** pointed out that this is consistent with the Adopted Budget.

**Chairman Howroyd** commented that this is a good initiative that will serve the Town well in the future.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Hachey seconded the motion for appropriation.**

**Eight Voted in Favor  
(Sheridan out of the room)**

- 3I. Approval of program proposals submitted by community agencies and Town departments desiring to participate in the 2006 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act.

**Director Topping moved and Director Hachey seconded the motion for approval.**

**Seven Voted in Favor  
One Abstention (Zingler)**

**14. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- A. Appointments to Boards and Commissions which have members with terms expiring in November/December 2005.

<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Cheney Hall Board of Commissioners	Vacancy	November 2008
Commission on Aging	Charlene Southergill, 8 Hendee Road (R)	November 2008
Human Relations Commission	Alfred Meek 124B2 Park Street (R)	November 2008

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Topping seconded the motion to table this item.**

**Eight Voted in Favor  
(Sheridan out of the room)**

- B. Approval of the Manchester L.I.F.E. Scholarship.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Peak seconded the motion to table this item.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

- C. Appointment of a member to the Housing Commission (R) with a term expiring November 2006.

**Director Spadaccini moved and Secretary Zingler seconded the motion to table this item.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

- D. Appointment of an Alternate to the Planning and Zoning Commission (D) with a term expiring November 2006.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Topping seconded the motion to appoint Rudolph Kissman, 60 Carpenter Road.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

## **15. NEW BUSINESS**

- B. Appointment of a member (D) to the Commission for People with Disabilities with a term expiring November 2007.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Topping seconded the motion to table this item.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

- D. Appointment of a member (R) to the Board of Assessment Appeals with a term expiring November 2007.

**Director Spadaccini moved and Director Pelletier seconded the motion to appoint William Overton, 103 Timrod Road.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

- I. Approval of submittal of an EDO-49 to State of Connecticut Department of Education for asbestos removal at Buckley School.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Sheridan seconded the motion to approve.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

- J. FY 2005/06 End of Year Transfers:
1. Transfer in General Fund \$115,000 from Contingency to Public Works to cover fuel, energy and vehicle repair costs.
  2. Transfer in General fund \$62,400 from Public Works to Interfund Transfers – Transfer to Streetlight Acquisition and Maintenance Capital Projects Fund for future streetlight replacements in accordance with the streetlight acquisition plan.

3. Transfer in General Fund \$14,500 from Human Services to Interfund Transfers – MELO special grants account to provide funding for MELO nursing services.

**Director Pelletier** thanked General Manager Shanley for his efforts in funding nursing services for MELO.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Sheridan seconded the motion to transfer funds.**  
**Nine Voted in Favor**

## **RECESS**

The Board took a brief recess at 8:55 p.m. and returned at 9:15 p.m.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Spadaccini seconded the motion to recess.**  
**Nine Voted in Favor**

**Director Topping moved and Director Sheridan seconded the motion to address item 15.N next and return to items 15.K through 15.M immediately following item 15.N.**  
**Nine Voted in Favor**

- N. Resolution directing staff to submit revised Bennet plan for State reimbursement.

**General Manager Shanley** explained that the State Historic Commission has referred this plan to the Attorney General's Office. Waiting for a decision from the Attorney General's Office has a negative impact on the time table. The Board directed Town staff to look at all options available that fall within certain criteria. Eight different options and their pros and cons were considered. The unanimous conclusion was to recommend Option I. The Town would be purchasing fewer properties, none of which are in the Historic District. It does not affect any of the Cheney District buildings, provides for continued safe traffic flow, and more green space. This recommendation will cost a bit more because of the land acquisition, but it is not as contentious and allows the Town to move forward and stay on schedule to allow students back into school by September 2008. It is a possibility that this plan would involve taking of property in order to be completed.

**Director Pelletier** thinks the Board has learned from mistakes made by not involving the Cheney Historic Commission at the outset of this project. Option I is in compliance with the intent of the referendum, which is to purchase properties as needed, using eminent domain as a last resort. Director Pelletier supports Option I, but is opposed to using eminent domain, unless it is as a last resort.

**Secretary Zingler** thinks Option I has been well thought out and it is a solution that works. He supports this plan and realizes that eminent domain may need to be used as a last resort. He will not take eminent domain lightly.



**Director Spadaccini** endorses Option I with some reluctance. He concurs it is the most consistent with the plan marketed and explained with the referendum. Director Spadaccini stated that his vote for Option I is a vote to allow the process to move forward, not an endorsement of eminent domain.

**Chairman Howroyd** supports Option I because he thinks it closely resembles the schematic that accompanied the referendum. He asked if the residents of the four properties involved are aware the Town is considering this plan. General Manager Shanley answered they definitely are.

**Director Hachey moved and Director Topping seconded the motion to submit Bennet Plan Alternative I for State reimbursement.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

- K. Discussion regarding local elected officials doing business with the Town of Manchester.

