

**TOWN OF ACTON
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
April 4, 2006**

1. PUBLIC FORUM: Dennis asked if selectmen had checked on how the assessment of property was affected by road maintenance. Selectmen explained that road conditions are factored in to all assessment. However roads are only a small percentage of valuation.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Approved as written.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as written.

4. WARRANT: Approved and signed.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

(A) **ASSESSING:** Selectmen have received notice of the Sisters of Presentation's application for non-profit status as a benevolent group.

(B) **CABLE CONTRACT:** No action.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

(A): **13th STREET DELEGATION:** Nancy stated that she has read the publications in Smart Shopper that Mr. Kelly has written and she want's to clarify some of his misconstrued statements. The Town of Acton enacted a Road Ordinance that addresses the method of acceptance for Town Ways. The selectmen cannot make that decision as Mr. Kelly indicated in his letter.

Kelly submitted a copy of the vote of the Town meeting in 1998, wherein the Town voted to accept certain easement deeds from 13th Street and other roads the Town was working on. Kelly feels the Town accepted 13th Street as a Public Easement by accepting the deeds, therefore legal for the Town to maintain. It was noted by others that this article only accepted certain deeds necessary to define rights of way. It did not acknowledge 13th Street as a Public Easement nor make any commitment to maintain the road. The Town had asked for easement deeds so that they could perform some needed repairs, ditching and tree cutting.

Nancy discussed the Road Ordinance at some length with the audience. Pam McAlinden told the group what she and the Loop Road Association have done.

7. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

8. MEETINGS:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nancy Ruma, Tony Cogliandro

OTHERS PRESENT: Pam McAlinden, Richard Ham, Robin Ham, Bob Anderson, Jack Kelly, Virginia Grover, Floyd and Phyllis Folsom, Percy Lowell, Larry and Helen Valliere, Dennis Long, Lorraine Yeaton.