**Director Hachey** thinks elected officials should not be doing any commercial business with the Town of Manchester to avoid the appearance of impropriety. Director Hachey addressed a personal attack in which Mr. Crockett accused him of being unauthorized to attend the 2002 Salt Lake City National League of Cities Conference. That is a lie. Mr. Crockett did some appraisal work for the Manchester High School expansion and Director Hachey feels it was kept a secret from the Board. Mr. Crockett said he was cleared by the Ethics Commission to perform work for the Town, but that is not true. He was cleared by the Ethics Commission to work for taxpayers who wish to appeal their tax assessment. He has never been cleared by the Ethics Commission to do work for the Town as a Professional Appraiser. Director Hachey passed around an article that appeared in the Journal Inquirer.

**Director Spadaccini** made a point of order. This is beyond the scope of the agenda item.

**Chairman Howroyd** stated this does not relate in any way to the scope of Mr. Crockett's work for the Town of Manchester. He asked Director Hachey to confine his comments to the item on the agenda.

**Director Spadaccini** thinks this is one of the saddest exchanges he has seen while on the Board. He finds Mr. Crockett to be a man of integrity. Mr. Crockett was paid approximately \$2,000 over a two year period for appraisals performed for the Town. There is no argument with the quality of the work or the rate charged. Director Spadaccini was on the Board of Directors at the time Mr. Crockett did the work for the Town and he remembers that the appraisals and who did them was openly discussed in executive session. No objection was raised at that time, which was two years ago. The Town Charter does not currently bar an elected official from performing work for the Town and does not bar payment for it. It prohibits the official from receiving additional income from exercising his official duties.

**Secretary Zingler** made a point of order. The Ethics Commission will be hearing this matter. Members should keep their opinions to themselves until the Ethics Commission makes their ruling.

**Chairman Howroyd** agreed that Board members should take that under advisement.

**Director Spadaccini** stated that his opinion is not the Board's opinion. Mr. Crockett cannot be held to rules that did not exist at the time his work was performed. We should move on and focus on going forward in the future.

**Chairman Howroyd** agrees the Board should be proactive going forward. He has suggested that the complaint be withdrawn because it is counter productive to our efforts to have meaningful discussion of tightening up areas in the Code of Ethics. Chairman Howroyd feels there are quality people on the Board with high integrity. Nobody runs for office for personal gain.

**Director Sheridan** stated it may have been a mistake to remain silent about this issue as long as he has. He is not ok with this issue, but did not want to throw gas on the fire. He has served with about 15 different people during his time on this Board and has had very strong disagreements with some. Even so, he has never doubted the fundamental decency of these people. Director Sheridan was not aware that Mr. Crockett did the appraisals for the High School expansion project. He does not feel there is anything ethically wrong here. This is dragging the government down. Please diffuse this situation.

**Director Topping** thinks he is partially to blame for this situation since it started very soon after he was elected in 2005. He went to the Ethics Commission for clearance to maintain his contract with the Town, but removed his bid anyway because of perception. He is sickened by where this has gotten to. People are losing faith in this Board.

**Director Pelletier** opposes Director Hachey's opinion. She does not see a problem with Board members doing business with the Town under the proper rules and conditions. The Republicans simply want to clean up some policies so there is no appearance of impropriety.

**Director Peak** thinks it is appropriate for the Board to discuss policy with regard to ethic codes. We should be very careful about discussing specifics because it is very easy to allow discussions to become heated and counterproductive. If there is an unclear rule in the way we do business, the Board needs to address that.

**Director Hachey** stated there is no personal political benefit to him or the Democratic Party from this. Ethics is common sense.

L. Discussion of expanded code of ethics.

**Director Spadaccini** drafted a proposed Town of Manchester Code of Ethics because he thinks a stronger code of ethics is important. It is intended to supplement and strengthen the current

Charter. The proposed Code of Ethics includes many ideas from two other sources, The Connecticut State Ethics Commission and Draft Model Municipal Ethics Code developed by Robert Weschler for Common Cause of Connecticut. Director Spadaccini gave a brief overview of the proposed Code and explained that he thought this was a good template to get discussion started.

**Director Sheridan** thanked Director Spadaccini for a starting point. He thinks this Code needs to go through a review process by the Town Attorney and the Ethics Commission. Director Sheridan pointed out that Manchester's Town Charter is very unusual in the fact that the Ethics Commission is written right into the Charter. The Board of Directors can govern the Town employees, but has no responsibilities over the Board of Education. Overall, Director Sheridan thinks a tighter standard is good. He is just concerned with a couple specific details.

**Secretary Zingler** thanked Director Spadaccini for all of his work. He agrees with Director Sheridan that this needs further review. Should it go to one of the subcommittees or to an ad hoc committee?

**Director Topping** thanked Director Spadaccini. He feels it would be good to send this to a subcommittee along with a timeline. Everyone will benefit from the Code of Ethics.

**Attorney O'Neil** has had an opportunity to look at the draft of the Code of Ethics as well as an opportunity to look at the Town Charter's Standards of Official Conduct. Any fair or objective reading of that section of the Charter would reveal that it is a very weak set of standards. He thinks everyone wants to make this happen without re-opening the Charter. We have to find a way for the Code of Ethics to dovetail into the existing Charter.

**Director Pelletier** agrees that a committee needs to be put together to work on this issue, not one of the existing subcommittees. She suggested the Town Attorneys, the Ethics Commission, and other individuals for the committee.

**Chairman Howroyd** agreed that an ad hoc group should be set up including a number of individuals. It is important to make this a bipartisan issue.

**Director Peak** concurs with the general sentiment and thinks we should move forward with a deadline. This is a comprehensive starting point and he supports studying this issue and moving forward with deliberate speed.

**Director Spadaccini** thinks the Board is headed in the right direction. If the Board of Education were to adopt the Code of Ethics that would solve the problem Director Sheridan mentioned. He suggested the Board of Education be involved in discussions about this issue.

**Chairman Howroyd** would like to see this as a specific agenda item for July in order to move forward on this.

- M. Resolution authorizing continued development/Spruce Street Neighborhood Center.

**General Manager Shanley** explained that the intent of this resolution is to simply make sure that the Board has given some formal direction to Staff as to what will be discussed and working on getting feedback on.

**Chairman Howroyd** added that this is not the final action on this project. This just allows staff to move forward with certain actions, such as Federal funding opportunities.

**General Manager Shanley** explained that there are two documents referenced in the resolution. One involves the kinds of programming that might take place and the other involves the administrative organizational structure, not a Town operation, but operated by a non-profit.

After a lengthy discussion among the Board members, the following resolution was reached:

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH CENTER  
CONCEPT FOR THE EAST SIDE**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors as one of its top priorities has a goal to address issues related to youth initiatives in target areas that have been challenging; and

**WHEREAS**, an application for Federal funds for a Neighborhood Center was discussed and submitted in Washington D.C. in March, 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, the program concepts provided to the Board of Directors and the possible management structure need to be discussed in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial to the success of any Neighborhood Center proposal that it be developed with input, participation, and support from the neighborhood that it would serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the development of a Neighborhood Center does not preclude a larger more comprehensive plan at any location,

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the Board of Directors authorize 1) continued work with Federal delegation to receive funding, 2) neighborhood meetings to discuss concepts and proposals, and 3) the development of schematic plans for the purposes of further development of the concept.

**Secretary Zingler moved and Director Topping seconded the motion to accept revised resolution authorizing continued development of an East Side Neighborhood Center.**

**Nine Voted in Favor**

**16. OPENING OF MEETING TO ELECTORS OR TAXPAYERS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD ON ANY SUBJECT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

**Leslie Frye**, 30 Florence Street, does not like the fact that open discussion is held so late at night. Most people will not stay up this late and very important issues are discussed. She requested the Town consider revising the order of the agenda. Ms. Frye thinks that the neighborhood center needs to be discussed with people in that neighborhood. She is not totally satisfied with the decision reached on the Bennet project. She also feels more attention should be paid to the concerns on the Country Club.

**Joe Bernard**, 28 Theresa Road, is disappointed in the Board for talking about people when they are not present. He is specifically referring to discussions of Mr. Crockett.

**Bill Ogden**, 137 Branford Street, said as a taxpayer he does not want to subsidize \$1.5 million for the Manchester Country Club. He agreed the course is in great shape, but disagreed with the date it was opened. He thinks Manchester Country Club needs an audit.

**Jim Kurlowicz**, 27 Columbus Street, commended the Board for asking questions about the finances of the Country Club. He felt there was a lot of vagueness in the answers. He suggested a committee be formed to deal with the problems related to the Country Club and volunteered to participate.

**Doris Thompson**, 97 Maple Street, is concerned with the neighborhood center. She suggested checking with other towns that have something similar for their input. There should be strict standards set for a neighborhood center. It should not be a walk-in, hang-out type of place. She is glad there will be meetings about it and thinks it should be set up to be good for the neighborhood.

**Joe Thompson**, 97 Maple Street, is not against the youth. They need places to congregate, but the firehouse is not the spot. The noise is terrible.

**17. COMMENT AND DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS ON ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA OR OF GENERAL CONCERN.**

**Director Hachey** is considering resigning from the Board of Directors. He is very disappointed in this whole process and in the Board.

**Chairman Howroyd** apologized that Director Hachey feels the way he does. He thinks the Board had a very candid discussion about an ethics policy and moving forward on that.

**Secretary Zingler** mentioned a memo received from Mr. Shanley regarding a review of electronic equipment assignments. He would like to refer this issue to the Technology Subcommittee to review the report and to make recommendations.

**18. ADJOURNMENT.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. until the July 11, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

**Director Spadaccini moved and Secretary Zingler seconded the motion to adjourn.**

**Eight Voted in Favor  
(Hachey not in the room)**

**Adjournment: 11:40 p.m.**

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**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

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**Secretary, Manchester Board of Directors**